ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE
AMENDING AND REENACTING
CERTAIN SECTIONS IN CHAPTER 7
entitled

NAMING ROADS AND NUMBERING PROPERTIES

Sec. 7-200 Purpose

The purpose of this article is as follows:

A. *Efficiency and uniformity.* In order to provide for more efficient delivery of emergency and other services and to provide for uniformity in road naming and assigning of property numbers, this system for naming roads and numbering properties within the County is established.

B. *All roads named, all addressable structures numbered.* It is intended by this article that all roads within the County which serve or are designed to serve three or more addressable structures will be named; and that all addressable structures within the County will be assigned property numbers.

C. *“Road” defined.* For purposes of this article, the term “road” means any public street or private road.

(§ 16.01-1, 7-8-92; 10-13-93; Code 1988, § 16.01-1; Ord. 98-A(1), 8-5-98; Ord. 20-7(1), 3-18-20, effective 5-1-20)


Sec. 7-201 Designation of agent.

The Director of the Department of Community Development is hereby designated the agent under Virginia Code § 15.2-2019 for the purpose of assigning road names and structure
addresses, and for developing and maintaining a manual, and any associated maps, as provided in County Code §§ 7-202 and 7-203.

(§ 16.01-2, 7-8-92; 10-13-93; Code 1988, § 16.01-2; Ord. A(1), 8-5-98; Ord. 09-7(1), 7-1-09; Ord. 20-7(1), 3-18-20, effective 5-1-20)


Sec. 7-202 Manual.

A. Contents of the manual. The agent shall develop a manual prescribing: (i) a system for naming roads and numbering addressable structures within the County; (ii) the design of road signs; (iii) standards for site preparation for those signs; and (iv) standards for maintaining those signs.

B. Manual subject to approval by the Board; amendments. The manual is subject to approval by the Board of Supervisors. Any amendments to the manual must also be approved by the Board.

C. Procedures and standards are mandatory. Compliance with the procedures and standards in the manual are mandatory upon its approval by the Board of Supervisors.

(§ 16.01-3, 7-8-92; 10-13-93; Code 1988, § 16.01-3; Ord. 98-A(1), 8-5-98; Ord. 20-7(1), 3-18-20, effective 5-1-20)


Sec. 7-203 Maps.

The agent shall prepare and maintain current maps showing all roads which are named pursuant to this article, the names of the roads, and the numbers of the addressable structures.

(§ 16.01-4, 7-8-92; 10-13-93; Code 1988, § 16.01-4; Ord. 98-A(1), 8-5-98; Ord. 20-7(1), 3-18-20, effective 5-1-20)
Sec. 7-204 Responsibility for placing and maintaining road signs.

The responsibility for placing and maintaining road signs required by this article is as follows:

A. **County Engineer.** The County Engineer is responsible for placing signs at each intersection and at other locations deemed necessary by the agent on:

1. Each public street or private road which serves or is designed to serve three or more addressable structures which is not approved as a part of a subdivision or site plan;

2. Each road funded by the county or the Virginia Department of Transportation; and

3. Each existing road serving more than two parcels but not more than two addressable structures, but not until the road serves three addressable structures; provided that if a subdivision or site plan is approved which would be served by the road, then the subdivider or developer is responsible for placing the signs pursuant to subsection (B).

B. **Subdivider or developer.** The subdivider or developer is responsible for placing signs at each intersection and at other locations deemed necessary by the agent on:

1. Each road approved as part of a subdivision plat or site plan;

2. Each existing road in an existing subdivision or development which is bonded for future acceptance into the secondary State highway system; and

3. Each existing road for which placing signs becomes the responsibility of the subdivider or developer, as provided in subsection (A)(3).

C. **Maintenance.** The subdivider or developer must maintain signs it is required to place until the roads are taken into the secondary State highway system, or are taken over for maintenance by the homeowners as required pursuant to a private road maintenance agreement. Thereafter, the signs on roads in the secondary State highway system must be

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maintained by the County except where a special installation has been allowed under the manual.

(§§ 16.01-1, 16.01-5, 7-8-92; 10-13-93; Code 1988, §§ 16.01-1, 16.01-5; Ord. 98-A(1), 8-5-98; Ord. 02-7(1), 1-9-02; Ord. 20-7(1), 3-18-20, effective 5-1-20)


Sec. 7-205 Content of road signs.

