

The City of Aurora assigns street names according to the Denver Metropolitan Street Grid. The grid was adopted by the majority of city and county governments within the greater Denver Metropolitan Area in 1956. The Denver Metropolitan Street Grid guidelines

Denver Metropolitan Street Grid Guidelines for Naming Streets and Assigning Address Numbers

Street Names – The specific purpose of a uniform and orderly street naming system is to find a street (and a street number) as quickly and easily as possible. City of Aurora street names are assigned according to the Denver Metropolitan Street Grid.

1. There are two baseline streets, Ellsworth and Broadway. Broadway is considered zero and address numbers increase on east and west streets going away from Broadway. Ellsworth Avenue is considered zero and addresses increase on those streets going north and south away from Ellsworth.
2. Streets running East and West on the grid line are “Avenues” (Ave).
3. Streets running North and South on the grid line are Streets (St)
2. Streets running East and West, halfway between established grids should take the name of the avenue proceeding, with the suffix “Place” (Pl). This street type is commonly used for cul-de-sacs.
3. Streets running North and South halfway between established grids, should take the name of the preceding street, with the suffix “Court” (Ct). This street type is commonly used for cul-de-sacs.
4. Streets running East and West and connecting with an East and West avenue should be a “Drive” (Dr).
5. Streets running North and South and connecting with a North-South Street should be a “Way”.
6. Horseshoe shaped streets beginning and ending within a major block, or dead end streets should be a “Circle” (Cir). It is suggested that the term “circle should be

used sparingly. If at all possible, a “Way” or “Drive” should be used except in the case of absolute necessity.

7. Streets should line up on a grid with existing streets and avenues – preferably those existing prominently in the “greater” regional area.
8. Arterials running east west may take the suffix “Parkway” (PKWY).
9. Arterials running north south may take the suffix “Boulevard” (BLVD).
10. Specific questions regarding street signs and placement should be referred to Public Works - Traffic Engineering.

Note: For roads located on section lines such as Harvest Mile Road, drop the word mile from the street name. The word “mile” was used as a designation of the section line in areas where no roads existed. Once the street is named the term mile should be dropped from the street name.

Private Street Names – The city addresser is responsible for assigning all street names. To ensure public safety, private streets are named using the Denver Metropolitan Street Grid.

Assigning Address Numbers

A. General Address Number Guidelines

1. Numbers increase going away from the base street. Ellsworth is the zero base street for streets running North and South, and Broadway is the zero base street for streets running East and West.
2. Numbers should be spaced from 0 - 99 on each “major” block so that 50 will be in the middle of the block.
3. Odd numbers should be on the West and North sides of the street. Even Numbers are on the East and South sides.
4. Numbers should not be duplicated for a 3-block area. (*This was originally 5 blocks in earlier guidelines.*)
5. Check on all existing parallel streets with the same name, but different suffix for possible duplication of house numbers.
6. Use whole numbers only. Do not use fractions or decimals as a part of an address, such as 100 ½ or 100.5 E Colfax Street.

7. Directional indicators such as north, south, east, or west may be abbreviated. Street types may be abbreviated. DO NOT abbreviate the street name.
8. Avoid using a standard suffix or directional suffix as part of the street name, such as North Drive or Court Street.