



CLAY COUNTY ADDRESSING SYSTEM QUICK REFERENCE

Addressing Standards

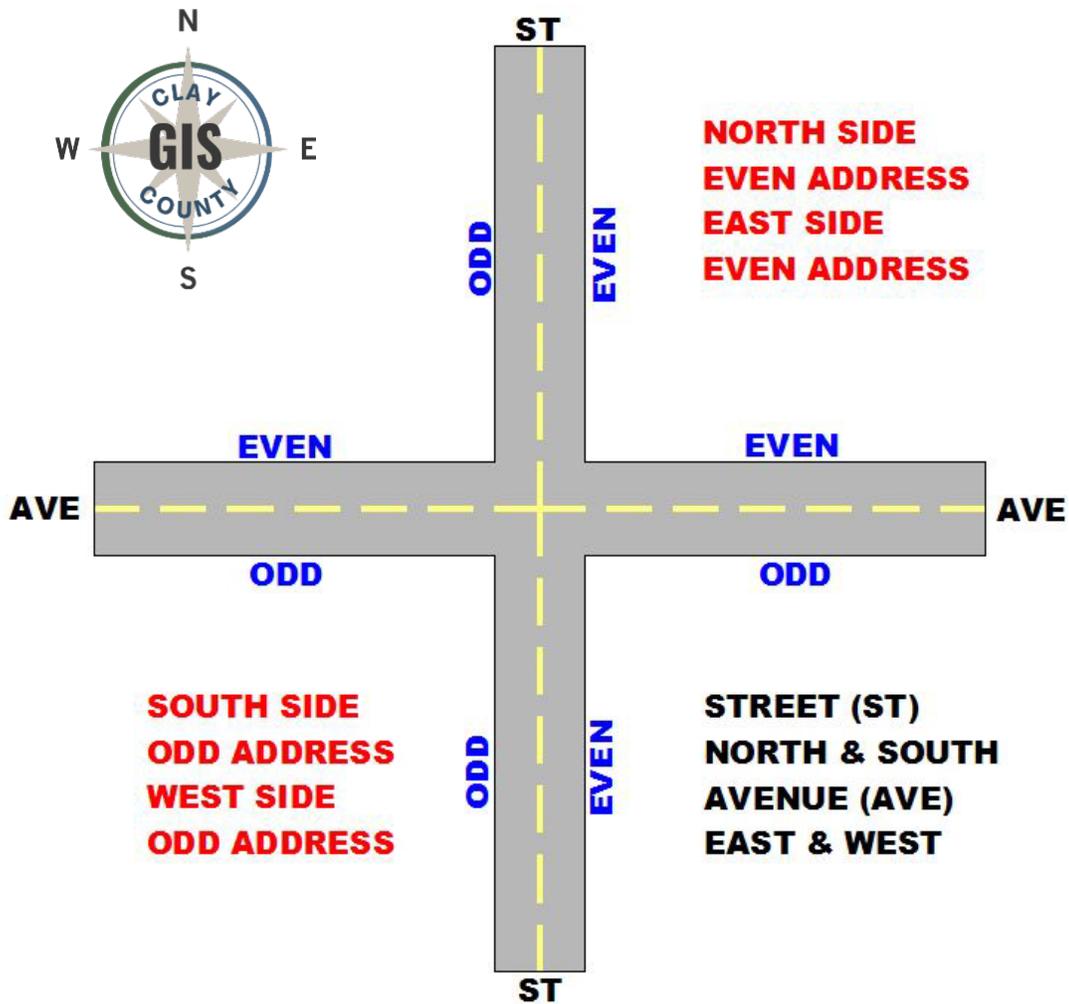
Effective October 1998, Clay County GIS was designated the E-911 addressing authority and assumed responsibility for maintaining the addressing records for all parcels in Clay County. In rural areas of the county, Clay County GIS assigns addresses. Incorporated cities are responsible for assigning their own addresses; however, all jurisdictions must follow the Clay County [Addressing Standards](#). Cities can request assistance with addressing from Clay County GIS, if desired.