Each road sign placed pursuant to this article must display the name of the road or roads, and any other information the agent deems necessary, including, but not limited to, secondary or other road numbers prescribed by the Virginia Department of Transportation.

(Chap. 16.01, § 16.01-5, 7-8-92; 10-13-93; Code 1988, § 16.01-5; Ord. 98-A(1), 8-5-98; Ord. 20-7(1), 3-18-20, effective 5-1-20)


Sec. 7-206 Numbers to be displayed.

The owner or other person responsible for each addressable structure must display the assigned number in a manner that is easily readable in accordance with the manual within 30 days after the address effective date as established by the United States Postal Service. The County will not issue a certificate of occupancy to an addressable structure built after the United States Postal Service's established address effective date which is served by a named road until the number is displayed in accordance with this article.

(§ 16.01-6, 7-8-92; 10-13-93; Code 1988, § 16.01-6; Ord. 98-A(1), 6-17-98; Ord. 20-7(1), 3-18-20, effective 5-1-20)


Sec. 7-207 Responsibility for cost of signs and numbering.
A. *When the County pays for signs.* The County will pay the cost to fabricate and place each sign it is required to install pursuant to County Code § 7-204(A).

B. *When the subdivider or developer pays for signs.* The subdivider or developer must pay the cost to fabricate and place each sign it is required to install pursuant to County Code § 7-204(B).

C. *The owner pays for numbers.* The owner of each addressable structure must pay the cost to fabricate and place each set of numbers for a structure.

(§ 16.01-1, 7-8-92; 10-13-93; Code 1988, § 16.01-1; Ord. 98-A(1), 6-17-98; Ord. 20-7(1), 3-18-20, effective 5-1-20)


**Sec. 7-208 Site plan, subdivision plat, and building permit requirements.**

A final subdivision plat or final site plan which shows any road required to be named must not be approved by the County unless the subdivision plat or site plan displays on its face the approved name of each road. A building permit must not be issued by the County for any structure within the area shown on a subdivision plat or site plan until road signs have been installed by the subdivider or developer.

(§ 16.01-7, 7-8-92; 10-13-93; Code 1988, § 16.01-7; Ord. 98-A(1), 8-5-98; Ord. 20-7(1), 3-18-20, effective 5-1-20)


**Sec. 7-209 Official address.**

Each road name approved and each structure number assigned for a property pursuant to this article is the official address of the property for all purposes.

(§ 16.01-8, 7-8-92; 10-13-93; Code 1988, § 16.01-8; Ord. 98-A(1), 8-5-98; Ord. 20-7(1), 3-18-20, effective 5-1-20)
Sec. 7-210 Violation and penalty.

A willful violation of this article by any person is punishable as a class 1 misdemeanor. In addition to the penalty specified above, the County Executive may seek any other lawful remedy, including injunctive relief, to correct or abate a violation of this article.

(Ord. of 7-8-92; Ord. of 10-13-93; Code 1988, § 16.01-9; Ord. 98-A(1), 8-5-98; Ord. 20-7(1), 3-18-20, effective 5-1-20)

INTRODUCTION

This Manual prescribes a system for the naming of roads; the numbering of properties and structures; and the erection and maintenance of associated signage as provided for in County Code § 7-200, et seq.

The Director of the Department of Community Development or their designee shall be responsible for the interpretation and administration of the provisions of this Manual.

DEFINITIONS

Addressable Structure: Any building used for human habitation, or gathering, or for the production or sale of goods or services.

Agent: The Albemarle County Director of Community Development.

Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) System: computer system used to manage incoming 911 calls at the Charlottesville-University of Virginia-Albemarle County Emergency Communications Center.

Designator: Suffix used to indicate the road type.

Geographic Information System (GIS): A system used for the management, analysis, and display of geographic knowledge that is represented using a series of information sets including mapping, data, and processing and workflow models.

Primary Access: A road or driveway used as the primary means of vehicular access to an addressable structure.

PART I. ROAD NAMING

1. Roads Requiring Names

All roads within the County which serve or are designed to serve three or more addressable structures shall be named.

2. Review and Approval of Proposed Road Names

The agent shall review all proposed road names for conformance with the guidelines established herein. If a proposed road name is found to be in accordance with all provisions of Part I of this Manual, the agent shall approve the name.
3. **Maintenance of Master Road Names Directory and Road Names Map**

All approved road names shall reside in the County’s GIS maintained in the offices of the agent.

