

Signage on Private Lanes

What is a Private Lane?

A private lane is a shared access route across private property for three or more addressed buildings. There may or may not be a privately owned easement or right-of-way. When the road name is adopted by Municipal Council and entered into the NS Civic Address File it is an active, valid road but in order for emergency responders to locate you, **it must be properly signed**

Sign Colour and Size

Street name sign colours and sizes may vary but generally look the same depending on the owner of the road:

- Municipally owned streets are usually signed with white letters on a green or blue background.
- Nova Scotia Highway signs are green with white letters with a white border.
- **Private Lane Signs have black uppercase letters on a white background and must adhere to the specification in the Municipal By-Law:**

- lettering of the private road name to be not less than 100 millimetres (4in) in height, in upper case block letters;
- lettering to be in black against a white background;**



Municipal
Street Signs



Nova Scotia
TIR Highway Sign



Private Lane

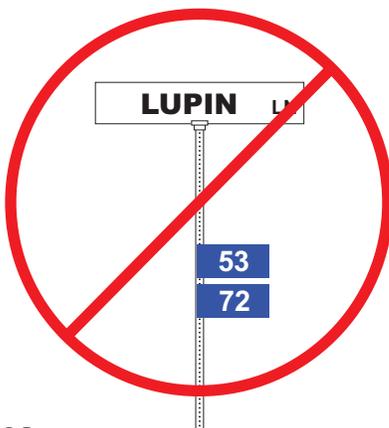
Posting the Sign

The street name sign must be on a dedicated post with no other signs attached and must adhere to the specifications in the Municipal By-Law:

- bottom of the lettering to be at least 2 metres (6 ft) above grade
- signpost may be made of pressure treated lumber with cross-sectional dimensions not less than 85 millimetres by 85 millimetres (4 in x 4 in) or rigid non-ferrous metal (Telspar) and sufficiently fastened to the ground to hold the sign rigidly in place and to prevent turning of the sign in the wind;
- to the extent possible, the signpost is to be located in an unobstructed line of sight for vehicles approaching the private road from either direction along the street and to be set back a minimum of 3.5 m from the traveled portion of the street.

DO NOT POST YOUR CIVIC NUMBER SIGN ON THE STREET SIGN POST. This can cause confusion with the numbers on the main road. Post your civic number at the end of your driveway on the private lane (see below)

Do not post civic number signs on the street sign post...



Sign Sources

- Some municipalities provide street signage check with your municipal office.
- Local sign shops - check the Yellow Pages
- **Sojourn Signs**, Dartmouth - <http://www.signsbysojourn.ca/>

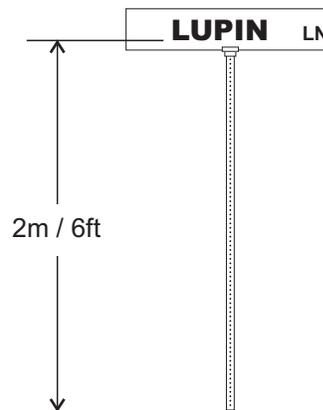


Private Lane Sign Specifications

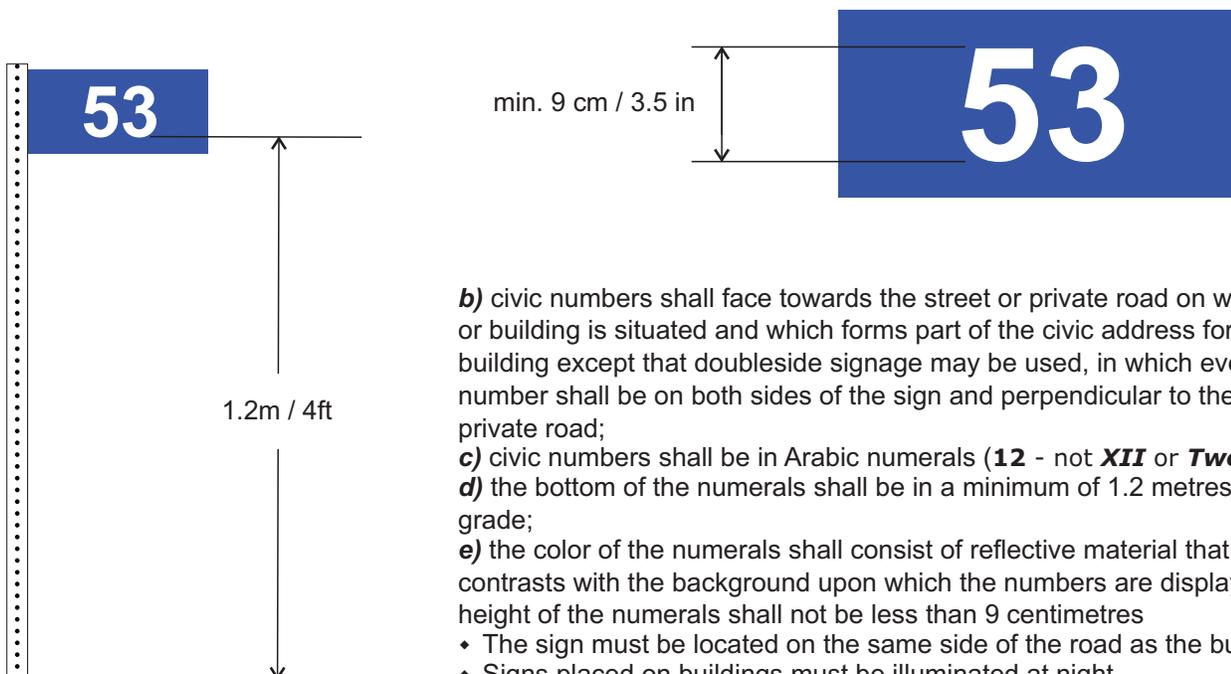
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Civic Number Sign Specifications



- b)* civic numbers shall face towards the street or private road on which the lot or building is situated and which forms part of the civic address for the lot or building except that doubleside signage may be used, in which event the civic number shall be on both sides of the sign and perpendicular to the street or private road;
- c)* civic numbers shall be in Arabic numerals (**12** - not **XII** or **Twelve**)
- d)* the bottom of the numerals shall be in a minimum of 1.2 metres above grade;
- e)* the color of the numerals shall consist of reflective material that clearly contrasts with the background upon which the numbers are displayed;
- f)* the height of the numerals shall not be less than 9 centimetres
 - ♦ The sign must be located on the same side of the road as the building
 - ♦ Signs placed on buildings must be illuminated at night