Private Street Signs
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Division of Building Safety and Inspection for 2012 I Codes

Private Street Sign Requirements

1. The sign shall be of metal material that conforms to the Washington State Department of Transportation standards (sheet aluminum alloy 5052-H36, 5052-H38, or 6061-T6, 0.080" thick or 14 gauge.

2. The size of the sign shall be a minimum of 24 inches in length and 8-12 inches in height, dependent upon location.

3. The minimum letter size on a sign shall be as follows:
   a. "Private Road" (2" non-arterial intersections, 3” at or along arterials.)
   b. The direction, avenue or street 3" letters.
   c. The road name (4” non-arterial intersections, 6” at or along arterials.) See upper detail on page 2

4. The color of the sign shall be as follows:
   a. Background-- green reflective
   b. Letters--white reflective (See lower detail on page 2, note #3)

5. The sign shall be painted with the street name on both sides.

SIGN POST REQUIREMENTS

1. Wood posts shall be of untreated western red cedar 4” x 4” nominal dimension. Galvanized post shall be 2” square galvanized (12 gauge) in square heavy wall (7 gauge) galvanized one piece breakaway anchor, Telespar or approved equal.

2. The footing for the post shall be a minimum of 27” in depth for galvanized posts and 30” in depth for wood posts.

3. The maximum height of the sign post from the finished grade to the bottom of the sign shall not exceed 8 feet. The minimum height shall be not less than 7 feet.

Please Note: Private street name signs shall be maintained by the property owner(s) that have legal access to road or approach, and must be installed prior to final inspection.
Additional sign details are available at the Public Works & Utilities website: http://www.co.pierce.wa.us/index.aspx?nid=1745