Placing Type on Streetmaps

Placing Streetnames

- Place the type between the clearance of the street-contours!

The height of the type is to be measured smaller than the clearance of the street contours. The type shouldn’t come in contact with the contours. Except: The descender parts. They are allowed to cut through the street-contours.

Fig1: correct placement

- The beginning or ending of a street or part of the street has to be obvious out of its placement.

Fig2: bad solution   Fig3: good solution

To reach this: depending on the space available, the proper street name is either be separated from its generic name or the other possibility is to recapitulate the proper street name.

- Streetnames shouldn’t exceed the building lines of other streets.

Fig4: bad solution   Fig5: good solution
Do you have to cope with very short streets, make use of separate letters or numbers that function as identifiers.

At a position of low type or situation density, in a direct surrounding, you can place the full name.

**Lettering Houses**

- Names of squares and important buildings are to be placed horizontally.
- Place house numbers in-between the area of a building. Its baseline has the same direction as the direction of writing the street name. The house numbers are to be placed at least at the beginning and ending of the street on both street sides. Are the streets too short, leave the numbers out!

Source: Ausbildungsleitfaden Kartograph/in 1995