

## Displaying Residential Addresses

### *Frequently Asked Questions*

*Why should I worry about displaying my address?* It's important for fire rescue, EMS and just friends or families to be able to find your house easily, without having to count driveways or find it in relation to other addresses.

*How do I make sure what my address is?* Usually, an address can be found on the Property Record Card available in the Property Appraisal Office, or online at [property.trouppcountyga.org](http://property.trouppcountyga.org). We are aware that some duplicate addresses and out of sequence addresses do exist in the county. If you have a new home, or you're not sure if you have an address, or just want to verify your address before making an investment in signage, contact the GIS Department @ 706-298-2560.

*Where do I display my address?* It depends on where your house is located. Mostly, it depends on the speed limit on your road. Higher speeds need larger numbers to be easier to find. The general info below will help most people display the address correctly.

For all homes, addresses should be

- ✓ by the driveway
- ✓ at least 18" off the ground
- ✓ preferably on the mailbox
- ✓ contrasting color to the background (reflective is best)
- ✓ two-sided
- ✓ weather resistant
- ✓ keep the address free from obstruction!

*Display your address*

#### Minimum Sizes

**4"** For homes on roads with **55 MPH** or higher

**3"** on other local roads – 25 to 55 MPH

**2"** may be allowed on certain subdivision roads, such as where speeds are **25 MPH** or less.

A waiver is required.

There are other standards for businesses, mobile home parks, apartments, common driveways, etc.

*What if my mailbox is across the road or on the house?* You will need to have your address in both places – on your mailbox for the USPS to deliver mail, and on a separate sign by your driveway. If you share a driveway, ask for a consultation.

*Can I use a designer sign?* Custom signs are o.k. as long as the address is clearly dominant (at least 50% larger than the other information). And they shouldn't be cluttered, only two other pieces of information. For example the family name and road name is o.k.

The Smiths

2109

Terrace Drive

### *Examples of good address displays*



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## TROUP COUNTY

# Address Display Standards for Non-Residential

*Includes commercial and industrial businesses, retail and offices, churches, government buildings and schools. Developments with multiple structures like shopping centers, apartment complexes or office suites have other requirements.*

### **Address Display**

Troup County has standards for Address Display to help public safety services locate homes and businesses. Only the Troup County Mapper is authorized to assign new or change existing addresses. New marquee signs must comply with Article 14 of the Troup County Zoning Ordinance. Businesses must display addresses both on buildings and at roadside. The following standards are for single structure or use lots with individual driveways on federal, state or local roads.

### Standards

- Addresses at roadside shall be a minimum of 4" with a stroke width of ½ inch. Location on a roadside mailbox is acceptable as long as it meets all standards
- Addresses shall be contrasting and reflective or lighted, perpendicular to the road, double-sided, and within 6' to the driveway and right-of-way (ROW)
- Addresses on buildings shall be a minimum of 7" if within 50' of the roadway (from edge of pavement), or 12" if more than 50' of the roadway
- Addresses on marquee signage shall be a minimum of 7" and in no case smaller than the street name
- At no time shall an address be allowed to be obstructed from public view by either manmade or natural landscape material
- Addresses displayed on the building shall be placed on or above the main door entrance whenever possible. If not possible, or placement at this location would make the address obstructed from view or substantially diminish legibility, the address should be placed at the closest location to the main entrance doorway on the building wall facing the roadway. If the building front and/or primary entrance faces away from the ROW which provides driveway access, the address shall be on the wall parallel to the ROW, at the building corner nearest the primary entrance.

Remember, the main objective is for addresses to be visible from roadways.

- Other standards apply for locations with multiple structures and unit or suite addresses.
- Buildings located off road, particularly by easement, may require additional directional signage.