Fire Code Requirements for Single Family Dwellings

**Purpose**

The following are requirements that will be enforced by the Fire Department prior to applicants obtaining a building permit.

Applicants shall submit detailed plans to the Building Division showing precisely how the following fire protection requirements will be met.

**Fire Flow Requirements (Remote Areas)**

The minimum fire flow requirements for one- and two-family dwellings located in remote areas of the city are as follows:

1. 1,000 gallons per minute (GPM) for dwellings less than 3,600 Sq. Ft. in floor area.
2. 1,500 gallons per minute (GPM) for dwellings greater than 3,600 Sq. Ft.
3. For residential properties located in remote areas see the 2019 City of West Sacramento Fire Flow requirements, and the 2019 City of West Sacramento Residential Fire Sprinkler Standard.

**Fire Department Access**

The surface of Fire apparatus access roads shall be designed to meet the specifications found in the City of West Sacramento Engineering Division Standard Specifications. The dimensions of Fire apparatus access roads shall have an unobstructed width of not less than 20-ft and an unobstructed vertical clearance of not less than 13-ft 6-in.

**Premises Identification**

**A. Single Family Residential**

1. Numbers shall be located in a visible location near the garage door.  
   **NOTE:** Numbers shall not be placed directly on the garage door.
2. If the garage does not face the street or is not connected to the dwelling at the street front, the numbers shall be located on the portion of the residence nearest the street.
3. All address numbers shall be contrasting with their background (light on dark or dark on light).
4. Address numbers shall be illuminated at night on all new buildings. Signs shall be internally or externally illuminated with an automatically controlled light source. When the luminance on the face of a sign is from an external source, it shall have an intensity of not less than 5.0-foot candles. Internally illuminated signs shall provide equivalent luminance.
5. Numbers shall be 4-in if the house is 50-ft or less from the street.
6. Numbers shall be 6-in if the house is between 50-ft and 150-ft from the street.
7. If a house is more than 150-ft from the street, house numbers shall be 6-in. In addition, 4-in numbers shall be placed on a 4-in x4-in post or on a rural mailbox located at the point of street access.

**B. Multi–Family Dwellings**

Plans for multi-family dwelling projects shall include an addressing program approved by the Building Official and Fire Marshal.

**Timing of Installation**

When fire protection, including fire apparatus access roads and water supplies for fire protection, is required to be installed, such protection shall be in service as soon as combustible materials arrive on site.

This is a partial list of fire requirements; applicants are urged to contact the Fire Department to review the possibility of additional restrictions.

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(1) Remote Areas are any areas in the City of West Sacramento in which adequate and reliable water supply systems for firefighting purposes do not exist, or any area beyond the five-minute response time as set forth by the West Sacramento Fire Department.

(2) **Floor Area** includes all areas under roof.