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**STANDARD**  
**PREMISES IDENTIFICATION**

The purpose of this standard is to clearly identify and mark proper addresses pursuant to Section 505.1 of the California Fire Code as adopted by the Chico City Council.

1. Approved numbers or addresses shall be placed on all new and existing buildings above the main entrance or in an **approved** alternate location, plainly visible and legible from the street or road fronting the property.

2. The minimum\* size dimension of the address numbers shall be as specified below:

Single Family Dwellings, Individual Suites/Units in Commercial and Apartment Developments	4" high	½" stroke
Commercial Buildings	8" high	1" stroke
Commercial Buildings when the structure's façade is 30 feet <u>or</u> greater in height or over 250 feet from the curb/roadside	12" high	1 ½" stroke

\*Larger numbers may be required to achieve visibility on larger buildings.

- Address numbers shall be Arabic numerals, legible to the equivalent of Arial Bold Font.
- Numbers shall highly contrast with a solid colored flat surface. Glass backgrounds and brass numbers shall require larger sizing to achieve visibility.
- Where building addresses are not clearly visible due to distance from the roadway, landscape/architectural appendages, or other obstructions, address posting shall be required both at the drive entrances serving such buildings and on the building. Such street or roadside address posting shall be compliant with City Standard S-16. Where unusual circumstances exist, a direction indicator may be required to show specific direction of building(s).
- Condominium, apartment complexes, townhouses, mobile home parks and multiple commercial building shall have installed at points of entry an illuminated directory in accordance with the "Standards for Illuminated Directory".
- Multi-Family address numbers shall also comply with "Assignment of Street Address and Unit Numbers for Multi-Family Residential" Guidelines.