4. **Road Name Guidelines**

The following guidelines shall be complied with; however, the agent may modify, vary, or waive any guideline in Part I, Section 4, for a particular case.

   a. A proposed road name which duplicates an existing or reserved road name within a United States Postal Service zip code that is located in Albemarle County or the City of Charlottesville shall not be approved. An exception may be made for dead end streets which have the same name as the road from which they originate (e.g., “Amberfield Court” which originates from “Amberfield Drive”).

   b. Road names are limited to three words, not including the road type designator.

   c. A road name shall not exceed 16 characters, including spaces. The designator’s abbreviation does not count towards this limit.

   d. A road name shall not include numbers, dashes, apostrophes, or other non-alphabetical characters.

   e. Compass points such as NORTH and EAST shall not be used in road names.

   f. Articles (the, a, an) shall not be used to begin road names.

   g. Road names duplicating facilities or generic descriptions of road features shall not be approved (e.g., “Bowling Alley,” “Tennis Court,” “Dirt Road”).

   h. Usage of names derived from community names or geographic features shall be limited to locations in close proximity to such communities or geographic features.

   i. No proposed road name shall be approved which begins with a word that appears as the first word in five or more official road names. Homophones and homographs are considered the same word for the purposes of this restriction. The restriction also includes roads where the first word is concatenated to subsequent words or contains different punctuation marks (e.g., Greensleeves Rd is considered to start with the “Green” or “Star’s” is considered the same as “Stars”).

   j. No proposed name shall be a homophone or homograph of an official road name or may be easily confused with an official road name (e.g., “Forrestview” and
“Forestvue” are homophones and “bow” in “Bow and Curtsie Ln” and “Bow Tie Dr” is a homograph).

k. When a proposed road is a continuation of or in alignment with an approved road, it shall utilize the same road name as the approved road. A new road name shall be required if the proposed road is disconnected from the existing road by an offset greater than 60 feet.

l. When a proposed road name is spelled in a way that could lead to confusion during emergency response, the agent shall suggest an alternative road name. Examples include words with very few vowels or non-standard spellings (e.g., “Checkrz Ln” or “Nite Owl Rd”).

5. Road Type Designators

Road type designators shall be consistent with the roadway's expected traffic use, width of right-of-way, and physical design/location.

While it is intended that these guidelines be complied with, the agent may modify, vary, or waive any guideline in Part 1, Section 5, in a particular case.

