

from: **Constance Hess**
to: cityclerk@ci.carmel.ca.us
date: May 4, 2025, 4:28 PM
subject: Home addresses

Dear City Council,

I appreciate all the work that you have been doing behind the scenes investigating house numbers implementation.

I do not believe that this needs to go on a ballot. The city council needs to vote NOW to implement addresses. This is an issue of being compliant with State Code as well as health and safety.

I have written before, in depth, about why a yes vote is important, so I won't take up more of your time.

Respectfully,

Connie Hess - 30 year full-time resident on Torres and 11th.

from: **Donna Morgan**

to: cityclerk@ci.carmel.ca.us

date: May 4, 2025, 3:58 PM

Dear Mayor and Members of our City Council,

I encourage you to make the necessary decision to adopt addresses for the properties in Carmel by the Sea that comply with current State Fire Code, Building Code, and USPS database. I also encourage you to end the delay. There is no necessity to bring this to the voters. You have the power to approve the work of the committee and move forward with the assignment of addresses.

For the safety and quality of life of all the citizens and visitors in Carmel by the Sea, please provide legal addresses for all City properties this year.

Thank you to the Committee for all their hard work on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Donna Morgan

Mission St between 10th and 11th.

from: **Ann Lonstein**

to: cityclerk@ci.carmel.ca.us

date: May 4, 2025, 3:35 PM

Dear Mayor, Council Members and Committee members,
I feel like I'm living in an episode of Ground Hog Day. I've sent a detailed letter about my desire for street addresses at least twice. So please refer to the latest one sent in May when you addressed the question.

I do wish to add that although I own a house, I pay taxes, I support the businesses, I donate to the non profits and I spend 5 months of the year in Carmel, my husband and I have no vote. It means that you are ignoring a population of Carmel residents.

I read Jack Galante's letter in this week's Pine Cone. I understand what Mr Devendorf wanted Carmel to be - a village where all its residents were close to one another. However that was then and this is now and Carmel and the world have moved on and changed.

I repeat what I've said before. John and I are 83. We hope to continue to enjoy our cottage in Carmel. However we need to know that the medical services can reach us before we die from a fall down the stairs.

Please follow the law and vote for addresses.

Ann Lonstein

from: **John Hill**
to: cityclerk@ci.carmel.ca.us
date: May 4, 2025, 12:49 PM
subject: Street Addresses

Dear Council Members,

As 20 year plus full time residents as well as business Owners in Carmel, we wish to thank Council member Delves and his working group for their efforts in researching an address system for the City. We would also like to urge the Council to please address the issue now, not through an extended and costly election process. Voters elect our officials to make common sense decisions for the benefit all, not to kick the can back to the voters creating further delays and spending significant tax dollars in doing so.

The current lack of a compliant system is a violation of several state & other codes resulting in potential liabilities for the City. And the continual inconveniences experienced by residents attempting to negotiate licenses, bank accounts, deliveries, directions, etc. is palpable and will continue until this issue is resolved. Why not consider a common sense solution that establishes a voluntary yet complaint address system now, allowing each residents the choice to name their home or add a few half inch letters, or both? It is very difficult to comprehend how a few half inch letters in lieu of a name somehow dilutes the charm of Carmel?

The enforcement of state requirements seemingly has yet to be a significant issue, so it appears unlikely that such a voluntary system would be problematic. If enacted, it is most likely that the majority of homes on each block would choose a compliant address, making it easier for agencies, deliveries, first responders, etc. to identify even those homes without it.

Thank you for your consideration,
John & Cheryl Hill
Somewhere SW of City Hall

From: Laraine Blauvelt
to: cityclerk@ci.carmel.ca.us >
date: May 4, 2025, 11:38 AM
subject: Address in Carmel by the Sea

First I would like to give a little background:

- Owned for 25 years as a part time resident from NJ
- Love this town and understand the desire to keep it quaint and beautiful
- Live on the first street in what is considered “the forest” FIRST AVENUE
- Have tried to use the address on our deed for Fed Ex and UPS and Prime
- Have continued problems receiving packages and people cannot utilize GPS to find us. If we are not available to navigate them in from our very convenient turn off from Carpenter - they cannot find our house. We utilize a name for our house and have also identified a very simplified address, that is, what is on our deed is FIRST AVENUE, 2 NE of Torres (this NEVER works so we have a sign that is simple FIRST AVENUE, 2 E Torres), The simplified address has helped somewhat but we still have to pay countless shipping costs over the years for return to sender and re-shipping charges.

