

# Street Name Signs

## I. Street Naming

Street names are assigned by the Engineering and Surveying Division. No new street name sign shall be installed on streets in unincorporated Del Norte County without prior approval from the Del Norte County Engineering and Surveying Division.

## II. New Street Name Sign

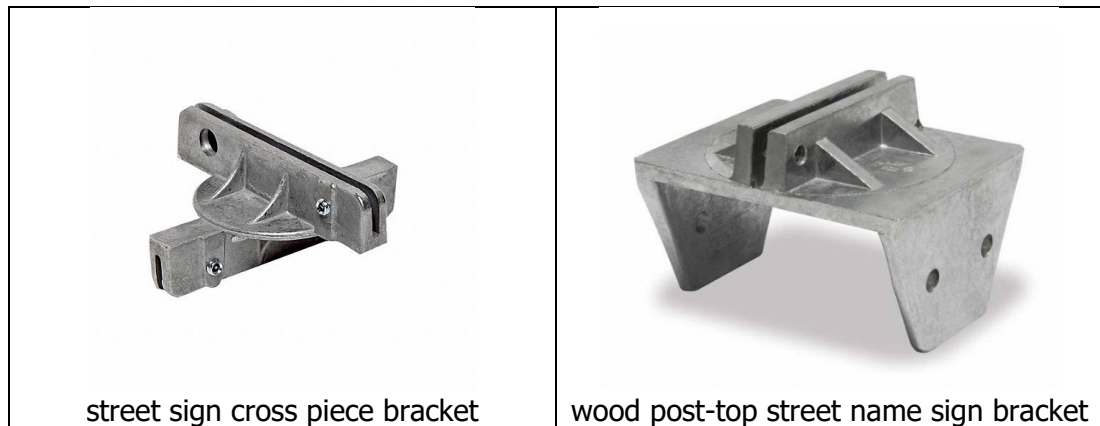
A street name sign includes a post, top mounted brackets, and street name sign blades. Street names are displayed on street name sign blades.

### A. New Street Name Sign Materials

Generally, the following components make up a street name sign:

Description	Quantity
4"x4"x12' wood post	1
street name sign blades	2
aluminum street sign cross piece bracket	1
aluminum wood post-top street name sign bracket	1
corrosion resistant fasteners (e.g., screws)	-

Below are images of the top mount brackets listed above.



### B. Street Name Sign Blades

1. Street name sign blades are the green sheets of metal with the white lettering that display the street names at the top of a street name sign.
2. All street name sign blades on the same sign post shall be the same height. Sign blade height is based on the higher speed street at intersecting streets.

3. At least two street name sign blades on one post are required to be installed at an intersection.
4. All signs shall be mounted on a green retroreflective background with white retroreflective letters.
5. The letter height on street name signs is based on the current edition of the *California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices*, Del Norte County Code, and California Public Resources Code §4290. Below is the standard:

Type of Street	Speed Limit	Initial Upper-Case	Lower-Case
Multi-lane	More than 40 mph.	8 inches	6 inches
Multi-lane	40 mph or less.	6 inches	4.5 inches
2-lane	More than 25 mph.	6 inches	4.5 inches
2-lane	25 mph or less.	4 inches	3 inches

“Multi-lane” streets have more than 2-lanes not including turn lanes or turning pockets.

The first letter of each word in a street name is upper-case and the remaining letters of the same word are lower-case.

6. The line thickness of each letter shall be at least 0.5” stroke.

#### C. Installation

1. Below are minimums, it is better to exceed them:
  - a) The post shall be embedded at least 2.5’ below the ground surface.
  - b) The lowest street name sign blade mounted on the post shall be at least 7’ above the ground surface.
  - c) In many locations a 4”x4”x10’ wood post can be used in lieu of a 4”x4”x12’ wood post. A 4”x4”x12’ wood post should always work as it can be cut to fit.

#### D. Obtaining Street Name Signs

1. Sign makers in Del Norte County:

Merle Helstowski Signs  
 1760 Carole Lane  
 Crescent City, CA 95531  
 707-465-6552

2. You may secure a street name sign from any source that can meet the County's sign requirements.
3. The Del Norte County Road Division does not sell or provide street name signs to the public.

E. Replacement Responsibility of Street Name Signs

1. Landowners and roadway users replace street name signs on non-County maintained roads that intersect with other non-County maintained roads including private roads, state highways, and forest routes.
2. The Del Norte County Road Division replaces street name signs where a County maintained road intersects with a County maintained road or non-County maintained road including private roads, state highways, and forest routes.

III. State Minimum Fire Safe Regulations (effective April 1, 2023)

A. §1274.02. Road Sign Installation, Location, and Visibility.

1. A sign identifying traffic access or flow limitations, including but not limited to weight or vertical clearance limitations, dead-end roads, one-way roads, or single lane conditions, shall be placed at the intersection preceding the traffic access limitation, and no more than 100' before such traffic access limitation.