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What is rural addressing?

Rural addressing is a system where all developed properties in the County (not including hamlets) are assigned an address. The primary purpose of rural addressing is to assist emergency responders such as police, fire and ambulance in finding your home or business quickly. It is also an easy method for other parties such as service and delivery companies to locate your property.

What are the benefits of using rural addressing over a legal land location?

A rural address is a much more accurate way to locate your property than a legal land location. While a legal land location can identify a specific quarter section, a rural address will pinpoint the access to your home or business off of a range road, township road or highway, which is critical in emergency response situations.

Is the rural address the same as the mailing address?

No. Your current Canada Post mailing address will not change. In the event of an emergency, provide your rural address to the 9-1-1 dispatch operator so emergency services can find your property quickly and easily.

Will my rural address change?

The majority of the rural addresses will remain the same. However, there will be some properties, particularly in multi-lot and lakeshore subdivisions, that will be assigned new rural addresses.

How are rural addresses created?

Lacombe County assigns the rural addresses. Rural addresses are based on the Township Road/Range Road grid system. In many ways a rural address resembles a town or city address. However, instead of using the streets and avenues as the basis for addressing residences and businesses in a town or city, rural addressing uses the township and range road network to establish the access point, or number, of a property in the rural area. An example of a rural address for a residence or business located on a quarter-section is 40317 RGE RD 280.

How are properties in multi-lot subdivisions addressed?

Rural addresses are based off the access point from a township road or range road. In a multi-lot subdivision, the address range will be the access to the subdivision itself, and then each lot will be assigned a preceding unit num-

ber. Starting at the subdivision entrance, lots are numbered in a clock-wise direction and usually in increments of four. A typical subdivision rural address would look like this: 40311-18 RGE RD 280.

Is rural addressing new to Lacombe County?

No. In fact Lacombe County was one of the first counties in Alberta to implement a rural addressing system when it did so back in 1995. As such, all developed properties in Lacombe County should have already been assigned a rural address.

Is Lacombe County installing rural address signs?

Yes. On April 8, 2010 Lacombe County Council passed By-law No. 1112/10 which authorized the implementation of a rural addressing signage program. What this means is that the County will provide and install a sign on your property if it was assigned a rural address prior to this date.

For properties that are assigned a rural address after April 8, 2010 the property owner is responsible for the costs associated with the purchase and installation of the rural address sign.

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Who is responsible for maintaining and/or replacing rural address signs?

Once the initial sign has been installed by the County the property owner is responsible for the maintenance and eventual replacement of the sign. Replacement signs can be ordered through the County.

What if I already bought and installed a rural address sign for my property?

Because Bylaw No. 1112/10 establishes standards for sign size, color, and locations, if you already have a sign on your property the County will be providing and installing a new sign in accordance with these standards.

When will my rural address sign be installed?

The County has hired a contractor to supply and install the rural address signs. The contractor will start installing the signs in the summer of 2010 and should be completed by September of 2011.