

CITY OF  
CANADA BAY

## STREET NUMBERING POLICY

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## 1. Introduction

Property identification plays a significant role in ensuring the community retains a high level of safety by ensuring guests, customers, Australia Post, Council and emergency services can find the correct address with ease. It can also help reduce the number of vehicle and pedestrian accidents as drivers can easily identify a property without breaking their concentration on the road.



## 2. Objectives

1. To facilitate the identification of properties in the City of Canada Bay by using a system of street numbering that is consistent, clear, logical and unambiguous.
2. To assist drivers of emergency vehicles, Australia Post and the general public to establish the location of individual properties.

## 3. Background

Councils have the responsibility under NSW law to regulate the allocation of street address numbers. Street numbering is a regulatory function of Council under Section 124 (Order No. 8) of the Local Government Act 1993.

In determining new street address numbering or if the street address number should be altered, Council considers the following public interest issues.

- The clarity of numbering for emergency, postage, and utility authorities to locate and identify premises;
- The consistency of the numbering system; and
- The clarity of numbering for the public to locate and identify the premises.

## 4. Policy and principles

- All properties in a street will be allocated a unique street number.
- Street numbering will be sequential within a street.
- In a Strata Title subdivision, unit numbers should, for clarity, match the new lot number in the relevant strata plan.
- The use of alphabetical prefixes shall be avoided in allocating street numbers, wherever possible. Alphabetical suffixes will only be used where this is no reasonable alternative and the property being numbered has a clear street abuttal with no common property. An alphabetical suffix e.g. 'A' is not to be allocated where a whole number is available.
- The Council will only consider altering an address of a property if there are difficulties associated with its identification (i.e. if the access to the front door of a house on a corner lot faces the other street or if a property has multiple street frontages).
- The council cannot accede to requests for a change in street address based on the following:
  - the number is considered 'unlucky' ;
  - to improve the 'feng shui' of the property;
  - personal preferences;
  - the number is not good for business;
  - I can't sell my property; or
  - property value, etc.
- The wishes of the property owner (private interest) are considered to be the least important reasons why street numbering should be altered. Buyers of property should be aware that, when purchasing property, the Council will not place any weight upon these types of considerations in determining any request to alter street numbering.

- If an owner's request for a change of address is approved, all costs associated with a change of street address remain the responsibility of the owner. This includes the replacement and/or relocation of letterboxes, alterations to numbers on buildings, notifications to government agencies, business contacts, friends & acquaintances etc as well as alterations to business and personal stationery.
- All requests for altered street numbering must be made in writing on the recommended form.

If you have any enquiries regarding this policy, please contact Council's Land Information Co-ordinator on 9911 6555.