

**CITY OF STANWOOD
WASHINGTON**

ORDINANCE NO. 1477

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF STANWOOD, WASHINGTON, AMENDING CHAPTER 2 OF THE STANWOOD STREET AND UTILITY STANDARDS ADOPTING A NEW SECTION AND STANDARD DETAILS RELATING TO PROPERTY ADDRESS STANDARDS; AND ESTABLISHING SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, The City Council of Stanwood has authority under RCW Title 35A, to adopt plans and regulations related to development and operations within the City of Stanwood; and

WHEREAS, the City has adopted ‘Street and Utility Standards’ by reference pursuant to SMC 14.14.010; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to establish procedures regarding standards for address numerals and letters on single-family, multi-family and commercial buildings; and

WHEREAS, the City’s Street and Utility Standards do not presently have standards regulating the minimum height of address numerals or letters; and

WHEREAS, the intent of this Ordinance is to amend Chapter 2 of the Street and Utility Standards and adopt consistent regulations regarding the placement and size of address numerals and letters; and

WHEREAS, the code amendments are consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and meet the requirements and intent of the Plan, including Land Use Goal 1, Transportation Goal 1, 2, 6 and Transportation Policies 6.1.

WHEREAS, the code amendment was circulated for public review on June 11, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the City Council Public Works Committee reviewed the proposed language and amendments set forth in this Ordinance at their April 1, 2019 meeting; and

WHEREAS, the City Council Community Development Committee reviewed the proposed language and amendments set forth in this Ordinance at their June 13, 2019 meeting; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held their first reading of the draft code amendments on June 27, 2019 and their second reading on July 11, 2019 and accepted public comment; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 36.70A.106, the City notified the Washington State Department of Commerce of the City's intent to adopt the proposed amendments to the Stanwood Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, the amendments are beneficial to the public health, safety and welfare and is in the public interest by providing reliable and consistent rules and procedures for street numerals and letters; and

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STANWOOD, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Street and Utility Standards Chapter 2 entitled "Transportation and Streets" is hereby amended by adopting a new section 2G.110 to read as follows:

2G.110 Address Numerals and Letters

- A. The design, style, and shape of address numbers shall render them easily readable from the street. Numbers shall contrast with building background.
- B. Commercial and Multi-Family address numbers shall be located on the high point corner of the building facing the street so as to be readily visible from the public street fronting the building at all times.
- C. Address numbers on windows or other glazing require prior approval; contrasting may appear acceptable at certain times of day but may be non-acceptable at others.
- D. Property owners shall be required to have all address numerals and letters visible and legible from the street. In cases where shadows or building locations adversely affect the visibility, then additional numbers, larger numbers or other modification shall be required. In cases where overgrown vegetation adversely affects the visibility, then the property owner shall be required to trim or remove the vegetation from blocking the address.
- E. The rear entrances or access doors of all strip malls, commercial center buildings, and other areas with multi-tenant spaces shall be posted with the unit/suite number.
- F. All address numerals and letters shall be in compliance with this section at the time of business license issuance.

G. Numeral and Letter Calculations:

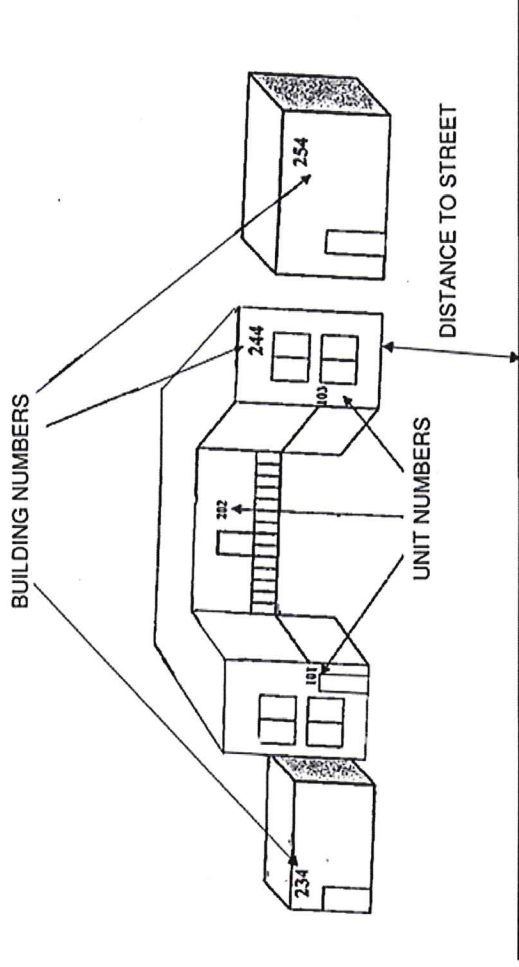
Type of Building	Minimum Numeral or Letter Height	Minimum Numeral or Letter Width
Residential	4 inches	2 inches*
Commercial / Multi-Family	10 inches	5 inches*


* Except when the number 1 is used, it may be used in proportion with the other numbers of the address.

Section 2. Street and Utility Standards Transportation Standard Details Index is hereby amended by adopting a new standard detail to read as follows:

T-22 COMMERCIAL AND MULTI-FAMILY ADDRESS LOCATIONS

Section 3. Street and Utility Standards Transportation Standards Details T-22 is hereby amended to read as follows:



City of Stanwood				TRANSPORTATION STANDARD DETAIL	
File:STADETTI NES				COMMERCIAL AND MULTI-FAMILY ADDRESS LOCATION	
Revised: March 2019		Printed: July 2019			

Section 4. Findings of Fact and Conclusions. In support of the amendment approved in this Ordinance the Stanwood City Council adopts the Findings of Fact and Conclusions and incorporated herein by reference and the analysis contained in the Staff Report on the amendments.

Section 5. Severability. The various parts, sections and clauses of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 6. Authority to Make Necessary Corrections. The City Clerk and the codifiers of this Ordinance are authorized to make necessary corrections to this Ordinance including, but not limited to, the correction of scrivener's clerical errors, references, ordinance numbers, section/subsection numbers and any references thereto.

Section 7. Conflict. In the event that there is a conflict between the provision of this Ordinance and any other City ordinance, the provision of this Ordinance shall control.

Section 8. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect from and after five (5) days after its passage and publication as required by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Stanwood City Council this 11 day of July 2019.

CITY OF STANWOOD


Leonard Kelley, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: 
David Hammond, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: 
Grant Weed, City Attorney

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Effective Date: 07/30/19