Tempe Street Wayfinding information

**Neighboring cities** - Tempe is bordered by Phoenix and Guadalupe on the west, Scottsdale and the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community on the north, Chandler on the south, and Mesa on the east.

**Address divider streets** - Tempe's North/South divider street is Rio Salado Parkway. It follows along the south shore of Salt River and Tempe Town Lake. Tempe's East/West divider street is Mill Avenue. It goes through the middle of Tempe's downtown area.

**Numbering system** - On a North/South Street: Standing facing North, all houses on the Right, or East side of the street, are ODD Numbers. Those on the Left, or West side of the street, are EVEN Numbers.

On an East/West Street: Standing facing East, all houses on the Right, or South side of the street, are ODD Numbers. Those on the Left, or North side of the street, are EVEN Numbers.

In Tempe, the numbered streets are "written," i.e. First St., Second St., Third St. (Phoenix uses actual numbers: i.e. 1st St., 2nd St...) They start from Rio Salado Parkway and go south.

**Road name changes from city to city**

Some of the main roads change names once they cross over the city limits to a neighboring city, while others remain the same name. Some are:

- N Mill Ave (becomes E. Van Buren St. in Phoenix),
- E Curry (becomes W. Washington St. in Phoenix),
- S Rural Rd (becomes N. Scottsdale Rd in Scottsdale),
- E Apache (becomes W. Main St in Mesa),
- S McClintock (becomes N. Hayden Dr in Scottsdale) and
- S Priest (becomes S. 56th in Chandler).

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