Addresses and State Names

Street names are always spelled out in full when used without a house number. When a house number is present, “street,” “avenue,” “north” and other standard designations are abbreviated.

Drive, lane, parkway and other alternate street designations are not abbreviated in either case.

- It occurred on South Rivershore Drive (NOT S. Rivershore Dr.)
- The store is located at 1714 Main Ave. (NOT 1714 Main Avenue)

Numbered streets and avenues follow the rule of 10 — First to Ninth are spelled out; 10th on up use numerals. Note that addresses are one of the few places in which ordinal numbers (13th, Second) are expressed in numbers or spelled out, again using the rule of 10. (Ordinal: number expressing order in a series.)

- The 13th Avenue underpass has alleviated some traffic delays.
  BUT: Deliver it to the house on Ninth Street.

Street directionals (north, south, east, west) follow the street designation. They are abbreviated or spelled out according to the same rule that governs street names. They’re followed by a period.

State names are always spelled out when they stand alone. They’re abbreviated when used with a city.

- She comes from North Dakota. BUT She comes from Fargo, N.D.
- The familiar two-letter abbreviations (without periods) are postal codes. They are only correct when used in an address.

All references in text should use traditional state abbreviations ONLY.

- Never use the postal codes in written copy except when set up as a street or mailing address:
  - Minn., S.D., Ill., Ariz. NOT MN, SD, IL, AZ

1. The candidates from UT, SD, CA and DC arrive at 600 E. Blvd. Ave. at 12:00 p.m. tomorrow.

2. He claimed to have been born at #2 River Road in Monkey's Eyebrow, Tennessee on December 25.

3. The St. Patrick's Day parade begins at 10:00 o'clock Saturday at 200 Bdwy. and winds up on the corner of Roberts St. and NP Ave.

4. In his April, 2009 address, President Obama said he was adamantly opposed to tax breaks for the rich.

5. He plans to visit San Diego, CA; Salt Lake City UT, and the southern tip of Fla. beginning Friday, February 24, 2013.

6. The pickets paced up and down 1st Ave. S. and two blocks of 17th Street.

7. In spring of 2011 he announced the company would relocate to 1335 N. 2nd Avenue N. by the year 2,013.

8. The Moorhead, Minnesota man became president of the National Farmers Union in Jan., 2012.

9. The Obamas have resided at 1600 Penn. Ave. in D.C. since January 2 2009.

10. The accident occurred at 12AM yesterday at the intersection of Univ. Drive and S. 13th Ave.