

Will County E9-1-1 Address Posting

**** ORDINANCE ****

In May of 1992 the Will County Board passed a Resolution (Amended #10-368), which states, a property owner may be fined not less than \$25 a day, and not more than \$500 a day, for failing to post their 9-1-1 "structure number".

For more information or a copy of the complete ordinance, please contact us by the address, phone or e-mail in this brochure.

**FOR ALL EMERGENCIES YOU
SHOULD DIAL 9-1-1**



This is a double sided address sign with reflective numbers that is posted at the end of a driveway. Something easy for an emergency responder to see day or night.

These signs can usually be seen at a distance of 300 feet.

Some of our area Fire Districts sell them for a small fee.

Will County 9-1-1

2561 Division St., Ste # 101

Joliet, Illinois 60435

website: www.willcounty9-1-1.com

Phone: 815.725.1911

Fax: 815.725.7239

E-mail: addressing@willcounty9-1-1.com

Address markers/numbers should...

✓ Be visible in the dark:

Put the numbers on your house under a light. Numbers on a mailbox or post should be reflective or on a highly contrasting background.

✓ Be uncovered:

Several times per year, trim the bushes, vines, flowers and weeds so **ALL** numbers are **clearly visible**. Move flower baskets, flags and other items that may obstruct a clear view.

✓ Be posted twice on long or shared driveways:

If the driveway leads to more than one address, post all numbers at the end of the driveway and also post the correct number on each building.

✓ Be visible from both directions



Will County 9-1-1

When seconds count

**Why is your
ADDRESS
so important?**



**How visible would this
be at night?
Does yours look like
this?**

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Helping you understand the Addressing Process

Why is my address so important?

- Your address is the primary way emergency responders locate you.
- When you call 9-1-1, the dispatcher reports your address to the fire, law enforcement, EMS and other first responders to assist you. Emergency personnel may be unfamiliar with your area.
- During an emergency there may be a situation where you cannot speak to describe your location. Your phone number and location displays automatically for the 9-1-1 dispatcher to notify first responders.
- Utility service providers (gas, electric, phone, cable, water) use your address to know where service outages are located and therefore dispatch utility crews to restore service as quickly as possible.
- Everyday services like the US mail carrier and other delivery services require an address. Having that address clearly shown will ensure prompt delivery.

Where should I post my address?

Your address should be posted at your driveway, visible from both directions of travel. It is a county ordinance (**Ord. # 93-21**) that the numbers be at least 3 inches tall and preferred that the numbers are reflective to ensure they are visible at night.

Why do I need to use the address that is assigned by the county?

Addresses issued by the 9-1-1 Office are calculated using a mathematical formula. After the address number is determined it is reported to the US Postal Service, government agencies and utility companies.

Using an address that is different than the one assigned could result in a delay in emergency services, mail delivery and difficulty applying for permits and setting up residential service with the utility companies.

How do I get an address assigned?

Provide:

- **Proof of ownership.**
- **Survey of the property** (Site Plan) showing the location of the building being addressed and the driveway.
- **Completed application form** which can be obtained online at www.willcounty9-1-1.com or via mail (address on back).

I am a developer constructing a new subdivision. What information is needed to get an address?

- Application Form
- Final Site Plan of the development showing:
 - Lot or Unit numbers.
 - Approved street names and suffixes.
 - For multiple units, such as strip malls, the location of each entry and door with reference to which unit it services.
 - Legal Description for entire development.
 - PIN(s) (Parcel Identification Number) for all property included in the development.

How is an address assignment calculated?

The system defines eight (8) blocks equal to one (1) mile. Each block is approximately 660 feet long. In addressing there are 66 possible numbers per block. They consist of 33 odd numbers and 33 even numbers, being evenly spaced out every 20 feet. This is the method used to assign addresses for the *Will County Address System*.

Why might my address need to change?

Since the inception of the Enhanced 9-1-1 system, addresses that are out of sequence, range or parity need to be changed. When the emergency responders report these errors to our office we make corrections to the address. Correcting wrong addresses will make it easier for emergency responders to locate you.

If my address or my neighbor's address is out of sequence/parity how do I get it corrected?

If you are aware of an address that is out of sequence or on the wrong side of the road (a parity problem), you should report that address to the Will County 9-1-1 Office by calling 815-725-1911 or by sending an e-mail to: addressing@willcounty9-1-1.com. The address will be reviewed and changes made as needed.



Do you expect to be located / found this way? Maybe by a mail carrier, but **NOT** by an emergency responder.