

The following examples do NOT comply with Lexington's Revised City Ordinance (RCO).



Do not use script text for numbers.



Ground level signs do not comply with ordinance, but supplement properly posted numbers.



Do not use low contrasting numbers, which can not be seen from the road.

Use good placement, properly sized numbers with contrast.



YOUR NUMBERS COUNT!

REMEMBER:

- Four (4) inches is the minimum height for residential addressing.
- Ten (10) inches is the minimum height for commercial addressing.

To learn more about the Addressing Office and to view samples of proper and improper displays visit:

www.lexingtonky.gov/addressing



A Public Service announcement provided by the Division of Enhanced 9-1-1 Addressing Office

Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government
101 E. Vine Street, Suite 552
Lexington, KY 40507

(859) 258-3381



How you display your home or business address numbers affects how quickly emergency responders find you, which can mean the difference between *life and death!*

A woman waits, heart pounding, trying to revive her child who has fallen into a swimming pool and is **not breathing**. She can hear the wailing of the sirens, but it seems to be taking forever to reach her.

WHY?

WHY DON'T THEY HURRY?!?

Down the street a frustrated ambulance driver slows his vehicle to locate house numbers, uncertain where the emergency is, knowing that every second could mean life or death but he is unable to find the home.

Every day emergency responders and other service providers must find addresses in Lexington-Fayette County. In many areas, address numbers of homes or businesses are either poorly placed, inconsistent, or missing.



To help resolve these issues, local ordinances regulate address numbering and placement. The following information about the requirements and guidelines will help to not only have compliant address numbers, but more importantly, to help us find your home or business in an emergency.

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GUIDELINES FOR NUMBER PLACEMENT

- Numbers must be at least three feet high above street level.
- Curb side displays (on a mailbox, for example) must be visible on both sides so they can be seen by traffic travelling in either direction.
- Ideally, numbers are placed near or above the main entrance.
- Numbers must not be script.
- Numbers must be visible from the street. Any and all obstructions should be removed and numbers should be large enough to be seen clearly from the street.
- Brass numbers are not recommended because they reflect the spotlight from emergency vehicles

and often don't contrast enough to be seen easily.

- The background shall be a contrasting color so numbers can be easily read. **495 495**
- Numbers placed on or near the curb do not comply with ordinance, because they can be hidden by leaves, snow, vehicles, and garbage cans. However, they are a good supplement to properly placed numbers on a sign or structure.
- Numbers must not be behind shrubs, trees, awnings, or other obstructions.
- Small, short metal or concrete curb side markers are not sufficient alone; however, these make excellent supplements to numbers placed on structures.

Numbers must be at least three feet above street level and clearly visible from either direction; with a minimum four (4) inch height per number for residential and ten (10) inch height for commercial.



Large numbers may be required if the structure is set back from the road. Additional signs may be required at the entrance to the site.



Structures with multiple units or addresses must have the range of numbers clearly displayed at the entrances.



Numbers painted on the curb can be a supplement to other numbers posted, but are NOT in compliance with R.C.O. 17-2 because they can be obscured by vehicles, leaves, snow, garbage, etc.

