

# Help Us Find You in an Emergency: Guidelines for 911 Numbers

The mission of Lincoln County 911 address is to provide the best possible, trouble free network for the citizens we serve to access emergency services by dialing 9-1-1; to provide the best tools (equipment and information) to all service providers agencies that will enhance their response and their ability to provide public safety services; and to educate the public on the effective and appropriate use of the 911 network.

The term “911 address” explains clearly the purpose of these numbers: to help emergency services find a particular location as quickly as possible. Displaying the number properly can, in some cases, literally mean the difference between life and death. Help us find you in an emergency by following the regulations below.

## **Under the code of Lincoln County: Sec. 62-62: Map and property number plan made part of article, specifications and requirements.**

- (a) The above-described map and property number plan are to be made a part of this article.
- (b) All properties, lots and parcels of land within the unincorporated areas of the county shall be identified by reference to the uniform numbering system adopted in this article.
- (c) Each principal building shall bear the number assigned to it by the administer of the system as provided in this article and where more than one business or family dwelling unit occupies a single structure, that structure shall bear in addition to the basic number assigned to the structure, any supplementary numerals or letters assigned to them.
- (d) Each property owner shall ensure that each building or lot or property as required in this article shall be property numbered as described in this article.
- (e) Numerals and letters indicating the official property number designation shall be posted at the entrance for which the designed number has been assigned in such a manner as to provide an unobstructed sighting from the road or street on which the building is located.
- (f) The numerals or letters shall be not less than three inches in height and of a contrasting color to the building or lot of property to which such numerals or letters are to be affixed.
- (g) In the instance that a building or dwelling or any other property described in this article that requires numbering under this article, is not visible from the road or street for which it is located, the property number shall be posted in close proximity to the driveway for the property. The property number shall be posted in such a fashion that it is visible from the road or street.
- (h) No person, agency, or business shall adopt, display or cite any number other than that assigned as provided in this article for the purpose or property identification or for the purpose of designating the location of property.

**Sec. 62-65: Violation of this article.**

Violation of this article shall be a misdemeanor, triable in the magistrate court of the county and shall be punishable as provided in section 1-9. Each separate day such violation is continued shall constitute a separate offense.

Numbers should be put in a conspicuous spot where they are visible from any road, street, or (if business or multi-family dwellings) parking lot that provides general public access.

For most building, the best location is immediately above, on, or at the side of the main door. However, if the principal building is set back 50 feet or more from the road or street, the number may be posted at any appropriate place on the property where it can be seen from the road or street. "Any appropriate place" includes gate posts, fences, curbs, mailboxes, and double-faced signs that are perpendicular to the road.

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to call Planning and Zoning at (706) 359-5522.