

## Columbia County Address Sign Specifications

**Sign blanks** shall be aluminum, with a uniform thickness of 0.08 inches. The finished signs shall be of good appearance, free from ragged edges, cracks, scales, or blisters, and the legend shall be clear-cut. Dimensions of sign plate/blank shall be 8"x18" min. with outside corners to be rounded to 3/4" radius (See Figure A. Address Plate Dimensions). Each panel shall be free of wind or twist so that the sign will lay flat against the post.

**Lettering and Background sheeting** shall be applied to both sides of the sign blank to enable visibility of the numbers in both travel directions of the road.

**Lettering** shall be highly reflective white Arabic numbers a minimum of 4-5" high.

**Background color** shall be reflective True Blue Type II or Type III sheeting, as specified by Municipal Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). (See Figure B. Sign Color and Single Vertical Plate Alignment) Color specifications for true blue can be found at <http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/kno-colorspec.htm>

### Installation

A single address plate may be attached horizontally on top of a mailbox or vertically to a 4" x 4" wooden post (see Figure B. Single Address Sign . Bottom of a single sign plate should sit 42" above the road surface

If a single approach or driveway is used for two to three houses then multiple address plates can be mounted horizontally to a single post. The bottom edge of the lowest address plate shall be installed a minimum of 36" above the road surface (See Figure D. Address Post Detail). A single address post can have no more than three address plates attached. The bottom edge of the lowest sign plate should be no less than 36" above the road surface (See Figure D. Multiple Address

Address Post Specifications: Maximum thickness of wood post will be 4"x4" wood post (unless installed with breakaway mechanism to Washington State DOT standards). Bottom of post shall be installed a minimum of 36" below surface.

### Location

- Address signs must be placed on the same side of the road no more than 20 feet from either direction of the driveway entrance and easily visible by emergency personnel.
- Place your sign perpendicular to the road so it can be seen by vehicles traveling in either direction.
- Keep the post out of the legal road right of way (approx. 30' from the centerline) and out of the snow plow zone.
- Maintain visibility of the sign by pruning vegetation and removing snow as necessary.
- Multiple residents with a single access from the main road must post address signs at the road entrance and on the house if visible from the private drive or at the individual driveway off the private access.

Additional examples of address sign installations attached to mailboxes can be seen in Figure D.

Figure A.

