

**VINTON COUNTY ENGINEER
MAILBOX REPLACEMENT POLICY
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022**

Mailboxes are a road obstruction within County road rights-of way that may represent a hazard to the traveling public. Ohio Revised Code Sections 5547.03, 5547.04; Manufacturer's Natl. Bank of Detroit vs Erie Cty. Road Comm. (1992), 63 Ohio St. 3d 318.

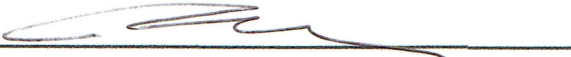
Mailboxes damaged by **DIRECT** contact with a vehicle or its plow blade while performing County maintenance operations will be repaired or replaced with a 4 x 4 treated wooden post and mailbox approved by the United States Postal Service. Damage by thrown or pushed snow does not warrant replacement. In the event that the mailbox is of a specialty or exotic type of construction, the County's liability per occurrence is limited to a mailbox unit as described above or a cash settlement not to exceed \$35.00. An inspection of the damaged mailbox by the Vinton County Engineer's Department along with a signed release form is required prior to payment.

The following mailbox "rules for residents" are intended to minimize mailbox and damage claims. Non-compliance with these rules may negate County responsibility for subsequent damage.

Mailbox Rules for Residents

- 1) Keep the mailbox as far from the edge of pavement as practical for mail carrier to pull over. Converse with local Rural Mail Carrier for any concerns.
- 2) Snow removed from your driveway should not be placed on the roadway or in a location that requires a plow to throw it at the mailbox.
- 3) Mailbox posts must break away and cannot be mounted on anything bigger than a 4 x 4 wood post or 2 inch diameter standard strength steel pipe. In no case should the post be encased in concrete or be permanently affixed in any manner
- 4) The expensive plastic style mailboxes will NOT be replaced.
- 5) Mailbox installations shall comply with the United States Postal Service's "Mailbox Guidelines" (the can be found at USPS.com)

Damage claims and settlements are subject to review by the Superintendent and/or the Vinton County Engineer.



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