



## Fire Prevention Division

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### SUPPLEMENTAL RULES & REGULATIONS

<b>Number:</b>	08-505		
<b>Subject:</b>	Premise Identification Signs		
<b>Code:</b>	2003 International Fire Code	<b>Code Section:</b>	505
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#### **AUTHORITY:**

§104.1 of the 2003 International Fire Code authorizes the fire marshal to render interpretations of the fire code, and to adopt policies, procedures, rules and regulations in order to clarify the application of its provisions.

#### **PURPOSE:**

To establish rules and regulations regarding requirements for premises identification.

#### **SCOPE:**

This regulation covers all facilities, buildings, or uses within the City of Avondale after the effective date.

#### **GENERAL:**

The 2003 International Fire Code §505.1 and §505.2 state:

##### *505.1 Address numbers.*

*New and existing 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 numerals or alphabet letters. Numbers shall be a minimum of 4 inches (102 mm) high with a minimum stroke width of 0.5 inch (12.7 mm).*

##### *505.2 Street or road signs.*

*Streets and roads shall be identified with approved signs. Temporary signs shall be installed at each street intersection when construction of new roadways allows passage by vehicles. Signs shall be of an approved size, weather resistant and be maintained until replaced by permanent signs.*

The 2003 International Fire Code §505.1, as amended by the City of Avondale states:

*505.1 Address numbers. New and existing buildings shall have approved address numbers, buildings numbers, or approved building identification placed in a position that is plainly legible and visible from the street or road fronting the property in accordance with fire department policy. These numbers shall contrast with their background. Address numbers shall be arabic numerals or alphabet letters. Numbers shall be a minimum of 6 inches (153 mm) high with a minimum stroke width of 0.5 inch (12.7 mm) in accordance with fire department policy.*

*Exception: Single-family residential numbers shall be a minimum of 4 inches (102 mm) high with a minimum stroke width of 0.5 inch (12.7 mm).*

**SUPPLEMENTAL RULE OR REGULATION:**

Premises identification and fire access signs shall comply with the *Phoenix Fire Department Fire Prevention Emergency Access Approved Details Manual*. On all signs to be installed in the City of Avondale, the "City of Avondale" shall be substituted for the "City of Phoenix". All fire premise identification and fire access signs shall be approved by the fire marshal in advance.

The Phoenix Fire Department Address Guide allows apartment numbers to be a minimum 4" high numbers with a 5/8" stroke with contrasting background and visible from access road. The City of Avondale Fire Code §505.1 requires that address numbers for every type property except single family residential to be a minimum of 6" high with a minimum stroke width of 0.5 inch.

Permanent street and road signs that are not fire code related shall meet the requirements of the City of Avondale Engineering Department.