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Title: *Addressing – Street Signs*

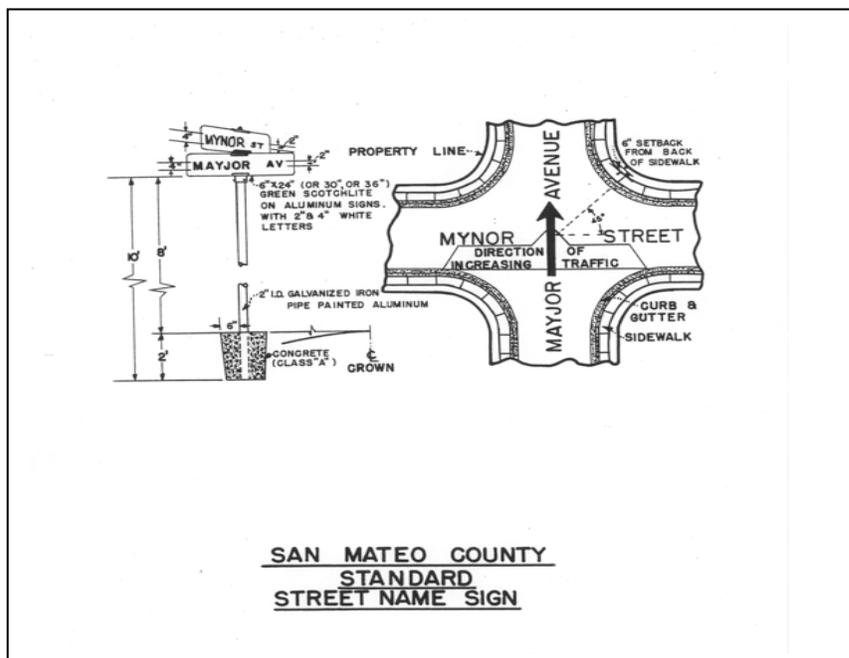
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**SCOPE:**

The intent of this standard is to establish standardized street signing and building numbering to avoid emergency response delays. A road name or number shall be posted and identify all new roads and any existing road, which requires the approval of the Fire Marshal for emergency access, due to new development or construction. The posting of any road name or street address, not authorized by the Fire Marshal is prohibited.

**STREET OR ROAD SIGNS.**

When required by the Fire Marshal, streets and roads shall be identified with approved signs. Street and road signs shall comply with San Mateo County Public Works Standards.



**DEFINITIONS:**

“Driveway”: A vehicular access that serves no more than two buildings, with no more than two dwelling units on a single parcel.

“Roads, Streets, Private Lanes”: Vehicular access to more than one parcel; or vehicular access to a single parcel with more than two buildings or dwelling units.

## **ROAD NAMING**

1. Road names shall not duplicate or cause confusion with existing road names.
2. A road having a continuous alignment shall bear the same name.
3. Road extensions shall bear the same name as the existing road.
4. Roads or portions of roads to be connected in the future into a continuous alignment shall bear the same name.
5. Roads leaving a named roadway shall have different names.

**PREMISES IDENTIFICATION.** All buildings, new and existing, shall be identified by an address and shall use the following standards:

1. Address numbers on structures shall be contrasting and either internally (Residential required ) or externally illuminated and in such a position as to be plainly visible and legible from the street or road fronting the property.
2. Addresses shall be assigned to reflect the road from which the primary driveway originates.
3. In new subdivisions, address numbers shall be issued in sequential order and have even numbers on one side, and odd on the other.
4. Remote addressing may be required at the driveway or roadway entrance, at intersections and road forks, and shall be visible from both directions of travel. Said numbers shall be reflective and contrast with their background. Equivalent to "Hy-Ko 911" Signage with minimum 3" Letters.
5. Addresses numbers for cul-de-sacs shall be issued in sequential order, and have even numbers on one side, and odd numbers on the other. The numbering shall begin at the entrance.
6. Addressing for looped roads shall be issued in sequential order, with even numbers on one side, and odd numbers on the other. The numbering shall begin at the entrance. A sign shall be posted in an approved location at the entrance, indicating the most direct route (right or left) to the given addresses. The size of building address numbers shall be as follows:
  - a. Minimum of one half-inch ( 1/2") stroke by four inches (4") high.
  - b. When the structure is **commercial** or is located 36-50 feet from the street a minimum of one half-inch ( 1/2") stroke by six (6") inches high is required.
  - c. When the structure is more than 50 feet from the street or fire access, a minimum of one inch stroke (1") by nine (8") inches high is required.
  - d. When the structure is more than 100 feet from the street or fire access, a minimum of one inch stroke (1") by nine (10") inches high is required.
  - e. When the structure is more than 150 feet from the street or fire access, a minimum of one inch stroke (1") by nine (12") inches high is required

## **MONUMENT SIGN:**

If required by the Fire Marshal a monument sign displaying the location of all buildings in the complex must be installed in a prominent location at the entrance to the complex.