

# 911 Road Atlas

## Lincoln County, WA

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## Frequently Asked Questions

### How does the addressing system work in Lincoln County?

Addresses in Lincoln County are based on a one square mile grid (section grid). All addresses begin at 0 in the southwest corner of the county. For each mile there are 1000 addresses (500 odd/500 even) and their direction is either North or East. Example: 27234 State Route 25 N. The road is State Route 25 and this segment runs generally North/South. Furthermore, it is a little more than 27 miles north of the

southern county line. (If it was an E/W road it would be so many miles East of the western county line.) As you are heading in the direction of the road (North or East in the county) odd numbers are on the left side and even numbers are on the right. Please contact Lincoln County Land Services (725-7911, [gis@co.lincoln.wa.us](mailto:gis@co.lincoln.wa.us)) if you are unsure of your address.

Cities and towns in Lincoln County are NOT addressed in this same manner. Their addresses begin at a point of their choosing and may go north, south, east, and west. Contact the city for addresses in their jurisdiction. The Seven Bays area is the one exception within county jurisdiction. Their addresses are based on Plat #, Block #, Lot #, and do not have a north or east directional. Edwall falls under county jurisdiction and standard county addressing applies.

County addresses are formatted as House number, street, type (Rd), post-directional. City addresses are house number, pre-directional, street, type. Only county roads are typed as RD (road). Other types apply to city streets and named private roads.

*Your address must be posted within 30 days of habitation* such that it is clearly visible from the main road. The sign must have Arabic numerals at least 3 inches tall on a contrasting background, preferably reflective white letters on a blue background. At a minimum, a temporary address sign must be displayed during construction.

### How do I go about naming a private road?

You must fill out a private drive name request form available on our web site (Planning) or at the Lincoln County Public Works Building on State Route 25. Choose a name significantly different from current names found in the Road Index at the end of this book. Submit your request to Lincoln County Land Services.

### Do I need a permit to build a road?

You will need a road approach permit from Lincoln County Public Works (725-7041) if your road will connect to a county road. Crossing a stream may require a permit from WA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife. Building a road in forested areas may require a road maintenance and abandonment plan for the WA Dept. of Natural Resources. If your road will be directly accessing a state route, you will need to contact the WA Dept. of Transportation. You may go to our website for guidelines on building your road.

<http://www.co.lincoln.wa.us/planning/privateroads.htm>

### I am building a new house. Where do I start?

You will need to speak to Lincoln County Land Services, Planning Department for a physical address (725-7911, *form available at our website*), Public Health about sewer and water (725-2501), and the Building Department for a building permit (725-7911). You should get your physical address (free) before applying for any permits or connecting any services.

### Who do I contact about harvesting timber?

Contact the WA Dept. of Natural Resources (509-684-7474) for a Forest Practices Application. Applications for a Conversion Option Harvest Plan are submitted to Lincoln County Land Services, Planning Department. (*Forms available on our website.*)

### What is involved in qualifying for Timber Tax Designation?

You need to fill out the application, available from the Assessors Office or the WA DOR web site (see our site for links). Contact the Assessor's Office with questions (725-7011). You must have a good forest management plan. Documents to assist you in writing your own forest management plan are available from our web site (Planning). Lincoln County Land Services will review your plan.

### How should I go about subdividing my property?

Division of Large Rural Lots, 20 to 40 acres, have just a few regulations. Creating lots under 20 acres requires a platting process. Up to 4 lots are allowed under the short-subdivision rules. Creating more than 4 lots falls under the long-subdivision rules. You should speak to the Planning Director (725-7911) about subdividing property and pick up a copy of *Title 16: Land Divisions* at the public works building. The entire code is also available on our web site. Back taxes may be due if the property is being converted from a forest or open space tax designation. A moratorium on non-conversion of forest ground may apply if timber has been harvested within the last 6 years on the parcel.

### How accurate is this map?

This map is produced from a Geographic Information System (GIS) using the latest technology. In GIS there are

many independent layers with roads being one of the most prevalent layers in this map. Each layer has its own level of accuracy dependent upon the purpose for which it was originally produced and the uses for which it has been maintained. All layers are being improved as conditions change and errors are exposed. GIS is a highly efficient means of visualizing, analyzing, and mapping geographic information though it will never replace the need for a licensed surveyor to make on the ground measurements of property boundaries. A list of surveyors working in the area is located at:

<http://www.co.lincoln.wa.us/planning/Surveyors.htm>

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