

Residential/Business Addressing

Cambria County addressing project:

The addressing project is an ongoing program designed for the readdressing and assigning of physical addresses in the county. Any new construction, whether commercial or residential, can no longer obtain an address from the post office, but must instead obtain a physical (9-1-1) address from this department.

The addressing project is a Graphical Information System or G.I.S. It is the combination of both a non-graphic and graphic data base.

Assigning of new addresses:

As stated above, all new construction must obtain a physical address from this department. There are two main ways of obtaining a physical address. The first, the most preferred, is that the contractor or resident come to the Department of Emergency Services to get his/her physical address. The individual will be asked to draw in both the new structure and its access (driveway). This way is preferred because there is less chance of error and the address can be assigned in about 10 minutes. Please call the Department of Emergency Services at 472-2050 to confirm that the addressing person is in the office. The second is that the individual call the department and ask that an 8.5" x 11" map be mailed to them. This choice takes anywhere from 5-7 days, from the time the map is returned to the department, to generate a new physical address due to mailing time. Either way, someone must draw in both the structure and driveway.

The department must also approve the street naming and lot numbering of all new subdivisions.

Displaying your house number:

Residential house numbers should be placed on, above, or at the side of the main entrance so that the number is readable from the street. If the house sits back off the road and the number cannot be seen, then we suggest placing the number on a post, tree, or mailbox, as long as it is close to the driveway. House numbers should be at least 3" in height and made of a reflective material to make them more visible.

How addresses are determined:

An address is assigned by measuring the distance between structures, or driveways. A national standard of 26.4 feet is used to assign addresses. This allows for growth between structures, so readdressing of a particular street is not required for new construction.

Duplication of street names:

Duplication of street names, regardless of the particular suffix, shall be prohibited within a municipality of postal zip code area. Duplication of street names, regardless of the particular suffix, shall be avoided within a municipal boundary line. The term duplication shall include "

sound-a-like " names, such as Beech Street and Beach Street. An updated list of street names by municipality is kept to assure that there is not duplication of existing names.

[Full Text of the Cambria County Addressing Ordinance](#)