

Watersmeet Fire Number Sign Replacement Program

PLEASE NOTE:

If you already purchased your signs at the original prices, a refund will be given when the signs are picked up



Watersmeet Township is launching a voluntary fire number sign replacement program. Unlike the existing signs, the new signs are large, durable, easy to see and reflective which will enable emergency personnel to locate property addresses easily, even at night. These signs will have “Watersmeet Twp”, and the address number. The cost for each sign is \$27.00, this price includes attachment hardware, and all processing/shipping costs.

The new signs are 20” x 9” two-sided blue flags, which allow them to be seen from either direction on the roadway, they will fit on the existing standard poles (6 1/2’ 1.12lb/ft steel channel post with 3/8” diameter, 1” at center holes), new poles will be available for \$10.00 each. Since the new signs are two-sided, existing poles may need to be turned a quarter so the sign will be perpendicular to the roadway instead of parallel as they currently sit.

These signs are not just for rural properties, residents who live “in town” are also urged to purchase new signs. A visible address along the street is much easier to locate than having to search a house front for a number.

Section R319.1 of the Michigan Building Code States: “Buildings shall have approved address numbers, building numbers or approved building identification placed in a position that is plainly legible and visible from the street or road fronting the property. These numbers shall contrast with their background. Address numbers shall be Arabic numbers or alphabetical letters. Numbers shall be a minimum of 4 inches (102 mm) high with a minimum stroke width of 1/2 inch (12.7 mm). Where access is by means of a private road and the building address cannot be viewed from the public way, a monument, pole or other sign or means shall be used to identify the structure.”

If a property is off the main roadway and has one or more driveway splits, residents may wish to purchase additional signs to assist emergency responders. Extra single address flag signs may be purchased or two types of 18” x 18” range signs to place at driveway decision points are also being offered. One sign lists each individual address (3 addresses maximum), and another allows for more than three by listing a beginning address through an ending address. If ordering a range sign, ALL addresses along the drive MUST be listed. The cost for range signs is \$36.00 each, price includes attachment hardware, and all processing/shipping costs.



Listed Addresses Range Sign



Start through End Range Sign

The Watersmeet Fire & Police Departments urge all residents to take advantage of this new program. As most residents already know, GPS in the Watersmeet area is imprecise at best. Finding your home in case of an emergency may depend on your easily visible fire number sign.

Do you live on a lake or along an ATV/snowmobile/hiking trail? You may want to consider purchasing an additional sign to place along the shoreline or trail to give individuals a point of reference in case of an emergency.

Questions? Please e-mail info@watersmeet.us or call 906.358.4501 and leave a message for Zoe Coleman.

