

Chapter 6

Street Naming and Numbering

Section 6.1 Definitions

The following words, terms, and phrases, when used in this section, shall have the meaning ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Building: Any structure whether public or private, primarily used as a residence, business, school or other public use.

Way: Any street, road, highway, lane, alley or court whether public or private with three or more buildings erected on said way that each qualify for separate E911 numbering.

Driveway: Any access way leading to a building designed for vehicular traffic.

Section 6.2 Policy Purpose

All buildings shall be numbered in accordance with the state-wide Emergency 9-1-1 system. All buildings that are numbered shall affix a number not less than three (3) inches in height. All numbers must be clearly visible from the way and be of contrasting color to the background. Buildings more than fifty (50) feet away from a way shall have a number affixed at the intersection of the driveway and way. Numbers shall be placed to the left of the main entrance. All apartments will be numbered in a similar manner.

All ways with more than three (3) buildings shall be named. All ways with less than three (3) buildings may be named. Ways that are required to be named shall have the name posted and clearly visible. Street name signs shall be posted on the left corner of the intersecting way. Street signs will be erected and maintained by the Town of Newport except for private developments, which shall be the responsibility of the property manager.

Section 6.3 Street signage

All private ways that meet the standards outlined in sections 30.1 and 30.2 of this chapter that require street signs within the Town of Newport shall erect and maintain said signs according to the latest edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, as published by the Federal Highway Administration.

Section 6.4 Numbering System

In accordance with the Emergency 9-1-1 system, buildings on ways shall be numbered. The system used to number buildings will be as follows:

1. Buildings on the left side of ways will have **odd** numbers and buildings on the right side will have **even** numbers, buildings currently numbered will be grand-fathered as to sequences.
2. Numbers shall be assigned from low numbers to high numbers as the way leads away from the center of town.
3. For the purposes of this section, the center of town shall be the small common located in the center of the rotary.
4. Low numbers will start at the end of the way which is closest to the center of town.
5. Where condominiums and developments have an established numbering system suitable to this system, those numbers will be used.
6. The system will be based on fifty (50) foot increments, with a number assigned to each of the said increments. Only those properties with existing structures will be recorded on maps.
7. Where lot sizes are such that various numbers may apply to one lot, numbers will be assigned based on the driveway location.
8. Any existing driveway serving three or more dwellings will have its own name and assigned numbers. On a driveway serving two houses, the low number will go to the house which is closest by vehicular access to the low numbered end of the road.
9. Buildings located on a corner lot of two ways will be numbered according to driveway location.
10. The owner of a building or a way shall be responsible for naming or numbering such property. Owner identification may be made from the Newport Tax Map.

Section 6.5 Prohibited Acts

No person shall fail to number the building that they own or properly sign a way that they own. Building numbers shall be maintained so that visibility will not be infringed. Owners of private ways shall have their ways named and signs visible. Acts prohibited under this section include, but shall not be limited to the following:

1. Failing to affix building number or affixing a number less than three (3) inches in height.
2. Failure to name and post a name sign for a way that has three or more buildings located on it.
3. Failure to maintain the driveway or way by affixing proper signs.

Section 6.6 Penalties

Any person who violates this article shall be fined no less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) and not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00).