ALBEMARLE COUNTY
STREET AND ROAD TYPE DESIGNATIONS

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<td>A narrow or minor road in a community.</td>
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<td>Avenue</td>
<td>A major road in a community.</td>
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<td>Bend</td>
<td>Generally a minor road in subdivision.</td>
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<td>Bluff</td>
<td>Generally along high ground.</td>
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<td>Boulevard</td>
<td>Wide road with median and landscaping.</td>
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<td>Branch</td>
<td>Generally a narrow minor road either coming off a major road, or reconnecting</td>
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<td>two or more minor roads.</td>
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<td>A narrow or minor road running along or near a past or present waterway.</td>
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<td>Canyon</td>
<td>A narrow road lined on both sides by tall landforms or buildings.</td>
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<td>Center</td>
<td>Shopping, commercial areas.</td>
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<td>CIR</td>
<td>Circle</td>
<td>A road which returns to itself.</td>
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<td>Common</td>
<td>See “Square”.</td>
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<td>Cove</td>
<td>Generally a minor road in a subdivision.</td>
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<td>Generally shorter, permanent dead ends or cul-de-sacs.</td>
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<td>See “Brook”.</td>
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<td>Crossing</td>
<td>A road which crosses a geographic feature such as a creek or mountain pass or, a short road that serves as a connector between two other roads.</td>
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<td>A road that runs through one or more major intersections, or a road the runs through multiple intersections with minor roads.</td>
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<td>Drive</td>
<td>A winding arterial/collector.</td>
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<td>Single ownership (three or more dwellings).</td>
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<td>Extended (Extension)</td>
<td>A road or street that extends a previously existing road to serve as a connector between main roads, communities, commercial areas, or a combination of these.</td>
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<td>Single ownership (three or more dwellings).</td>
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<td>A road that crosses a past or present waterway.</td>
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<td>Generally a road that runs through or along a narrow valley.</td>
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<td>Grove</td>
<td>Generally a minor road in a subdivision.</td>
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<td>HTS</td>
<td>Heights</td>
<td>Generally along high ground.</td>
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<td>Hill</td>
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<td>HWY</td>
<td>Highway</td>
<td>Federal or state designated primary road.</td>
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<td>Generally a road that runs through or along a geographic area characterized by one or more natural depressions.</td>
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<td>KNL</td>
<td>Knoll</td>
<td>Generally along high ground.</td>
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<td>LN</td>
<td>Lane</td>
<td>Generally a narrow road.</td>
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<td>LOOP</td>
<td>Loop</td>
<td>A drive which begins and ends on the same road.</td>
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<td>MNR</td>
<td>Manor</td>
<td>Single ownership (three or more dwellings).</td>
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<td>Meadow</td>
<td>Generally a minor road running through an area of low-lying grassland.</td>
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<td>Mill</td>
<td>A minor road or street running to or near a past or present mill, factory, processing plant, workshop, or other similar structure.</td>
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<td>Mountain</td>
<td>Generally along high ground at an elevation greater than that for a hill.</td>
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<td>Park</td>
<td>Reserved for entranceways to public parks.</td>
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<td>PKWY</td>
<td>Parkway</td>
<td>A scenic or landscaped road.</td>
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<td>See “Trail” or “Path”.</td>
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<td>Passage</td>
<td>A narrow minor road lined on either side by buildings or geologic formations that serves as a connector between two other roads.</td>
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<td>PATH</td>
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<td>A short and/or narrow road.</td>
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<td>PL</td>
<td>Place</td>
<td>A dead end or cul-de-sac road from which other cul-de-sacs originate.</td>
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<td>PNES</td>
<td>Pines</td>
<td>A narrow road running through an area dominated, in the</td>
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past or present, by pine trees or pineapple plants.

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Four and five-letter designators may be spelled out completely in suffix space on sign. **You may use Farm and Reach, but only if spelled out completely.**

6. Road Naming Process

a. Policy on Participation in Road Naming

(1) The process of naming roads shall be limited to those who own property abutting the road in question.

(2) Where the road abuts several properties, the landowners shall be given the opportunity to propose the name.

(3) In the event that there is no participation from the landowners, or the landowners cannot agree on a name for the road, the agent shall name the
road in accordance with County procedures.

b. Processing Requests for Road Names

Requests to name roads shall be made in writing to the agent and shall include the following information:

1. A list of the parcel numbers for the properties abutting the unnamed road along with the proposed name of the road.

2. A list of all landowners having property abutting the road in question together with certification, to the satisfaction of the agent, that all such landowners were notified of the proposed name.

3. Signatures of landowners representing a majority (greater than 50 percent) of parcels abutting the unnamed road in agreement of a common road name. When determining the percentage of the parcels abutting the road in question, a landowner owning more than one parcel abutting the road in question is equivalent to a landowner owning one parcel.

Upon validating that landowners of more than 50 percent of the parcels abutting the road in question have signed the petition in favor of a common road name, and that the proposed name is otherwise consistent with Part I of this Manual, the agent shall approve the road name.

c. Road Name Reservation Process

Road names may be reserved during the preliminary plan or plat review process by a written request to the agent. Names shall remain reserved unless the project is disapproved, abandoned, or otherwise voided. Once a final subdivision plat or site plan is approved, any reserved road names not used in the final plat or plan shall no longer be reserved.

d. Road Naming in the Subdivision and Site Development Review Process

1. A developer may contact the agent prior to submission of a subdivision plat or site plan to determine the viability of proposed names. Road names may be reserved as provided in Section 6.c.

2. Proposed road names shall appear on all final site plans and subdivision plats, where applicable.

3. No final site plan or final subdivision plat shall be approved by the agent until all travelways in the project requiring road names are assigned agent-approved road names.
(4) Names approved on a preliminary plan/plat shall be reserved for the life of the preliminary plan/plat and shall be shown on the final plan/plat.

e. Road Name Change Process

Requests to rename roads shall be made in writing to the agent and shall include the following information:

(1) A list of the parcel numbers for the properties abutting the road in question.

(2) A list of all landowners having property abutting the road in question together with certification that all such landowners have been notified of the proposed name.

