



An important reminder from the City of South San Francisco Fire and Police Departments

## ADDRESS IDENTIFICATION

The South San Francisco Fire and Police Departments take pride in our ability to quickly respond to emergencies. From the time a call for service is made until the time we are at your location. We strive to safely and effectively respond to your needs. To help us find your homes when someone is in need of our assistance, the California Building Standards Commission established requirements for all new and existing buildings in the **2016 California Fire Code**.

Here are some key tips in the code to make sure we can easily identify your home when our assistance is needed:

- The address identification shall be legible and placed in a position that is visible from the street or road fronting the property.
- Make sure your address identification characters contrast with their background.
- Address shall be Arabic numbers and shall not be spelled out.
- Each character shall be not less than 4 inches high with a minimum stroke width of ½ inch.
- Place the address on a location of the property where the address is visible to see from both directions of the street.
- Avoid placing the address identification near growing trees or bushes which may cover the address over time.
- Weathering will fade the address over time. Repaint the address as needed.

Again, thank you for your assistance in helping us best respond to your needs.

### 2016 California Fire Code Section 505.1 Address Identification

New and existing buildings shall be provided with approved address identification. The address identification shall be legible and placed in a position that is visible from the street or road fronting the property. Address identification characters shall contrast with their background. Address numbers shall be Arabic numbers or alphabetical letters, Number's shall not be spelled out. Each character shall be not less than 4 inches high with a minimum stroke width of ½ inches. Where required by the fire code official, address identification shall be provided in additional approved locations to facilitate emergency response. Where access is by means of a private road and the building cannot be viewed from the public way, a monument, pole or other sign or means shall be used to identify the structure, Address identification shall be maintained.