

ARTICLE IV. - NUMBERING OF BUILDINGS

*Footnotes:**--- (3) ---*

Editor's note— Ord. No. 2375, § 1, adopted September 8, 2003, amended article IV, §§ 19-101—19-107 in its entirety to read as herein set out. Formerly, article IV pertained to similar subject matter and derived from the Code of 1985, §§ 19-96—19-101.

Cross reference— Buildings and building regulations, ch. 5.

Sec. 19-96. - Purpose and intent.

The display of a street address number on each residential, commercial or institutional building is required:

- (1) To serve as a navigation reference to expedite response by fire, police, medical and other public safety responders in emergencies,
- (2) To enable address identification from vehicles moving at the prevailing speed on adjacent roadways to maintain traffic flow.
- (3) To facilitate mail and package deliveries; and
- (4) To associate real property with tax, zoning and other government records.

(Ord. No. 2375, § 1, 9-8-2003)

Sec. 19-97. - General requirements.

- (a) It shall be the duty of each owner of a residential, institutional or commercial building to display the proper street address on the front thereof.
- (b) One and two family dwellings shall display street address numbers on the structure that are at least four inches (102mm) in height with a minimum stroke width (line thickness) of 0.5 inch (12.7 mm) and be clearly legible from the nearest travel way.
- (c) Except where the fire marshal has determined that they are not adequately legible from the road, structures displaying address numbers which are three inches high or more and which were erected prior to the passage of this section of the code may remain in place until they are removed for renovation or any other reason, at which time they must be brought into conformance with subsections (b) and (d).
- (d) Except where provided in subsection (c) above, commercial, multi-family and institutional buildings shall display street address numbers at least four inches in height or one inch in height for every ten feet of distance between the displayed number and the centerline of the adjacent roadway, whichever is greater. Maximum number size will not exceed 1.5 times the required size and not exceed 30 inches total.
- (e) Should the commercial, multi-family or institutional structure be too far from the public or private travel way for required numbers to be seen, the property owner shall also erect, where the main driveway to the building intersects the public travel way, an additional set of numerals which can be easily read from vehicles traveling at the prevailing speed on the roadway.
- (f) On lots adjoining more than one street, placement of address numbers on structures shall make clear to which street or road the number refers. Where this cannot be attained by choice of placement location, both the street name and number shall be displayed (e.g., 234 Bay Street).

(Ord. No. 2375, § 1, 9-8-2003)

Sec. 19-98. - Assignment of numbers.

Mecklenburg County's director of land use and environmental services and/or his agent shall be responsible for assigning proper street address numbers. Property owners shall apply by telephone, mail or in person to the LUESA mapping and addressing department for the assignment of the proper address.

(Ord. No. 2375, § 1, 9-8-2003)

Sec. 19-99. - Applicable rules.

The following rules shall apply in the numbering of buildings:

- (1) The reference streets for numbering are:
 - a. North Tryon Street from Trade Street to Charlotte City Limits; thence along U.S. Highway 29 to the Cabarrus County line.
 - b. South Tryon Street from Trade Street to Camden Road; thence along Camden Road to the Southern Railroad; thence along the Southern Railroad south to the beginning of Nations Crossing Road; crossing I-77 and running along Marshall Air Drive; thence along Nations Ford Road to the York County Line.
 - c. West/Trade Street from Tryon Street to Rozzelles Ferry Road; thence along Rozzelles Ferry Road to Valleydale Road; thence along Mount Holly Road to the Gaston County line.
 - d. East Trade Street from Tryon Street to South McDowell Street; thence along South McDowell Street to East Fourth Street; thence along East Fourth Street to Randolph Road; thence along Randolph Road to Sardis Road; thence along Sardis Road to Matthews Township Parkway; thence along Matthews Township Parkway to John Street in Matthews; thence south along John Street to the Union County Line.
- (2) Streets intersecting these streets shall begin at number 100, the second block shall begin at number 200, the third block shall begin at number 300, and so on.
- (3) Going away normally from these reference streets the even numbers shall be on the right hand side and the odd numbers shall be on the left hand side.
- (4) Lots, which do not have frontage on the street being numbered but achieve access off that street shall be numbered based upon where their access intersects the street.
- (5) Other streets not intersecting reference streets and streets which are not extensions which intersect these reference streets shall, on the end of the street nearest a reference street begin with a block number which corresponds with an adjacent parallel street which does intersect one of these reference streets, and the same system, of numbering the block is to be followed out as noted in subsection (2), assigning a new 100 (or block number) to each block. If a block is 800 feet long or more with no intersecting street in between, then a new block number shall begin at the most logical place for a street to be cut through it, or half-way between the long block corners, or, if the street is long enough without intersecting streets, then new block numbers shall begin at intervals of 500 feet.
- (6) A new block number is to be assigned to each block that enters the street being numbered, regardless of whether the street continues across it, and the block number shall change directly opposite the point

where this dead end street enters the street being numbered. In case of a slight offset in intersecting streets, then the block number will change at the street intersections instead of directly opposite each entering street.

- (7) Upon annexation by the city, city street names shall be extended to the new city limits and property owners shall receive street name change notification from the land use and environmental services agency.

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Sec. 19-100. - Owner or occupant's duty to number upon notice.

- (a) Implementation of mechanized systems and their reconciliation with existing paper records may require a change of assigned address for a property or structure. To assure the properly integrated functioning of public safety systems, the assigned address used in the county's master address table shall always become the permanent referent address for the property.
- (2) Within 30 days of the receipt of a notice from the director of land use and environmental services and/or his agent assigning an address to a particular building, the owner or occupant of the building shall display, or cause to be displayed, the assigned address.

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Sec. 19-101. - Removing, defacing or allowing incorrect numbers to remain.

It shall be unlawful for any person to remove or deface a street address which is displayed in accordance with section 19-97 of this article. It shall also be unlawful to allow an incorrect street address to remain on a building.

(Ord. No. 2375, § 1, 9-8-2003)

Sec. 19-102. - Enforcement; penalties.

A violation of this article shall also be a violation of the city's fire code. Fire inspectors and fire officers of the rank of captain or above shall be responsible for the enforcement of this article, and a violation thereof shall be subject to the penalties provided for in sections 8-5 and 8-6.

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Secs. 19-103—19-135. - Reserved.