

Rural Addressing

Emergency Number Signs

County Sign Ordinance

As authorized by State Statute, Goodhue County has an ordinance that establishes a *rural identification system* and regulates emergency numbers. The purpose of the ordinance is to minimize loss of life and property by enabling and facilitating emergency responders in finding and accessing County sites in need of emergency assistance.



New Addresses

The Goodhue County Office of Emergency Management assigns new addresses in the unincorporated areas of the County. Property owners must stake-out, or otherwise indicate, the location of any new access entrance or driveway. The location of the access (driveway) entrance is measured by Emergency Management staff. Distances and other data are entered into a formula and the emergency number is calculated. Typically, this process is initiated following the approval of a County Building Permit that is issued for a structure at a new site location.

Construction Project Inspections

In addition to the County Ordinance on Rural Addressing, Building Codes require approved numbers and addresses for all new buildings. When there is a construction project approved by a County Building Permit, the project inspections include verification of compliance with applicable addressing rules. **At the First Inspection, a project must have adequate temporary addressing. At the Final Inspection, a project must be in conformance with all applicable numbering and addressing requirements.**

Signage Requirements

Emergency Numbers must conform to Building Code requirements.

- Letters or numbers shall be a minimum of three (3) inches in height with a minimum stroke of one-half (.5) inch and in a color that is in contrast to the background color.
- Letters or numbers shall be positioned to be clearly visible and legible from the street or roadway fronting the property.

Emergency Number Signs must conform to the requirements of the Rural Addressing Ordinance.

- The owner shall apply for and purchase a Goodhue County Emergency Number.
- The Goodhue County Emergency Number shall be a red reflectorized sign with the county address strip affixed to it.
- The owner shall display and maintain the Goodhue County Emergency Number at three (3) to five (5) feet above ground at four (4) to ten (10) feet from the roadway and an existing driveway.
- The owner shall display and maintain the Goodhue County Emergency Number to be legible and visible from the public road.

Obtaining Emergency Number Signs

Goodhue County Emergency Number signs may be obtained from the Goodhue County Office of Emergency Management. To purchase your emergency number sign from the County, send the items listed below to the Office of Emergency Management.

- A **check** for \$20.00 payable to the *Rural Identification System*;
- The **number** that is to be put on the sign; and
- The **address** where you want to have the sign mailed.

Mail the above items to:

Goodhue County Office of Emergency Management
430 West Sixth Street
Red Wing, Minnesota 55066



Questions?

- Direct questions about rural addressing and emergency numbers to Diane at the Office of Emergency Management at telephone number 651/267-2640.
- Direct questions about building inspections to Michele in Land Use Management at 651/385-3114.