Sometimes we still cannot get what we need and have to carry cross country what can be put in luggage. This is kind of ridiculous especially as we age and the weight of our suitcases becomes a challenge.

We so appreciate what the committee who supports the address system is working to accomplish. We have dozens of stories where the address system and lack of it in our town has caused difficulty. We have come to a few meetings over the years and hear many Carmelites support the quaint aspect of our current system. They seem to eliminate the safety and convenience of addresses. We have heard about Avalon, NJ, Also not having package and mail delivers but this is a NJ town that is an island with 1400 residents and huge homes with property, gates, signage - a different location and footprint entirely. Many of the homes have been owned by a family for generations And it is different - seasonal living in summer months,

We are in town and thought of coming to the meeting but honestly cannot sit through another evening of comments like “My house was on fire and the fire department made it to the correct address.” To be fair also shared “My partner passed away in the middle of the night and neighbors were disturbed trying to locate my house (located in the side street of downtown area).

I hope the board and the residents will be open to letting us all have the comfort of knowing that we are on google maps and can rely on the services if they are needed of fire, police

and even friends and neighbors.

Laraine Smith and James Smith

from: sharyn siebert
to: cityclerk@ci.carmel.ca.us
date: May 4, 2025, 11:23 AM
subject: Addresses

I have 2 new stories to relate regarding the lack of addresses and how that can negatively impact our citizens.

Just yesterday our new neighbor told us that her electric had gone out. When she reached out to PG&E to find out why, they indicated it was for non-payment. However, they also asked her to give them the number of her electric meter. When she did so, they said that that was not the one being billed for her house! She has no idea whose electric bill she has been paying, nor how much she will be dunned for back payments that she had actually made but were wrongly credited to a different house!

Another of our friends said, during an election event at our home, that for years he had been paying the wrong house's electric and gas bill unknowingly. When he had called PG&E about some issue, this was discovered. And it cost him a bundle to rectify the situation!

WE NEED STANDARD ADDRESSES NOW! It is my understanding that if homeowners do not want to post their newly assigned addresses that the law does not require that. But you can see how this would benefit those who do want to have them.

Sharyn Siebert & Jeff Johnson
11th ave2 NW Mission (PG&E)
Block 4, Lot 7, Carmel (Xfinity)

from: **Jenny Masquelier**
to: cityclerk@ci.carmel.ca.us
date: May 4, 2025, 8:28 AM
subject: "IT IS TIME!" for Carmel by the Sea to have addresses

Thank you to our Mayor and City Council for continuing to pursue needed home addresses. This is not a request for home mail delivery as some continue to complain about, but an absolute vote for the safety of all who live in Carmel by the Sea. Please vote YES for easily identifiable home addresses for all citizens in Carmel. We do not need an election to get this activated. There have been enough people speaking on real-life experiences that prove we need easily identifiable addresses. Thank you for getting this accomplished.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Madquelier

0 Monte Verde & 3rd NE

from: ' **Betty Maurutto**
to: cityclerk@ci.carmel.ca.us
date: May 4, 2025, 5:19 AM
subject: Yes on Addresses

Dear Mayor Byrne and Council members,
Hopefully, Mr. Delves committee has researched the necessary steps to institute an address system in Carmel-by-the Sea. With that needed information, we strongly urge you to move forward with the process to establish addresses NOW! A citywide vote is not necessary! There has been volumes of resident input regarding the absolute need for addresses, as well as following the LAW!

Please ACT NOW!

