

# Frequently Asked Questions Street Naming and Addressing



## 1) How do street names get approved?

The developer submits their choice for street names on a preliminary plat. Once the street names are reviewed by the Street Naming Committee for compliance with Title 2, Chapter 1 of Ada County Code, the developer is notified if the street names were approved, or need to be modified. After the street names are approved, the developer will continue the process for preliminary and final plat approval from the appropriate agency.

For more information about the platting process, please see our [process flow chart](#), or contact the Planning and Zoning Department of the appropriate land use jurisdiction.

## 2) How do address numbers get assigned?

Four address grids overlay the county. Each grid has a central point where north, south, east and west addresses start at zero and get larger as you work your way outwards. Address numbers are assigned based on the address grid in which they are located.

After the final plat is recorded for a development, the plat is routed to the Addressing Technician for the assignment of addresses. New lots are assigned sequential numbers based on their location in the grid. New addresses are transmitted to various public agencies including the United States Postal Services, the Ada County Sheriff's Dispatch Office, etc.

## 3) Why did my address change?

Ada County does not take such actions lightly and such decisions are based purely on health and safety considerations. Please remember that this is being done to protect your health and safety and that of your neighbors.

There could be several reasons why your address changed. You should have received a Change of Address Notification in the mail. Refer to your letter for the specific reason that your address was changed.

Some reasons could include the following:

- Your address is out of sequence with your surrounding neighbors;
- Your address is off of a main road while your property takes access from an approved private road; or
- Your address is an even number when it should be odd or vice versa.

**4) Do I need to notify agencies of my address change?**

The Assessor's Office will notify several public agencies regarding your address change, including emergency services. Refer to your Change of Address Notification for a complete list. We suggest that you notify any banks, creditors, periodicals and other persons of your new address.

**5) [What are the related expenses and fees for my address change?](#)**

**6) How do I post my address?**

In order for emergency personal to find you they must be able to read your address number. Your address must be posted to be clearly visible from the street. The numbers must be at least four inches (4") in height and must contrast with their background.

**7) Can I appeal my address change?**

Any person may appeal the decision of the County Assessor within thirty (30) days of the decision being made. See 2-1-11 of the Ada County Code for further information.