Address Plate Dimensions Horizontal

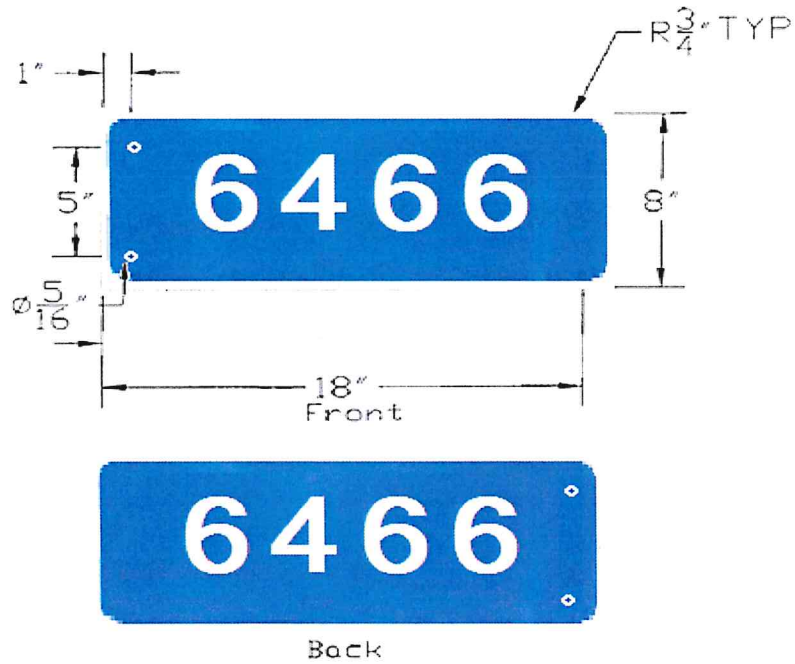
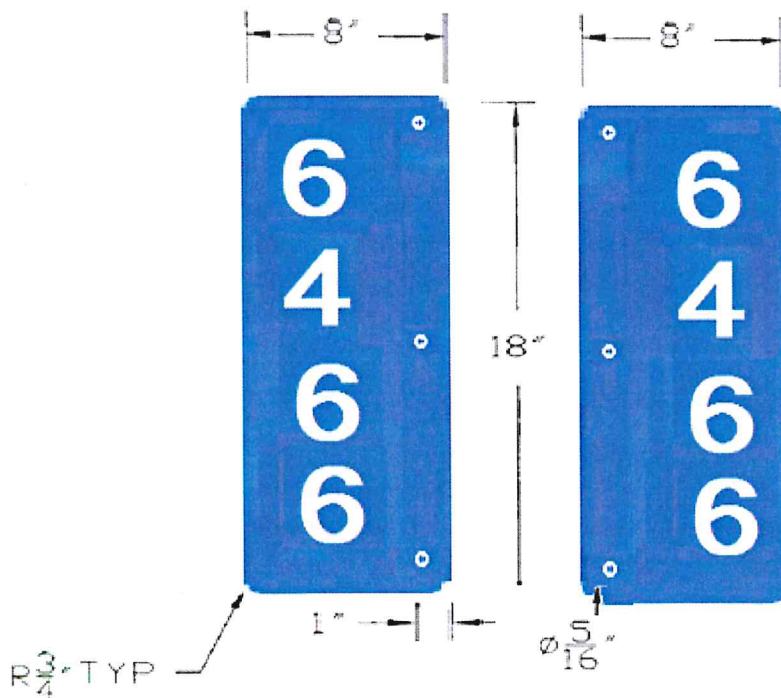
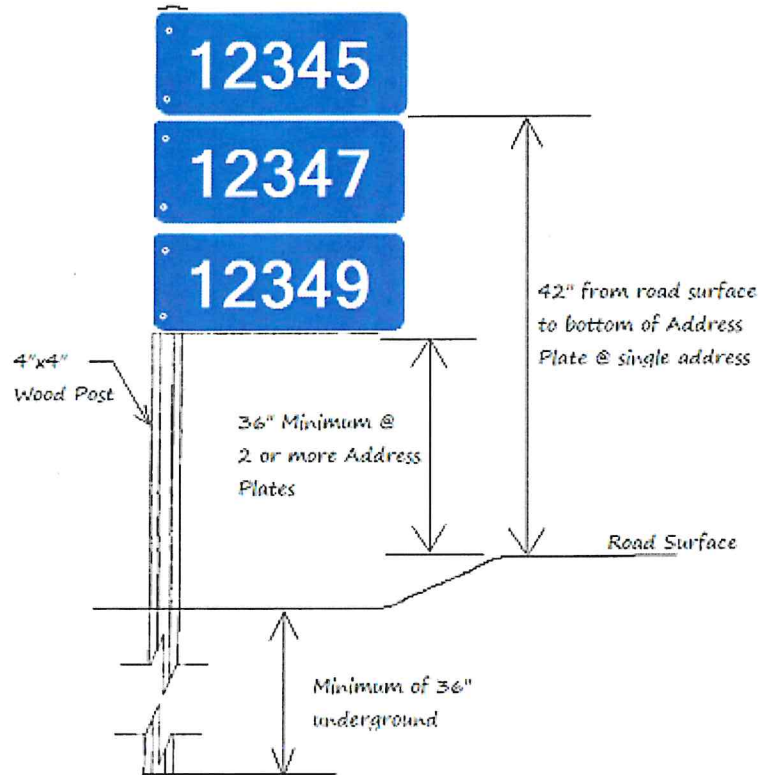


Figure B.

Address Plate Dimensions Vertical



**Figure C.  
Address Post Detail**



**Figure D.  
Additional examples for mailbox installations**