Respectfully,
Michael and Betty Maurutto

from: **Cheryl Lipshutz**
to: cityclerk@ci.carmel.ca.us
date: May 4, 2025, 4:37 AM
subject: Addresses in Carmel by the Sea

It is super important to have addresses in CBTS! Twice I have had EMS vehicles stop at my house in error as they were trying to reach my elderly next door neighbor! He is over 100 years old and the extra time searching for the house was critical. Also early morning pickups by Uber or taxi to make a flight taking off before sunrise are extremely difficult without an address to include when ordering a ride. We do not need mail delivery, simply addresses. No need to vote on this, we need action now!

Thank you

from: **Sheila Sheppard**
to: cityclerk@ci.carmel.ca.us
date: May 3, 2025, 8:23 PM
subject: Addresses for Carmel!

Dear City Clerk,

I'm writing regarding the project for assigning addresses to the houses in Carmel by the Sea. This has been in the works for a very long time and it's now time to move forward.

As a long term resident of Carmel I deal with explaining my address at least once a week and on many occasions have had to have packages sent to my son's house in Carmel Valley as my address was not accepted. Deliveries are tricky. Packages have been lost or dropped at the wrong house countless times.

Please proceed with implementing house numbers. Let's not insist on a vote. It's time, more than time, to move forward.

Please forward this letter to all council members. Much appreciation to all those who have been working on a solution for the residents of Carmel!

Thank you,

Sheila Sheppard Georis

from: **Brodie Keast**
to: cityclerk@ci.carmel.ca.us
date: May 3, 2025, 2:19 PM
subject: Input for City Council Special Meeting 5/5/2025; item 9 (addresses)

Thanks to the Address Working Group, City Staff and all Council members, past and present, for their work on this to date.

I want to add my support for street addresses that comply with State Fire and Building Codes while conforming to the standard USPS database. This is simply a matter of public safety and it's way past time for Carmel-by-the-Sea to have addresses.

I don't understand the need for a vote if the outcome doesn't matter in terms of preemption by state law. Why go through this lengthy process and taxpayer expense? I'm hoping someone from the Working Group will clarify why this is necessary and what difference it will make.

Brodie Keast
Resident, Carmel-by-the-Sea

from: **Shana Walker**
to: cityclerk@ci.carmel.ca.us
date: May 3, 2025, 1:12 PM
subject: IT IS TIME

To implement verifiable street addresses in Carmel by the Sea. The current system, while quaint and sentimental, has no place in today's world. It is inconvenient and dangerous. This has been discussed ad nauseam and it's time for action.

Shana Walker
13 year homeowner, full-time resident.

from: **Jana Schilling**
to: cityclerk@ci.carmel.ca.us
date: May 3, 2025, 1:10 PM
subject: Street Addresses

Dear Mayor Byrne and Council Members:

Thank you to all of you for your hard work on street addresses. It is **time to move forward now and Implement street addresses for the City of Carmel by the Sea !**

We do not need a vote on whether to abide by the law. It serves the people of Carmel to abide by state law and assign street addresses. At a time of reduced financial resources, Carmel does not need to waste time and money on a vote. **Abide by the law; assign addresses.**

Thank you,

Jana and Don Schilling

from: ' **Paula Stein**
to: cityclerk@ci.carmel.ca.us
date: May 3, 2025, 1:04 PM
subject: We need addresses in Carmel

Mayor and City council the time is now to vote for address in Carmel.
For safety reasons and to keep up with our changing world. Thank you for your support and
Please
Give us addresses.
Paula Stein

From: **Burt Cummings**
to: cityclerk@ci.carmel.ca.us
date: May 3, 2025, 12:37 PM
subject: Addresses for Carmel

Please distribute to all council members.

Thanks for your work in moving this towards resolution.

Having addresses boils down to a simple safety issue, with convenience and time savings running a close second and third. There will be no loss of charm, there will be no mailboxes, there will continue to be a post office. Let's get 'er done!

/Burt

from: **Carolyn Ticknor**
to: cityclerk@ci.carmel.ca.us
date: May 3, 2025, 11:26 AM
subject: Please distribute to city council members

In today's world of complexities, this one thing you can actually do for the residents of Carmel to simplify our lives. Spare us the hours of frustration in trying to get services to our homes. PLEASE give us USPS compliant addresses NOW. Further study (after 100 years) and voting is unnecessary. PLEASE show leadership in doing this for us. It is time to give us USPS compliant addresses.

