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There is No Violation of the California Fire Code by Carmel by the Sea for not having street addresses

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(Nova, please include this in the Public Correspondence for next week's City Council meeting.
Thank you.)

Good afternoon Mayor Potter, Mayor ProTem Richards & Councilmembers Ferlito, Baron & Dramov

At the August City Council meeting, Councilmember Ferlito said repeatedly that not having street addresses in our village violates the California Fire Code & the California Building Code.
Councilmember Ferlito is mistaken.

To explain why Councilmember Ferlito is mistaken, please find enclosed Section 505.1.1 & 505.1.2 from the California Fire Code titled "Premises identification".

"505.1.1 Address Illumination. Address illumination required by Section 505.1 shall be illuminated."

"505.1.2 Address identification size.

Address numbers & letters required by Section 505.2 shall be sized as follows:

1. When the structure is between thirty-six (36) & fifty (50) feet from the road or other emergency means of access, a minimum of one-half inch (.05") stroke by six (6") high is required.

2. When the structure is fifty (50) or more feet from the road or other emergency means of access, a minimum of one inch (1") stroke by nine inches (9) high is required."

Exactly! "Street addresses" is nowhere to be found in the California Fire Code.

"Address" is mentioned 4 times.

Therefore, Carmel's use of directional addresses is not precluded by the California Fire Code.

Carmel's use of directional addresses, required in our Carmel Municipal Code, is NOT a violation of the California Fire Code.

Councilmember Ferlito is wrong in saying that Carmel is in violation of the California Fire Code because our village is not in violation of the California Fire Code.

(By the way, the California Fire Code is part of the California Building Code.)

It's interesting, Councilmember Ferlito conducted 13 listening sessions with the residents when she cochaired the Housing Element ad hoc committee.

When Councilmember Ferlito chaired the Street Addresses ad hoc committee she held no listening sessions with the residents. How come? Why no listening sessions with the residents for street addresses after you conducted 13 listening sessions with the residents for the Housing Element? Please explain.

Councilmember Ferlito, your decision not to hold listening sessions with the residents invalidates your recommendation for imposing street addresses.

Councilmember Ferlito, because your "work" as chair of the ad Hoc committee on street addresses had glaring omissions & was not conducted honestly, you leave us no choice.

The discussion on whether or not to have street addresses should be tabled.

If, on the other hand, the City Council wants to project an image of fairness, the decision on whether or not to have street addresses for our village must be left to the voters to decide.

Michael McWalters, 21 [REDACTED] Road

Sent from my iPhone

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I fully support the integration of house numbers with the standard USPS database.

City staff have confirmed that adding house numbers is unrelated to the status of the downtown Post Office. I don't see how this will alter the character of the village, nor set off a domino effect triggering any adverse consequences. Our charm comes from the forest, beaches, architecture, and community—residents, businesses, and visitors—not from the absence of house numbers.

The City is required to comply with the California Fire Safety Code, which is common sense law intended to enhance safety. In emergencies that exceed the capacity of local first responders, we rely on mutual aid from responders unfamiliar with our current location system. Ignoring state law could lead to preventable tragedies and potential liabilities. I don't understand how an Initiative, referendum or advisory vote will change the clear preemption by state law.

Mail-order medication delivery has become common and is growing. This has been driven by insurers and cost considerations. Supply chain logistics dictate the fulfillment process, not patients and doctors. As someone with Type 1 Diabetes, I rely on insulin, a perishable medication. I have experienced issues with essential medications, including insulin, being misdirected or returned, even with reliable carriers like FedEx.

Due to poor wireless phone service where we live, we depend on Wi-Fi calling when we are home. To enable Wi-Fi calling, carriers require enrollment in the E911 system, which involves registering a physical address verified through the USPS database. In an emergency, if GPS or phone signals fail, first responders will use the address on file as a fallback. We had to use our son's address in San Jose to activate Wi-Fi calling, which adds unnecessary risk.

Given the increasing risk of climate-driven emergencies, evolving healthcare systems, and rapidly changing technology and supply chains, our situation today is very different than it was in 1953, when Carmel considered seceding from California over this issue. Those opposed to house numbers can choose not to display numbers on their homes. There is no proposal to begin USPS residential delivery. For those who need to be reliably located, house numbers offer a sensible compromise. It's unclear to me why this is viewed by some as an excessive accommodation.

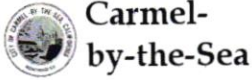
I hope the Council will lead, not just react, in resolving this matter based on the facts and encourage residents to support each other.

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Proposed Street Address System

1 message

'Elisabeth Morten' via cityclerk <cityclerk@ci.carmel.ca.us>

Thu, Sep 5, 2024 at 5:40 PM

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I'm unable to attend the meeting on September 10, since I've been away on family business, but I'd like to voice my support for the use of street addresses in Carmel-by-the-Sea.

I've owned my home here for 38 years, and since it is my primary residence, the lack of a standard address has been a major source of frustration—and risk. As has been noted there have been:

“...difficulties with financial institutions, government agencies, package delivery failures, frustration and confusion attempting to activate essential utilities.”

The risk to health and safety is obvious since countless times I've had to go on my balcony and wave delivery drivers to my home—something I couldn't do if I were incapacitated in a medical emergency.

A standard address system would be an improvement in the quality of life for those of us who call Carmel home and I urge you to make it a reality for the residents here.

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

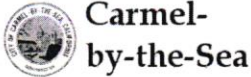
Elisabeth (Liz) Morten

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Public Comment 9/10 City Council Agenda Item # 6 - Regarding Street Addresses

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Fri, Sep 6, 2024 at 12:03 PM

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1. Proceeding with direction on any portion of this topic - PRIOR to a COMMUNITY Meeting - is completely UNACCEPTABLE and is uninformed and unresponsive to our residents and our history.
2. The City has not considered feedback from the community to explore alternatives to full implementation.
3. The request and decision by the August City Council Meeting was to come back with information on what is involved in considering a public vote on if our community wanted standard addresses. What was in this packet was NOT that. What is in this packet incorrectly included the possible ordinance updates with voting. Any consideration on the ordinance updates - must be completely separate - at this time from getting residents to vote on if we want standard addresses or not. <-- Therefore this voting information as prepared - must NOT be considered in this Sept 10th meeting.
4. Our CURRENT City Planning provided directional addresses today work with the State Fire & Building Code. If there is a need to update our code/ordinance to align with the State Fire & Building code, I have no objection....including the requirement to have all buildings post their directional address.
5. The City MUST publicly explore the alternative approaches (with plus/minus). August 30th, my husband and I provided a slide presentation to most of you on what this could include with relevant information provided by Post Masters (one is ours, the other is from San Mateo County). The email subject on Aug 30 email, was "As promised - Drafted Slides on Addresses in our Village"
6. And if and/or when any possible Street Addresses are a viable topic to consider - there remains far too many questions unanswered to consider any decision or action steps at this time (the packet only scratches the surface and is incomplete).

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Nancy Ann Twomey
Carmel-by-the-Sea Resident
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