

## Be Informed

This brochure has been developed to explain some of St. Petersburg's housing and neighborhood standards.

Our first priority is to help residents voluntarily comply with these standards. If you receive a violation notice, we recommend that you take positive action to resolve any violations. Also contact your Codes Investigator with any questions about violations and what must be done to correct them. The following additional brochures are available:

- Address Numbers
- Certificate of Inspection Program
- Commercial Equipment Parking
- Emergency Fire Exits
- Illegal or Abandoned Dwelling Units
- Inoperative Motor Vehicles
- Junk, Rubbish, Outdoor Storage
- Legal Premises Agent for Out of Town Owners
- Maintenance of Buildings
- Painting to Protect Your Home
- Parking in Residential Areas
- Permits Required
- Prohibited Business
- Rodent and Insect Control
- Visibility Triangle Requirement



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## Address Numbers

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You may know your address, but others may not. Since 1973, all owners of structures in the City of St. Petersburg (residential or commercial) are required to have well marked addresses, easily seen from the street and adjacent alley or waterfront .

**Why have well marked addresses?**

- The City's Police and Fire Departments need to respond to emergency calls quickly, and their arrival on the scene can be delayed if a home or business address is poorly marked or not marked at all.
- The U.S. Postal Services delivery and pickup of mail and packages are highly dependent on the ability to locate and identify the proper home or business address.
- The City's utilities departments, as well as private utilities, may also have to respond to an emergency - or even a routine call, concerning water or sewer service. Service could easily be delayed if the work crews cannot find the address.

Address numbers must be displayed on the front of the structure in Arabic numerals, (i.e., 1, 2, 3, etc.), in a permanent fashion, at least four inches in height.

Addresses displayed in a fancy script or painted on your front curb are still allowed - but only in addition to the easily identifiable Arabic numerals.

Address numbers of your home or business must be easily seen from:

1. the front of the structure, and
2. the rear of the structure if there is an alley or if the structure is on a waterfront.

If the address numbers were installed prior to the current code, then three inch high numbers are sufficient.

**FOUR INCH HIGH NUMBERS ARE NEEDED IF:**

1. the existing structure has no address displayed, or
2. the structure is new (under construction or recently constructed)