(3) Signatures of landowners representing a majority (greater than 50 percent) of parcels abutting the road in agreement of a common road name. When determining the percentage of the parcels served by the road in question, a landowner owning more than one parcel served by the road in question is equivalent to a landowner owning one parcel.

Upon validating that landowners of more than 50 percent of the parcels abutting the road in question have signed the petition in favor of a common road name, and that the proposed name is consistent with Part I of this Manual, the agent may make an administrative approval to correct errors in prior road name approvals. In all other cases, the agent shall forward the road name change request to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

7. Final Authority of Board of Supervisors to Assign Road Names

The Board of Supervisors may name or rename any road at any time.

PART II. NUMBERING

1. Assignment of Numbers by Agent

a. All numbers for properties and addressable structures shall be assigned by the agent following the procedures and guidelines contained in this Manual. Numbers assigned by any other person or entity shall not be recognized.

b. Numbers shall be assigned to any new addressable structure shown on a site plan or lot created by subdivision. Numbers shall not be officially assigned until the final site plan or subdivision plat has been approved. Numbers shall also be assigned when requested by individuals for new structures that do not require site plan or subdivision approval.
c. Number Range of Road Established

(1) A numbering grid overlay established number ranges for many existing roads. Extensions of these roads shall continue where the numbering concluded using procedures described in this section. For new roads, the low end of the number range will be at the point where the new road intersects an existing named road. Numbering shall then increase. The range values should be different from the range values of streets that the road may cross. (e.g., if an existing road has a range value in the 3000’s, the new road that intersects the existing road should have a range value with three digits.) The lowest range value assigned for a road shall be 100. If a value range begins with an even number, it should end in an odd number or vice versa. This ensures address parity for CAD purposes.

The agent, in their sole discretion, may deviate from the aforementioned numbering range for a road if any of the following factors create the need for a deviation: the type of development, the relationship of the road to existing roads, and the pattern of address numbers. In urbanized areas, some roads may be provided a 100 block numbering to create a city-style block numbering pattern even if blocks have different lengths.

(2) When a named road is also located in a neighboring jurisdiction, consideration will be given to numbering that already exists in the other jurisdiction. When a new, named road will extend into a neighboring jurisdiction, both jurisdictions will cooperate to establish a number range acceptable to both jurisdictions.

(3) No number shall be used more than once on a named road.

d. Numbers Assigned

The numbering of the addressable structures and properties along the road segment shall be done utilizing an equal-interval methodology resulting in one odd/even number pair for every 20 feet of road frontage. Modifications to this pattern may occur depending on the type of development involved, the relationship of the road to other roads around it, and the pattern of address numbers. For example, a shopping center with large anchor tenants and smaller shops may result in assignment of an even number such as 100 for the anchor tenant and adjacent smaller shops numbered in the 100s. Other anchor tenants may also receive an even number such as 200 with adjacent smaller shops numbered in the 200s.

2. General Numbering Guidelines
a. Even numbers should occur on the right-hand side of the road in the direction of increasing range. Odd numbers should occur on the opposite side of the road.

b. The specific number of an addressable structure or property shall be determined by the location where the structure or property’s access intersects with the named road.

c. The number sequence for addressable structures or properties on opposite sides of a road should conform to each other as nearly as possible.

d. Half numbers may be used when there is no available address to assign under the General Numbering Guidelines to a detached structure requiring an address that shares its primary access with an existing structure with a primary address. The Agent may assign a new address using a half number with the existing primary address of the adjacent existing structure as a base. Alphabetical suffixes are acceptable when a secondary address designation is necessary within an existing addressable structure.

e. Reverse frontage or through lots shall be numbered along the local road that provides access to the lot. The agent may assign numbers to addressable structures that are accessed only by an alley or sidewalk.

f. Corner lots shall be numbered on the road that provides access. Where the driveway for a corner lot intersects more than one street or the corner lot’s addressable structure is much closer to one road, the agent shall make the final determination as to which road to base the number, with consideration to such factors as the driveway's length, orientation of the structure, and other relevant factors.

g. When two addressable structures share an access, they shall be numbered consecutively with adequate consideration given to possible future development and other addressable needs between the structures.

h. A number may be issued to a structure that is intended to be temporary (such as a construction site trailer office), and upon removal of the temporary structure, the number shall be retired.

