



Benicia Fire Department – Fire Prevention Policies

Subject: BUILDING IDENTIFICATION STANDARDS

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Authority: Benicia Municipal Code Section 15.04, California Building Code Section 501.2.

1. These standards shall apply to all multi-family dwellings, commercial and industrial buildings (CFC 505.1).

1. Multi-Family Dwelling Complexes

An illuminated, diagrammatic representation of the complex shall be installed at the primary vehicular or walkway entrances to each complex. This diagram will be large enough to be easily read from the vehicle. This diagram shall be approved by the Fire Marshal (CFC 104.6.1).

- (a) Each building shall be marked at a location clearly visible from the street and/or the nearest vehicular access. Markings shall include the street address, building number/letter and numbers of units located in that building.

Example:	2237	Address
	Bldg. "B"	Building designation
	Units 1-8	Units in building

Minimum numeral size shall be 6" high with a stroke of 1" and shall contrast with the background.

- (b) All new building addresses shall be automatically lighted at night. (CBC 502.1).
- (c) On existing buildings, the exterior lighting shall be provided which will illuminate the building identification sufficiently to render it visible from the vehicular access.

2. Commercial

Individual buildings shall be addressed front and back. Minimum numeral size is 6" high with a stroke of 1" and shall contrast with the background. Exterior lighting shall be provided which will illuminate the building identification sufficiently to render it visible from the vehicular access.



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3. Industrial

Individual buildings shall be marked at a point clearly visible from the street and/or the nearest vehicular access. Minimum size shall be 12” high with a 3” wide stroke and shall contrast with the background. Exterior lighting shall be provided which will illuminate the building identification sufficiently to render it visible from the vehicular access.

4. “Spec” Warehouses

Individual units shall have unit, the number/space listed above the main entrance. The building shall be marked at the point nearest the street. Units with frontage on both sides of a building shall have identical markings on both sides. Minimum size for individual units shall be 6” high with a stroke of 1” and shall contrast with the background. Exterior lighting shall be provided which will illuminate the front building identification sufficiently to render it visible from the vehicular access.

- (a) In all buildings numeral/letter height and stroke shall be doubled for each additional 100’ of setback up to 300’.
- (b) Building identification materials, including paint colors and exterior lighting fixtures, are subject to approval by the Planning and Building Departments. Alternatives to the methods addressed in this document shall be presented to the Building and Fire/Life Safety Division for consideration and approval.
- (c) Maintenance of building identification is the responsibility of the building owner and/or manager.

5. This Standard is in reference to BMC Section 15.04 and CBC Section 501.2.