

**Why is it important to address my home or business?**

Properly posted addresses will aid public safety providers in responding to emergency requests at your home. If assigned numbers are not posted, or are in conflict with approved numbers, you may increase the response time for emergency requests.

**Will I be contacted by the county when I receive a new address number?**

Yes, Lincoln County will assign addresses and notify all residents through direct mail. This notification will include your legal site address, your current mailing address, and a parcel number for the property. If there are multiple addresses per parcel, each address will be provided. It will also include instructions on how to place your assigned numbers.

**How will my address number be assigned?**

Lincoln County has adopted an addressing map with seven addressing areas. Starting from an axis point at major highway intersections, addresses will be assigned 1000 units to the mile. Once addresses are assigned they will be considered final.

**Is my mail delivery address going to change?**

Not at this time. Mail delivery will still continue to your PO Box or to your highway contract route. Local post office officials have indicated that their system is not likely to change. Lincoln County will be providing the US Postal Service with the adopted addressing system once finalized. If the U.S. Postal Service changes the mail delivery address they will notify the public directly.

**Do I need to purchase numbers to place on my home or business?**

No, for all existing addressable structures Lincoln County will be providing numbers "free-of-charge" to all new addressees with their assignment letter. If you wish to purchase your own numbers, they must adhere to the adopted address policy for size materials, reflectivity and posting locations for public safety purposes.

**Will my street name change?**

If your street name is already signed and has been accepted by Lincoln County with the adoption of the address policy your address number will be assigned based on that street name. Efforts have been made to minimize street/road name changes. Once the final addressing system is adopted Street names can only be changed through a petition process and approved by the County.

**What if live at a milepost marker along a state highway?**

Your address will be based on the distance and direction in highway miles from the adopted axis point. In most cases this will not match the NDOT highway mileposts. You may be located at Milepost 110 on Highway 93 but your address will still be assigned from the axis point for your area. *Major highway intersections have been selected in each address area as the axis point for this reason.*

**How were the street and road names determined?**

Lincoln County staff researched various public documents and maps, coordinated with local officials to arrive at actual street names. Names were either found on recorded maps and documents, published maps, signed as such at an intersection or, identified as the customary local name.

**Were names provided for public and private roads/streets?**

Streets/roads were named regardless of their “official” status. The names were developed with the primary intention of assisting public safety providers in being able to locate distinct addresses. Named roads do not imply any ownership, maintenance or responsibility by the county.

**What types of structures will be addressed?**

Any location with a telephone, dwelling unit, business, seasonal housing, utility facility, industrial site or other identified location in the addressing policy.

**Do I need to place numbers on my home or business?**

Yes, compliance with the addressing policy will be required for all assigned addresses for occupants/owners to place assigned numbers on your structure in an approved manner.

**How do I know where to place the numbers on my structure or on my driveway?**

You will receive a handout that illustrates how to address your home or business in accordance with the adopted policy when you receive your official address assignment from the county.

**Who should I provide with my new site address?**

All of your financial institutions, utility providers, insurance companies, mortgage holders and other businesses will need to know your physical address. Lincoln County Offices will be provided new site addresses so future inquires can be based on site addresses.

**How will addressing affect the 911 system?**

With the development of addresses on an evenly spaced grid the capabilities of local emergency providers will be greatly enhanced. If you use a cell phone the new addressing system will be able to assist in finding your location with newer mobile phones with GPS technology. Any location in the county will be locatable.

**Will I need to contact my public utility provider of these changes.**

The Lincoln County Telephone Company and Lincoln County Power Company (or local public utilities) will be provided new addresses by the county planning department. Providers such as mobile phone, propane and satellite television companies will need to be notified by the resident.

**I live on a windy rural road, how will my number be provided?**

Windy roads will be addressed based on the actual road mileage and the grid location so that the mileage driven from the axis point or beginning of roadway will correspond to the range of addresses. For instance travelling 2-3 miles on Hwy 10 (a windy state highway) would place you in the 2000-3000 range of addresses. Where streets run primarily North, South, East or West your address will be assigned as a crow flies.

**What if I live on a rural road with multiple dwellings, where do I place my address?**

Some addresses will require more than one posting of numbers. For instance if you live on a road that has multiple dwellings and multiple intersections you may be required to post your address in more than one location. (For example all numbers (or a range of addresses) would be posted at an

intersection with the county road or highway and each individual number will be placed at its distinct driveway location or on the structure)

**How will new addresses be assigned in the future?**

Prior to any new utility connections, building permits, or new parcels being approved, new addresses must be assigned by the county. A fee of \$20.00 for each new address assigned will be charged to cover the costs of updating necessary database information. This fee will be paid by the landowner or land divider or applicant for a building permit.

**Who will be assigning new addresses?**

The Lincoln County Planning Department in Pioche will be maintaining and updating the addressing system for the entire county. Any addresses assigned within the City of Caliente will be done at the Clerk's Office at City Hall.

**We tried to find our address on an internet mapping service but ended up miles away? Will this be corrected?**

Lincoln County will provide approved mapping companies with regular official updates of "addresses only" on the addressing system and it will be up to these vendors to update their own information systems.

**Will delivery companies be provided with the new addressing system?**

Yes, Lincoln County will provide address and street name data to a variety of private companies who provide services to site addresses. Private confidential data will not be provided only street names and numbers.

**I live in the City of Caliente will my address be changing?**

Maybe, Lincoln County has been working with the City to make necessary corrections to its system to accommodate the new 911 service. A limited number of changes were suggested to the city to avoid confusion in responding to emergency calls. If your address number or street name changes, you will be contacted by the city directly. The city and county will be coordinating to keep the countywide master address file current by providing any changes or additions to the overall system.