3. Manufactured/Mobile Home Developments

All roads within manufactured/mobile home parks shall be treated as private roads unless dedicated for maintenance by the Virginia Department of Transportation and road name and road signage shall apply accordingly. Each manufactured/mobile home lot shall be numbered in accordance with this Manual. The manufactured/mobile home park owner shall be responsible for posting lot numbers in a manner acceptable to the agent in accordance with Part IV, Section 1, of this Manual.
4. **Residential Apartments and Other Multi-dwelling Structures**

Individual apartment units shall be numbered considering the type of unit, the individual apartment entrance location, and building design as follows:

a. Duplex: A number shall be provided to each individual unit at its front entrance.

b. Townhouse: A number shall be provided to each individual unit at its front entrance.

c. Garden Apartment: A number shall be provided to each unit at the entrance. If the apartment unit's entrance is located on an inside foyer, a number shall be provided outside the building entrance. Each unit located on such foyer shall be provided with a numerical suffix as a secondary method of addressing. Specifically, ground floors shall use suffixes in the 100's starting at unit 100, the second floor shall use the 200's starting at unit 200 and other levels will start in a similar fashion (the basement level shall use 000's starting at unit 001 or B001). The building number and road name followed by the apartment unit's numerical designation shall form the address (e.g., 630 Old Shady Grove Road, Unit 101). Numerical characters shall not be combined (e.g., 630-101 Old Shady Grove Road). The development name may also be used in the address whenever desirable. For single level garden apartments and house apartments, letters may be acceptable as a secondary method of addressing.

5. **Commercial, Office, and Industrial Complexes**

For commercial, office, and industrial complexes, a numbering choice shall be made by the agent from several methods:

a. Assign the number to the main building where all mail is to be received for the complex. The development name may be included in the address.

b. Each principal building in the complex may be provided a separate number, and the buildings may also be named. The development name and/or the building name may be included in the address.

c. For shopping center developments, a separate number shall be assigned for each unit's main entrance. The shopping center name should be included in the address. Consideration should be given when assigning numbers to provide flexibility for adding stores and redivision of spaces. In the event a space is further divided and no numbers remain available, alphabetical, or numerical unit designations shall be used.

d. Interior mall shopping centers should have one number assigned for the entire
mall. The shopping center name and store name should be included in the address. Individual stores should not be assigned numbers except that secondary addressing may be provided in accord with Part II(2)(d) of this Manual. A separate property number may be assigned for the mall business office.

e. Where deemed appropriate by the agent, a multiple-story building may be assigned one address number at its main entrance. Individual units may be provided with secondary addressing based on floor numbering together with unit appellation such as "suite" or "room." The first floor shall be assigned numbers beginning with 100 and numbers on each successive floor should increase to the next highest multiple of 100.

6. Agencies to Be Notified of Numbers Assigned

a. The agent shall maintain a database of addressable structures in the County’s GIS that will be publicly available as provided by law. When assigning new addresses to addressable structures, the agent shall notify the property owner in writing as well as the local branch of the United States Postal Service that delivers mail to the new address.

b. The agent shall also notify any other governmental agencies or departments and utilities about the assignment of an address upon request by any of the agencies, departments or utilities.

PART III. SPECIFICATION FOR ROAD NAME SIGNAGE

1. Materials and Physical Description for Signs

a. Standard Signs

Standard signs shall be used along all single lane roads except at intersections with multi-lane roads having posted speed limits greater than 40 mph.

A standard sign’s height shall be nine inches. The road name sign blank shall be made from extruded aluminum material conforming to ASTM 6209 for Alloy 5052-H38 or its equivalent. The sign blank thickness shall be 0.83” or greater, and each corner of the sign blank shall be square cut.

b. Oversize Signs

Oversize signs shall be used along all multi-lane roads having posted speed limits greater than 40 mph and at single lane roads intersecting multi-lane roads having posted speed limits greater than 40 mph.
An oversize sign’s height shall be 12 inches. The road name sign blank shall be made from flat aluminum material conforming to ASTM 6209 for Alloy 5052-H38 or its equivalent. The sign blank thickness shall be 0.080” or greater, and each corner of the sign shall be 1.5” radius cut.

c. Sign Dimensions

The letter type for all signs shall conform to Federal Highway Administration’s “Standard Alphabets for Highway Signs,” Series C, upper case and lower case, as prescribed below and in the latest version of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD).

