

Building Numbering Ordinance
(adopted Town Meeting March 12, 2016)

Many emergency services to Chesterfield, NH are contracted to organizations outside of Chesterfield and that their personnel are not intimately familiar with all locations in town. Therefore, in order to provide easy identification of residential and commercial locations to these emergency services, the Town of Chesterfield, NH enacts the following Building Number Display Ordinance.

1) All residential and commercial lots with one or more structures shall have approved address numbers (assigned by the Town of Chesterfield) placed in a position that is plainly legible and visible from the street or road fronting the property. The number shall be placed in such a position as to be plainly visible to all road traffic coming to the premise from both directions. All numbers shall be Arabic numbers with a minimum stroke width of 0.5 inches and have contrasting colors with their background. The owner of each lot is ultimately responsible for the posting.

2) All buildings within 50 feet of the street or road, shall display upon the front of each dwelling the distinctive street number assigned to that premise. These numbers shall be no less than four inches in height.

3) If a building is more than 50 feet from the street, is not clearly visible from the road, or if the owner prefers this option, the owner shall place or display adjacent to the road on which the property fronts, a sign with the distinctive street number assigned to that premise attached to a fence, mail box, or post. These numbers shall be no less than three inches in height. The sign must be placed at a height to assure it does not become obscured by winter snows or snowplowing.

Violations and Penalties:

Failure to display house numbers by October 1, 2016 shall be considered a violation of this ordinance and shall subject such violator the penalties hereinafter provided. In the case of new construction, a letter of certificate of occupancy will not be issued prior to the adherence of this ordinance.

Any person who violates any provision of this Ordinance is responsible for a municipal civil infraction of \$25 for the first occurrence. If the condition is not corrected in the next 3 months, an additional municipal civil infraction of \$50 will be made. Every subsequent 3 months of non-conformance will be an additional municipal civil infraction of \$100.

If, after meeting the requirements of this Ordinance, the house numbers are removed, destroyed, or otherwise no longer visible by no fault of the owner, then the owner will be given 3 months to meet the requirements of this Ordinance before she/he is found to be in violation of it.