

**City of Brea**  
**Curb Address Painting Guideline**

**I. Purpose**

The City of Brea does not have an official program regarding curb address painting. This purpose of this guideline is to provide information and guidance regarding the painting of address numbers on street curbs that is consistent with the Brea City Code and needs of the City. This guideline provides the information necessary to produce a clear and visible means of identifying property addresses. The intent of this guideline is that, over time, all houses citywide will have uniform house address numbers painted on the curbside.

**II. Policy**

**No person shall print, illuminate or in any way affix the numbers of a property address to the curb in front of the property without complying with this policy.**

The City Engineer has determined that the painting of house numbers on street curbs provides a clear and visible means of identifying property addresses leading to faster emergency response times, facilitating the delivery of goods and services, and generally serving to assist the public in finding a specific address. Because improperly or inconsistently applied curb addresses can have a negative impact on neighborhood aesthetics, the City is providing clear standards for how this task shall be performed. If a homeowner wants his or her address number painted on the curb in front of the house, the homeowner's options are:

- Personally paint the address number in accordance with the specifications below, or
- Hire someone with a current city business license to paint the address number in accordance with the specifications below.

**III. SPECIFICATIONS FOR CURB ADDRESS PAINTING**

- 1) **Permitted Work Hours** – Painting of curbs shall be performed Monday through Saturday between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. except City observed Holidays.
- 2) **Paint** – All paint used for curb painting shall be commercially manufactured paint specifically identified as traffic paint. Address numbers shall be painted only in black paint and the background rectangle shall be painted only in reflective white paint.
- 3) **Address Numbers** – Address numbers shall be non-decorative block-style stenciled figures that are four (4) inches in height and with a stroke width of not less than one-half (1/2) inch. The mandatory white background rectangle on which the black numbers are painted shall be of sufficient dimensions to provide a one (1) inch margin around all number figures. The number figures shall have a vertical axis only (non-slanted). Freehand-drawn numbers are prohibited.
- 4) **Address Location** – Address numbers shall be painted on the vertical surface of the curb. Where there are existing numbers, new numbers shall be painted over the existing numbers.
- 5) **Workmanship** – The surface of the curb shall be properly cleaned prior to any painting to assure adequate adhesion of paint. Stenciling shall be applied in a neat and professional manner, with no evidence of overspray. The white background rectangle shall have clean, distinct, straight-line edges, with no evidence of overspray.
- 6) **Clean-Up** – The work area shall be left clean and free of any materials, or other debris. In the event any material is spilled, it shall be fully cleaned to eliminate the potential of contamination to the storm drain water system.