The size of the sign blanks, message lettering, and reserved spaces for route and block numbers for Standard and Oversize signs are as follows:

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<th>STANDARD (Local/Subdivision)</th>
<th>OVERSIZE (Primary/Collector)</th>
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<tr>
<td>SIGN BLANKS</td>
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<tr>
<td>Horizontal length</td>
<td>30” min to 48” max</td>
<td>30” min to 60” max</td>
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<tr>
<td>Vertical length</td>
<td>9” (extruded)</td>
<td>12” (flat)</td>
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\(^1\) For private roads, place the word PRIVATE in Route Decal Space.

\(^2\) The “letter group” designation (e.g., 6”) indicates the height of the uppercase letters, lower case letters will be proportional to the height of the uppercase letter for that group as detailed in the Standard Alphabet for Highway Signs.

The less common designators such as FARM, WAY, HEIGHTS, and TRACE may be placed in the main message field if space is available.

The sign may be constructed using the cut letter process. The green and white colors shall
be uniform throughout the length of the sign.

(1) When the cut letter process is used, the sign blank shall be covered on both sides for the entire length of the blank with a high intensity (prismatic) reflectorized green background sheeting, 3M "Scotchlite" brand product number 3877 or equivalent product. High intensity (prismatic) reflectorized sheeting 3M "Scotchlite" product number 3870 or equivalent product shall be used for the silver-white letters and numerals. The reflective material shall be applied to both sides of the blank name plate with mechanical equipment in a manner specified by the sheeting manufacturer. The sign background shall be comprised of not more than one piece of reflective sheeting. The letters and numerals shall be applied on both faces of the sign using the cut letter process. The reflective sheeting shall have a minimum guaranteed life of ten years. Signs shall be replaced when they surpass the minimum guaranteed life.

(2) The maximum space available on a standard nine-inch (9") sign for the road name shall be 32 inches and an oversize twelve-inch (12") sign shall be 44 inches of space for the road name. Spacing between letters within a street name should conform to the spacing dimensions shown in the Virginia Supplement to the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways unless this will result in a sign width greater than the maximum space available. If the name will not fit in the space available, a 30 percent force factor may be used. Finally, if the approved road name will not fit on the maximum length sign with the Series-C letters and a 30 percent force factor, the County Engineer may issue a waiver at their sole discretion.

(3) At the end of the road name there are three spaces which are in a stacked orientation. These spaces are reserved for the route decal, the block number, and the road type suffix. If the block number is to be affixed in decal form, the decal shall be of the same material as the main sign sheeting. The directional triangle, a 1.5-inch equilateral triangle for the nine-inch sign or 2.0-inch equilateral triangle for the twelve-inch sign, of silver-white "Scotchlite" material or equivalent product, is to be affixed in front of or at the end of the block number to point in the direction of increasing numerical values. See "Detail B" for location of spaces.

(4) The route field background shall be reflective white with vinyl, non-reflective black lettering/numbering.

2. **Post and Hardware Specifications**

   a. A metal post shall be used to mount all signs.
b. The post shall be a 14-gauge square galvanized steel quick punch break-away post complete with anchor base or equivalent, 9’x2”x2” for standard signs, and 10’x2”x2” for oversized signs. Hole diameters should be seven-sixteenths of an inch, centered, and aligned with holes on the opposite side.

c. The standard signs shall be assembled and attached to the post using caps, cross pieces and heavy-duty aluminum vandal-resistant screws, bolts and/or nuts as depicted in Figures III-1 through III-5. The oversize signs shall be attached to the post using the direct-mount method and cap as depicted in Figures III-6 through III-10. The direct-mount method requires two single-sided oversize signs for each road name, mounted on opposing sides of the post. Each oversize sign shall be riveted to the post at two points horizontally centered on the sign – one point located one inch below the top edge and one point located one inch above the bottom edge. The two oversize signs shall be riveted to each other at each of the four corners, one inch from the corresponding horizontal edge and one (1) inch from the corresponding vertical edge. A two-inch spacer shall be used between the two oversize signs at each of the four corner points to ensure the two signs are rigid and have a consistent two inch gab between them as depicted in Figure III-7.

