

FREQUENTLY ASKED READDRESSING QUESTIONS

Q: I had no idea that there was an addressing project occurring within our county. Why didn't I have any input and who authorized this change?

A: The County and the Municipalities have done their best to inform the public as well as communicate with the residents since the inception of this project. There have been newspaper articles, radio announcements, bill boards as well as public meetings, all to inform the residents of the undertaking of this project.

Q: Why does my address have to change?

A: The plan was necessitated due to the fact that rural delivery addresses as well as other scenario addressing systems which are currently in place were started out of necessity but without consideration for future expansion. Therefore, these addresses are no longer sufficient for emergency response. This "readdressing" project is a collaborative effort between the Monroe County Commissioners, the Monroe County Control Center, all Monroe County Municipalities as well as the United States Postal Service.

Q: Why is the name of the street I am living on going to change?

A: The primary reason for a change is there **cannot be a duplication of a road name in the same municipality**. Likewise there **cannot be a duplicate address (101 State Road) within the same postal zip code**. In either case either a road name must change or a street address number must change to eliminate the duplication. Typically municipal officials try to change the name which will have a lesser amount of residents residing on it.

Q: Why does my rural route address have to change now since I have had the same rural route address for years and do I continue to use the word "Rural Route" with my new number?

A: Your rural route address does not identify to emergency responders where your physical location is. Your new address will be a street name and number. It is based on a national standard system (frontage interval system). You will no longer use the words "Rural Route".

Q: Who chose the road names?

A: The municipalities have the authority to name or re-name public roads or private roads, as well as set rules for the elimination of duplicate or conflicting road names. Most officials are receptive to input from their residents. If you have concerns, contact your local municipal building.

Q: Should I post my address number?

A: Yes. In order to help emergency personnel reach you it is critical to have your number posted. Each municipality will have specific information regarding the size and placement of the markers. Speak with your municipal officials concerning color, size and specific placement.

Q: I get my mail at the post office (Post Office Box). However, I received a notice that I have a new address. What should I do?

A: You will continue to receive your mail at your post office box. Your new address is your physical address where your actual home is located. This physical address will be used for emergency response, and if you prefer it can also be used for parcel deliveries, etc. You should use your new address as part of your entire mailing/post office box address, it must appear in the order shown below.

John Doe
159 Water Road
PO Box 123
City, State, Zip Code

Q: How long will my current address be valid?

A: The post office will deliver your mail using your current address for a period of one (1) year from the date of notification. After that, the post office will no longer recognize that as your current address and your mail will stop unless you changed over to your new physical address.

Q: What if I refuse to change or use my new address?

A: First and Foremost; this project was essential because of the alarming rate of recurrence it took emergency responders to locate incidents. **THIS IS ABOUT PUBLIC SAFETY-YOURS!** However, if you insist, you need to contact your municipal officials and let them know as you may be violating a local ordinance. You will no longer receive your mail after a year and even worse, we may not be able to get you help when you need it the most.