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Visible House Numbers Matter

When an emergency occurs, whether it is the need for fire, police, or an ambulance, seconds count. Precious time is wasted if your house number is not easily seen from the street.

Chapter Two of the Town Bylaws states:

Street numbers shall be provided for each dwelling, business, industry and other building in the Town of Holden.

(a) The number shall be made of permanent, weather-proof materials, shall be at least three (3) inches in height and shall be clearly visible from the street or roadway upon which the structure fronts.

(b) Any structure that is not clearly visible from the street or roadway shall have the assigned number posted on a suitable support at the entrance to the driveway that services such structure.

What more can you do? Three inches is the minimum, larger numbers will make your house easier to identify from the street. Using numbers with contrasting colors (light number on dark background, or dark number on a light background) will also make it easier to see your house.

Large numbers **make it easy** to find your house:

213

Small numbers **make it not as easy** to find your house:

213

Decorative letters **make it difficult** to find your house:

Two Hundred Thirteen

Along the Same Lines ...

In an emergency does everybody (your kids, visitors, sitters, etc.) know your address? Cell phone 911 calls may not give the calling location to the emergency dispatcher.

We suggest that on the "universal bulletin board" (your refrigerator) you post:

OUR ADDRESS IS _____ TOWN _____

NEAREST INTERSECTING STREET _____

In an emergency the caller can immediately tell the emergency dispatcher where help is needed.

Questions? Call (508) 210-5650, or via email: Holden_Fire@Holdenma.gov