Best regards,
Don and Carolyn Ticknor

from: **Jim Lerdal**
to: cityclerk@ci.carmel.ca.us
date: May 3, 2025, 11:04 AM
subject: Please distribute to mayor and council members

Council members and Mr. Mayor,

I appreciate all the thoughtful work on this issue.

I think you have everything you need to move forward on assigning addresses. You do not need an election. Your own power point presentation shows that the laws would overrule a no vote.

Looking forward to a safer community.

Thanks

Jim Lerdal
Junipero Street 10 West of 8th (and almost no one counts to 10 correctly!)

From: **Judy Refuerzo**

Date: Mon, May 5, 2025 at 9:11 AM

Subject: Addresses

Mayor and City Council,

I am sorry to miss this important meeting today regarding street addresses, but I work on Mondays.

I was disappointed to learn of another small group being formed (ad hoc - be it unofficial - address work group). Doesn't seem very transparent - no difference, except what you call it and how you present to the public how it came together.

I was proud when the last City Council said it would be a vote. A decision as important as this one should be a vote by the community.

I see no need for a special election and the extra cost in 2025. But I would like to see it on the ballot in 2026. I think if it's a democratic process no matter what the outcome everyone will be able to accept it.

No need to rush, it's been over one hundred years, we can wait for a vote in 2026.

Judy Refuerzo

Ole M. Pedersen

[REDACTED] Carmel CA 93921

TO: Mayor Dale Byrne & Councilmembers
Jeff Baron, Hans Buder, Bob Delves & Alissandra Dramov
PO BOX CC
Carmel CA 93921

May 3, 2025

Re Safety Issue: Absence of Street Addresses in Carmel-by-the-Sea:

Dear Mr. Mayor and City Council Members,

I was present at last month's meeting where street addresses were discussed and did speak in favor of assigning house numbers to properties in Carmel-by-the-Sea for safety reasons.

It is my understanding that a working group, headed by Council Member Delves, has prepared a report for the council meeting on May 5, 2025. I will join others in expressing my genuine appreciation for the work and efforts of this committee.

I did note at last month's meeting that Council Member Delves and Council Member Buder gave explanations about the need for further investigation of whether house numbers should be implemented and if so, how and when, and should an election be held to hear what the residents of the City have to say.

Since then, I have given further thought to the issue and it would seem to me, that if the State Fire Code and the Building Code state, that buildings must have approved address identification that is legible and visible from the street or road fronting the property, then neither the Council nor the electorate 'have standing' in not implementing a house number system.

Based on what the City Attorney, last fall and at last month's meeting, has described in the legal analysis, I am arriving at the conclusion that my point of view about not 'having standing' is supported by the legal analysis.

Therefore, I am hereby kindly requesting that you move forward right away and implement an address system that complies with the State Fire Code and the California Residential Code (CRC). The money projected for election expenses can be saved and it is simply a matter of safety (1st responders' ability to quickly find a site) and of code compliance.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Ole M. Pedersen
[REDACTED]

LAURA A. BOWLING

May 4, 2025

Dear Mayor Byrne and Members of the City Council,

I'm writing to express my strong support for implementing USPS-compliant addresses in Carmel-by-the-Sea.

Since moving into the village last August, I've experienced firsthand how challenging it can be to set up basic utilities and services without a standardized address. Activating electricity, gas, water, internet, and other essentials required weeks of phone calls, repeated technician visits, and multiple errors in locating my home. Cable service, in particular, took over a month to install—an unnecessary burden for any new resident, particularly given that I work full-time as a branding consultant for ocean and climate conservation clients from my home office.

Beyond inconvenience, this issue presents a serious risk to public safety. I've heard troubling accounts of emergency services—EMS and fire teams—struggling to locate homes during critical moments. In a town with so many older residents, this is unacceptable. Time lost in an emergency can cost lives.

The time for further studies or delays has passed. I urge the City to move forward now and adopt USPS-compliant addressing to better serve residents, visitors, and emergency responders.

Thank you, as always, for your service to our community.

Sincerely,

Laura Bowling


Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA 93921