



Jasper County South Carolina

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Jasper County updating addresses to improve 911 response and align with ZIP code changes

To improve response times and finding the right home in an emergency, Jasper County leaders are updating residential addresses in their new Geographic Information System and 9-1-1 service.

The Zip code data was provided by the state's Department of Revenue and Fiscal Affairs office. That state office maintains databases of address information from state agencies such as the SC Department of Motor Vehicles and the Voter Registration Office. This information is being added by the Jasper County GIS Department into the County's GIS database to standardize the ZIP codes and addressing information of county residents.

The ZIP code and NG911 systems ensure that every physical location is identified uniquely and systematically, enhancing the accuracy of emergency response services and the overall efficiency of mail delivery, said Payton Krupp, coordinator of the Jasper County GIS program.

"We are double-checking addresses throughout the county for accuracy, and we are asking for property owners to help us with the process," he said.

"Standardized addresses are vital for emergency responders to locate properties quickly. They also play a crucial role in various services beyond mail delivery, including utilities, making sure property taxes are accurate, and public works," Krupp said.

Jasper County's recently-created GIS department is a computer system that analyzes and displays geographically referenced information attached to a unique location. It is especially useful in responding to emergencies and in planning work.

"As county staff has been working through our database, it's become clear that some of the addresses conflict with state databases and we want those to align," County Administrator Andrew Fulghum said.

Letters are being sent out to affected property owners confirming their updated information. Residents impacted by the changes are urged to update their records and inform relevant parties. Jasper County is dedicated to assisting residents through this transition, with systematic updates of historical address records planned through February.

For more information or clarification, residents are encouraged to reach out to the Jasper County GIS Department at GIS@jaspercountysc.gov.

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