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SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN FIRE DISTRICT					
FIRE PREVENTION STANDARD					
STANDARD TITLE:	**Address Identification**				
STANDARD NUMBER:	36	EFFECTIVE DATE:	02/01/26	REVISION DATE:	

SCOPE

This standard provides requirements for address identification within Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District jurisdiction.

SPECIFICATIONS

1. New and existing buildings shall be provided with approved address identification. (CFC 505.1)
2. Building address numbers shall be plainly visible and legible from the street or road fronting the building. Numbers shall contrast with their background and shall be either internally or externally illuminated.
3. When the front of the building does not face the street from which it is addressed, the sides of the building facing said street shall also have complying numbers and street identification.
4. Building address numbers shall conform in accordance with the following minimum height and stroke table:

Distance from edge of property line or road to the building	Minimum Number Height	Minimum Stroke
0-50 feet	6 inch	½ inch
51-100 feet	8 inch	¾ inch
101-500 feet	10 inch	1 inch
>500 feet	12 inch	1 ¼ inch

5. A directory board (monument sign) is required at the entrance to a large commercial complex when the buildings are not clearly visible and identifiable from the street.
    a. Monument signs at entrances that are not on the street from which the parcel is addressed shall also include the street name of the street used for addressing.
    b. Address numbers on the monument signs shall contrast with their background and shall be either internally or externally illuminated.
    c. Apartment building numbers shall meet the same specifications as building address numbers.
    d. Apartment units within the buildings shall be clearly identified on the building placard. Individual apartments shall be identified by placing the unit number on or adjacent to the door.
    e. Monument signs, or some other method acceptable to the Metro Fire, shall be provided in addition, not in lieu of, the posting of the address number on the building.
6. Numbering on buildings shall not be obstructed by trees, exterior walls or any other object which would hinder the view of the numbers. If an obstruction is present, it shall either be removed or the numbering shall be relocated to a visible location.
7. For buildings with multiple suites or businesses, the individual suites or businesses shall also be clearly identified by placing the suite number over, or on, the main entry door.
    a. The address numbers shall be minimum 6 inches in height.
    b. The address shall be clearly visible and of a contrasting color to the background.
    c. Rear doors and other doors leading into the suite, shall be identified with the address in the same manner.
8. Buildings under construction shall have clearly visible, approved address identification. The address sign shall be durable enough to withstand the weather and construction activity. The address identification shall comply with at least one of the following:
    a. Posted sign in front of the building, on the address side.
    b. Posted sign on the building (on a wall or window) facing the street.
    c. Posted on the construction fencing at each emergency vehicle entry point into the project site.