# UNDERSTANDING YOUR RURAL ADDRESS

Rural Addressing is a standardized system, which assigns an address to rural properties throughout the County. Similar to an urban address, your rural address helps emergency services personnel, such as fire, ambulance, or police, find your property quickly in an emergency.

In rural areas each address is assigned based on your driveway, or approach into your property from the Township/Range Road network. In the hamlets each address is assigned based on the location of the lot/parcel along the hamlet roads.

Understanding your rural/civic addressing can help in a variety of ways, for example, many utility companies require a rural address prior to new installations. Addresses can also be used for ordering goods online or for deliveries to your home (instead of using your mailing address).

However, it's important to note that the address is tied to the property not the person. Don't take your sign with you if/when you move!

# HOW THE ADDRESS GRID WORKS

Each mile of road in Big Lakes County is divided into 16 sections (100 m intervals) with 32 addresses. Odd number addresses run along the south and east side of the road and even number addresses run along the north and west side of the road. Your address, is based on whether it is West of a Range Road or Highway or if it is North of a Township Road or Highway, where your approach intersects within the 16 sections, and what road your approach is accessed from.

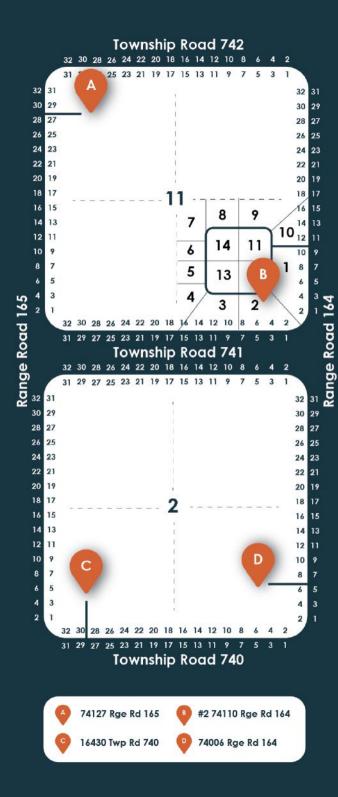


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### **ADDRESS "A"**

Address "A" tells us that this property is **North of Township Road 741**:

74127 Rge Rd 165

The approach is on the east side of the road on the 27th segment of the grid:

741**27** Rge Rd 165

And finally, the primary access point comes off Range Road 165:

74127 Rge Rd 165

# **ADDRESS "B"**

Subdivision addresses are based on the location of the main access. In most cases, multi-lot subdivisions have one access road and each lot is numbered clockwise in a tiered number system like a multi-level apartment

Address "B" tells us that the property is lot number 2:

**#2** 74110 Rge Rd 164

The primary access point is **North of Township Road 741:** 

#2 **741**10 Rge Rd 164

The approach is on the west side of the road on the 10th segment of the grid:

#2 741**10** Rge Rd 164

And finally, the primary access point comes off Range Road 164:

#2 74127 **Rge Rd 164** 

#### **ADDRESS "C"**

Address "C" tells us that this property is **West of Range Rd 164:** 

16430 Twp Rd 740

The approach is on the north side of the road on the 30th segment of the grid:

16430 Twp Rd 740

And finally, the primary access point comes off Township Road 740:

716430 **Twp Rd 740** 

### **ADDRESS "D"**

Address "D" tells us that this property is **North** of **Township Road 740**:

74006 Rge Rd 164

The approach is on the west side of the road on the 6th segment of the grid:

740**06** Rge Rd 164

And finally, the primary access point comes off Range Road 164:

74006 **Rge Rd 164** 

## **EXCEPTIONS**

#### FORCED ROAD ALLOWANCES

While many roads in Big Lakes County form part of the survey grid road system, other roads are irregular and follow rivers, streams or the topography of the land. These roads are usually assigned an auxiliary township road number or range road number based on the alignment of the road (e.g. Range Road 223A)