

E911 Addressing

Lake County

Do I need an E911 address?

Each occupied house, occupied building, or other occupied structure within the county's boundaries must be assigned an E911 address.

Why is an E911 address needed?

The South Dakota Rural Addressing System is a system designed to be simple to understand and easy to implement. Emergency responders will be able to use this system to locate people in need of help. The US Postal Service will use this address to more efficiently deliver mail.

Can I choose my own E911 address?

No. All addresses must follow Administrative Rule 50:02:03.

Will I need to display my address on my property?

The addressing system does require you to display your address. The County will install an address number sign that is visible and can be clearly seen from the roadway. It is the property owner's responsibility to keep such address clear from obstruction so that it remains visible.

Who pays for the E911 address and sign?

The property owner is responsible for the cost of assigning an E911 address and the cost of

the sign and installation. The fee is \$120.00 per address.

How do I get a new E911 address?

When a request is made for an address, the property owner must fill out an application with the Zoning Office and pay the \$120.00 fee. The Zoning Office notifies First District Association of Local Governments and 911 Communications to assign an address. It takes approximately one week for assignment. After it has been assigned, the Highway Department is notified and will install the sign. The timeline for installation is dependent on workload and weather conditions.

What if my sign becomes damaged?

The property owner is responsible for maintaining and replacing said sign if it is damaged, removed, or becomes unreadable. Please contact the Zoning Office to make application for a new sign.

Can I address an unoccupied structure like a storage building or a grain bin?

Yes, and it is encouraged! Having an E911 address allows emergency services to reach your property more quickly, which helps protect your property and/or any individuals that may be present at your property.