Addressing Guidelines

While detailed information about addressing in Clay County is included in the [Addressing Standards](#). Here are a few highlighted items:

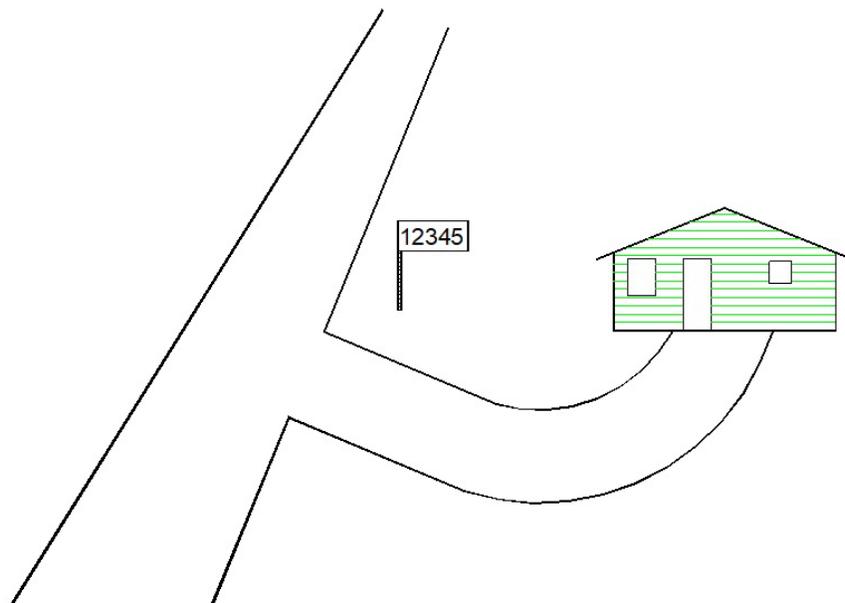
- The Clay County “locatable address system” follows the National Emergency Numbering Association (NENA) standards used by counties statewide.
- North-south routes in the county are known as “Streets” (ST).
- East-west routes are known as “Avenues” (AVE).
- All U.S. Highways, State Highways, and Interstates retain their names designation (HWY or I).
- HWY 10 is the dividing line between North and South.
 - The county is divided into two main areas, north of HWY 10 and south of HWY 10.
- The Red River in downtown Moorhead is the dividing line between East and West.

- Roads on the east side are either North or South, depending upon their location relating to HWY 10.
- Roads on the west side are Northwest (NW) or Southwest (SW).
 - Road names used in the NW or SW part of the County are not repeated in the N or S parts of the County.
- Addresses are made up of four parts:
 - Address Number,
 - Street Name,
 - Street Type, and
 - Directional.
 - Example: 911 11th ST N
 - Street Type will proceed Street Name in the case of highways (HWY 52 S)
 - Only post directionals are used in Clay County
- Addresses are assigned off the nearest roadway that provides access to the property.
- On larger-sized tracts or rural properties, address numbers are assigned based on the distance the access to the property is from the nearest intersection.
- Even address numbers are on the east or north side of the road.
- Odd address numbers are on the west or south side of the road.
 - See diagram on next page.



- Street names are based on the Clay County numbered street and avenue grid system, which is an expansion of the City of Moorhead’s addressing system.
 - In rural areas, there are ten blocks in each mile.
 - Named streets are avoided, except for these few in the rural county:
 - State and Federal Highways,
 - HWY 52 S
 - Oakport St N
 - Broadway St N
 - Junction Ave N
 - Turtle Lake Rd

- The streets and avenues in the county are marked with green intersection signs.
 - The green intersection signs are in the southwest quadrant of the intersection north of HWY 10.
 - The green intersection signs are in the northwest quadrant of the intersection south of HWY 10.
 - This practice keeps the signs within the county and makes it easier to see when passing by.
- Blue address number signs are also provided by Clay County.
 - Blue address number signs should be placed:
 - In a location visible from both directions on the road.
 - On the same side of the road as the residence.
 - Sign flag pointing toward the residence.
 - Near the driveway.
 - A safe distance from the roadway.



- Please report missing or damaged signs to gis@claycountymn.gov or 218-299-5003.

- Please note that blue address number signs in Clay County have a white border around them while similar signs in neighboring counties do not have the white border.
- Stacked lots are addressed off the nearest main roadway which provides access to the lots.
 - The lots are numbered in consecutive order with the lowest number nearest the road.
 - This rule also pertains to multiple buildings on the same parcel.
- The one-to-five-digit specific location address (called an Address Number) specifies the distance, in miles and tenths of miles, from Highway 10 or the Red River in Moorhead.
 - Thus, 15203 210 ST N is 15.2 miles north of HWY 10, and
 - 210 ST N is 21 miles east of the Red River.
 - The specific location address also indicates the precise distance from a section corner to within 10.6 feet.
 - There are 1000 addresses per mile.
 - There are ten blocks per mile.
 - Example: an address number ending with 510 will be five tenths of a mile from the section corner and be on the east or north side of the road.

- Below is a diagram that explains how address numbers are derived.

Clay County Rural Addressing House Numbering



Address numbers increase by 0.189393 per foot.