d. A special sign post and/or installation may be allowed at the discretion of the County Engineer, provided it is equal to or exceeds the specifications above. Where deviation from the standards is allowed, a sign maintenance agreement between Albemarle County and the responsible party may be required for the perpetual maintenance of any special installation.
Standard Sign Cap Specifications:

- sized for 2” square tubing
- made of aluminum
- sign bracket designed for extruded blade
- sign slot 5¼” to 5½” in length
- each vertical surface pre-drilled for securing cap to post and sign to cap

Cross Piece Specifications:

- sign brackets set at 90°
- made of aluminum
- sign brackets designed for extruded blade
- sign slots 5¼” to 5½” in length
- each vertical surface pre-drilled for securing signs to cross piece
Oversized Sign Cap Specifications:

- sized for 2” square tubing
- made of aluminum
- pyramid shape
- design for pressure fit
3. Location of Post and Sign

a. The signpost shall be placed in the road right-of-way a minimum of three horizontal feet from any above ground or underground utility or equipment line. The installer shall be responsible for contacting “Miss Utility” (1-800-552-7001 or 811) before installing signs. At the intersection of a primary and secondary road or in the event a road name changes at an intersection of two secondary roads, two sign locations are to be used. For all new roads, a minimum of two signs are required at every intersection. The signpost shall be located on the right-hand side of the street for a right turn onto the secondary road, where possible. The sign shall be a minimum of five horizontal feet on the centerline radius of the curve from the outer edge of the pavement for roads without ditch lines. The sign must be installed behind an existing ditch line while remaining within the road right-of-way. Those roads that have ditch lines less than three feet from the edge of pavement will have signs placed two horizontal feet back from the ditch line. (See “Detail A” for diagram). For urban road sections with curb and gutter, the signpost will be placed behind the edge of the curb and five horizontal feet on the centerline radius of the curve from the edge of pavement. If a sidewalk is adjacent to the curb, then the signpost will be placed behind the sidewalk and within the right-of-way. Signs and posts shall not obstruct handicapped ramps or wheelchair loading areas in the vertical or horizontal direction.

b. At the intersection of two secondary roads, only one sign location is to be used except as required in Section 3 of this Manual. This is to be the right-hand corner of the intersection for inbound traffic to the subdivision (see “Detail A” for diagram).

c. The County Engineer may allow an alternate sign location upon finding that due to existing site conditions, the foregoing locational requirements cannot be practically met, or that an alternate location will equally or better serve the purposes of this Manual. An alternate location must be confirmed with the County Engineer prior to installation of the sign.

PART IV. DISPLAY OF ADDRESS NUMBERS

1. General Guidelines for Display of Address Numbers

a. Address numbers shall be displayed at the property’s or addressable structure’s primary access entrance on a mailbox, post, fence, or other suitable location that is easily discernible from the road. If the structure is 100 feet or less from the road, the entrance door of the structure is clearly visible from the road, and there is no mailbox, post, fence or other suitable location at the primary access entrance, numbers shall be displayed on, above, or at the side of the main entrance door in a manner that is clearly visible from the road upon which it is numbered.
b. The address number shall be displayed as numerals and shall not be spelled out. Secondary address designations shall comply with Part II of this Manual.

c. The numerals displayed, and where applicable, lettering, shall be at least three inches in height on a contrasting background (dark figures over a light background or light figures over a dark background).

d. If the mailbox is not located on the named road from which the number is assigned, the entire address (number and road name) shall be shown on that mailbox to avoid confusion. In such cases, it will be necessary to also display the number on the property or addressable structure as stated above.

e. On corner lots, the number shall only be displayed to face the street upon which the property is numbered.

f. Any numbers previously displayed which could be confused with or mistaken for the assigned address number shall be removed from the mailbox and property.

g. The property owner shall maintain numbers to ensure they are clearly discernible from the roadway upon which the property is numbered.

2. Display of Address Numbers for Multi-Unit Buildings and Multi-Building Complexes

a. If a building is divided into multiple units with separate entrances, and each unit is assigned an individual number, then each unit number shall be displayed on or next to the main doorway.

b. The address range of all individual unit numbers within a multi-unit building shall be displayed in a manner that is clearly visible from the road upon which the units are numbered. If more than one building shares an access, then the address range shall also be displayed on each building.

3. Additional Signage Required When Necessary

The agent may also require numbers or address ranges to be posted in additional locations as deemed necessary for the purpose of County Code §7-200, et seq.