

The Village Voice

The Village of Ada will be running informational articles about Village policies and services currently offered. These articles will be for informational purposes only, and further details and the complete Codified Ordinances may be found on the Village website, www.adaohio.org, or by calling the Village Water Office at 419-634-4045.

Is Your Street Address Easily Visible?

Fall is right around the corner, and many people use this more comfortable season to get the exterior of their houses ready for the coming winter. One important exterior task people often overlook throughout the year is making sure the street numbers on their houses and structures are large and visible enough for people to see.

Per Ordinance 1351.09 (C) 2: *“Each structure to which a street number has been assigned shall have the number so assigned displayed in a position easily observed from the public right of way. All numbers shall be in Arabic figures at least three inches (76 mm) high and ½ inch (13 mm) wide.”*

While you may know people who you do not want to be able to find your address, there are many others who are unable to provide you with important services if they cannot easily read your street address. Work orders for water and sewer services are written based on your street address, and if Village employees have difficulty locating your house number, your requested work may be delayed. Emergency responders rely on street addresses to arrive at the correct locations to provide emergency services. Even a few seconds wasted on trying to find the right house number could affect the outcome of emergency situations.

Ordinance 1351.99 outlines the penalty for not having the numbers displayed so they are easily visible from the public right of way. Penalties could include a fine of up to \$100 per day after the Zoning Inspector has served a notice of violation, as well as preventing the usage of the structure until the order is complied with. Compliance with this ordinance is mandatory.