



City of Bothell™

PUBLIC INFORMATION HANDOUT **FP-15**

Premise Identification / Addressing

International Fire Code Chapter 5 Bothell Engineering Standard 903

The International Fire Code (IFC) requires that new and existing buildings be provided with an approved address identification. Bothell utilizes the requirements found in IFC 505.1 and their Engineering Standards 903 to ensure that buildings are identified appropriately.

The address on your home or building is a very important feature. Emergencies often occur without notice, and every second counts when lives and/or property are in danger.

If we can't find you, we won't be able to help you when an emergency occurs.

Premises Identification

The IFC and Bothell Fire Prevention both set forth requirements for all new and existing buildings to have approved address numbers, building numbers, or building identification with the following requirements:

- The building identification must be placed in a position that is plainly legible and visible from the street or road fronting the property and (in the City of Bothell) all sides that front a fire access roadway.
- The numbers shall contrast with their background.
- Address numbers shall be Arabic numbers or alphabetic letters.
- Numbers shall be a minimum of 6 inches high with 1" brush stroke width and increase in size depending on distance. (See Page 3)
- Where access is by means of a private road and the building cannot be viewed from the public way, a monument, pole other sign or means shall be used to identify the structure.

Should you have any questions or need for clarification of premise identification / addressing please feel free to contact the City of Bothell Fire Prevention at **(425) 806-6250**.

Premise Identification/Addressing

Address Visibility

The following provisions are the approved method to meet the address visibility requirements from the street or private road.

- For buildings 2-4 stories in height, the address numbers shall be placed on a portion of the top 1/3 of the building.
- For buildings greater than 4 stories in height, the address numbers shall be placed on a portion of the building below the 5th floor level and in the top 1/3 of that area.



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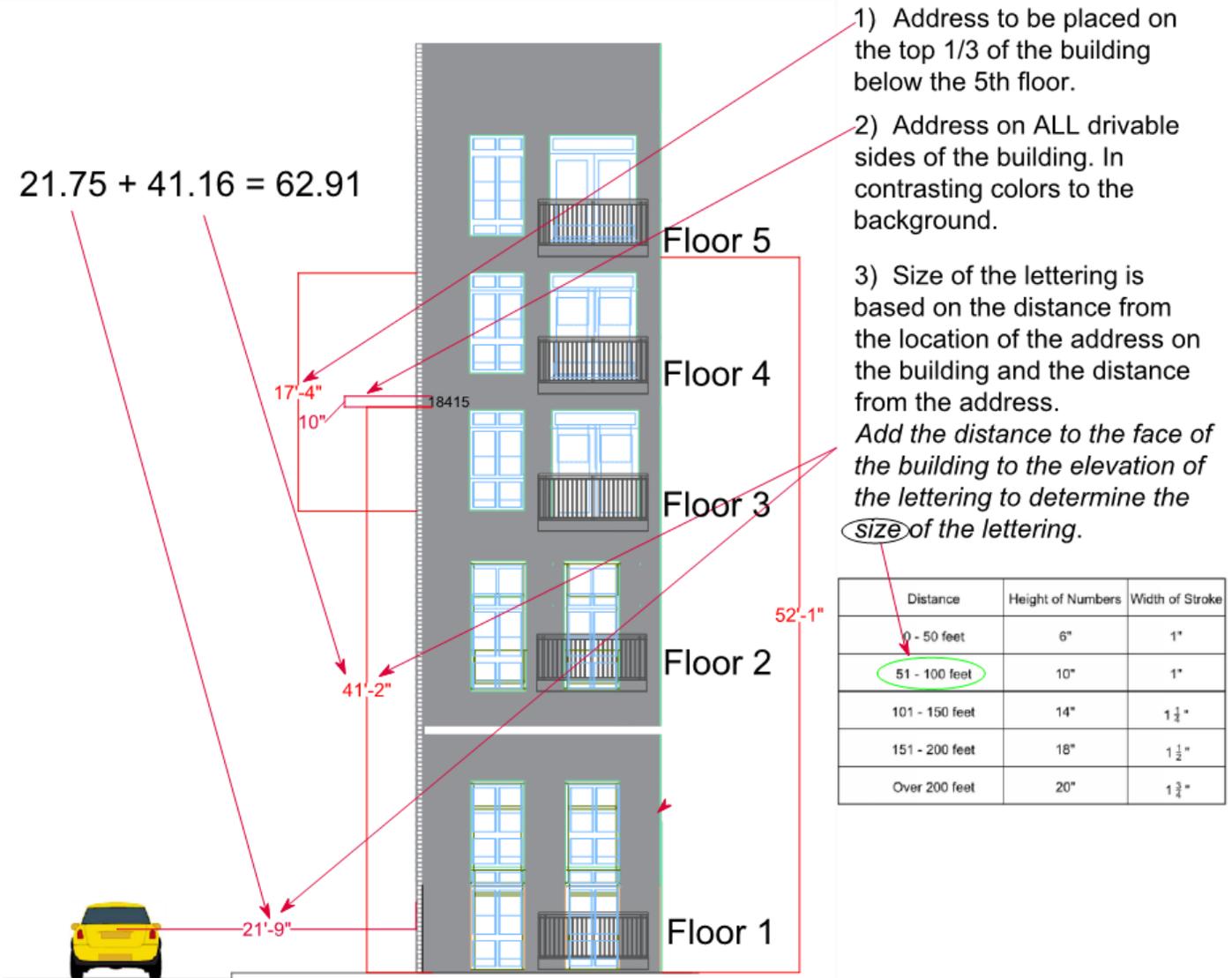


If we can't see your address from the street, you will need to place it on a pole or a monument to make it easily identifiable.

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