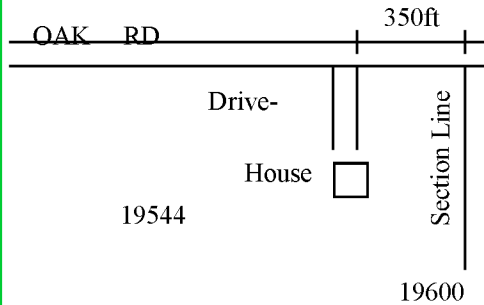


EXAMPLE B

In this example we'll say the driveway is 350' from the east section line. We calculate the same way, but we would subtract 56 from 19600 and arrive at an address of 19544.



You can tell the approximate location of a dwelling within a section by locating the address range on the county road map and following it up to the appropriate road. You know that since there are 800 numbers per mile, and say the range was 14001 to 14800, and the address you are looking for is 14400, it would be in the middle of the section. Whether it is odd or even will tell you which side of the road the dwelling is on.

You may notice that on our county road map, there is a row of sections in the western side of the county that are 1 1/2 times a normal section. There are actually 1200 numbers assigned to these sections and therefore we multiply by 1200 instead of 800 when assigning an address in these locations.

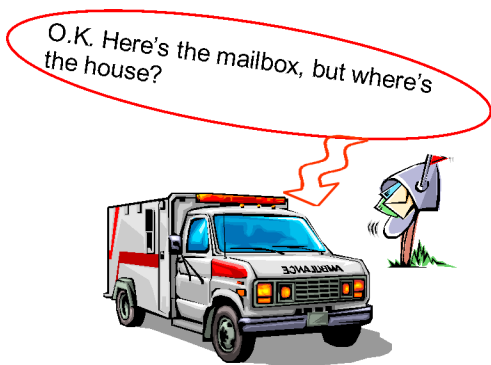
County road maps with the addressing grids and road names can be purchased from the GIS Office (Geographic Information Systems) You may call them at (785) 457-3337.

IMPORTANCE OF ADDRESSES

It is very important that everyone use the address assigned to their property. This is the address that is in the 9-1-1 computer. When an emergency call is made, not only does the caller's name show up on the dispatcher's screen, but also the address the call is coming from and who should be dispatched. For instance; Blue Twp Fire Dept., Wamego Ambulance and Pott County Sheriff. If the address is incorrect, it could result in no address and/or no responder information being displayed. This information could be vital if the caller is unable to speak. Please make sure, whenever you move and apply for utility hookups, you give the correct address. If unsure of the address, please call our office at (785) 457-3551 for the correct information

Not only is it important for you to know your correct address, but it should be posted so emergency personnel can find you quickly. A minimum of 3" high numbers should be posted either on the structure and/or at the driveway entrance if the dwelling is too far off the road to see the numbers. Numbers may also be placed on the mailbox if the mailbox is in front of your residence. However, many times in the rural areas, mailboxes are located a great distance from the house and occasionally, even on a different road.

Remember, in an emergency, you want the responders to find you --- not your mailbox!!!



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ENHANCED 9-1-1 ADDRESSING

BASICS OF ADDRESSING

Depending on whether you grew up in the city or out in the country, your concept of an address differs. People who have lived in the city generally have some type of house address for mail delivery. People in the country have always had a rural route and box number for their mail. When they had to tell somebody where they lived, it became an entirely different matter. People said they lived three miles from Jones red barn or down from the water tower. Those familiar with the area didn't have much trouble finding where someone lived.

Prior to the advent of Enhanced 911, the primary reason you needed an address was so that your mail could be delivered to you. However, with E-911, this is no longer the case. With E 911 you need a site address to aid in directing emergency personnel to your house.

For this reason, Pottawatomie County had to adopt an addressing system for the entire county.

It was decided that since the county had such an irregular shape and so many winding roads, that a simple grid system would be the easiest to implement. In this system, addresses are derived from a direct distance measurement from either a north-south baseline or an east-west baseline. These baselines divide the county into mile square blocks. Each mile is allowed 800 numbers. Since a section is generally a mile, there are 800 numbers per section. The east-west grid begins with 0 at the furthest most western point in the county with the numbers getting bigger going east. The north-south grid begins with 0 at the southernmost point of the county and the numbers getting larger going north.

Each road is assigned a north/south designation or an east/west designation and then each dwelling is addressed accordingly.

ASSIGNING A SITE ADDRESS

New addresses are generally assigned at the time a building permit is obtained.

To arrive at the correct address, the distance is measured from either the east or west section line on an east-west road or the north or south section line on a north-south road to the driveway entrance. That distance is then divided by 5280 (the number of feet in a mile) and the answer is then multiplied by 800 (the total numbers in the mile.) The result is then either added to or subtracted from the beginning or ending address range of that section. If necessary the number is rounded off to either an odd or even number. Odd numbers are on the north and east sides of roads and even numbers are on the south and west sides.

EXAMPLE A

Let's assume a house is being built in Section 11 Twp 8 Rng 10 on the south side of Oak Rd. It is an east-west road and section 11 falls between an address range of 18801 and 19600. If the driveway entrance was to be 350 ft east of the west section line, we would divide 350 by 5280 and get .066. We would round that to .07 and multiply that times 800. That would give us 56. We then add 56 to 18801 which gives us 18857. Since the house is on the south side, it needs an even number so we would round the number to 18858.

