

Town of Farmington Mailbox Guidelines

Mailbox installation, maintenance, and conformity with current U.S. Postal Service standards is the responsibility of the individual property owner. Mailboxes are allowed in the right-of-way as a matter of convenience for the property owner. Mailboxes are the property of the property owner and are placed at the owners risk. It is the responsibility of the property owner to keep the area around the mailbox and support clear year round.

The purpose of this ordinance is to minimize hazards, ensure safe travel, convenient mail delivery, and to accommodate snow removal and road maintenance.

Mailboxes Standards

- Bottom of mailbox shall be 42 to 48 inches from the road surface to the bottom of the box
- 40 inches of minimum clearance from the road surface under the lateral support, with no bracing under lateral support on road side of post
- Setback to front of mailbox shall be 0 to 12 inches from the shoulder, not closer than 18 inches to the edge of the road edge
- The post shall be setback a minimum of 24 inches from the front of the mailbox and not closer than 4 feet to the road edge
- Wood posts shall not be larger than 4 inches by 4 inches
- Steel posts shall not be larger than 2 inch diameter standard pipe
- Telephone/Power poles, heavy metal posts, concrete posts, antique farm equipment, or other similar items are prohibited
- Mailboxes shall not be closer than 200 feet to another mailbox, they shall share a support when closer than 200 feet
- Any newspaper boxes shall be attached to mailbox support, maintaining 40 inches minimum clearance measured from road surface

At this time the Town of Farmington is not regulating the size or type of mailbox so long as it is approved by the Postmaster General. The Town would like to offer the following suggestions:

- A plastic mailbox can become brittle in the winter
- Certain color mailboxes are harder to see than others at certain times of the year, such as white in the winter against the snow.
- Oversized mailboxes may collapse from the weight of the snow
- Decorative mailboxes such as fish, dogs, tractors, etc. are more prone to damage

Mailbox supports shall be designed so that if struck, it will bend or fall away from the striking vehicle to prevent severe damage to the vehicle or injury to the traveling public.

The issue of public safety will be the basis of the Town of Farmington taking action to have individuals repair, replace, or relocate mailboxes or mailbox supports.

Supplement Ordinance for Dead End/Development Roads

All mailboxes shall be located on one side of the road only and shall share supports as determined by the Town of Farmington. Mailboxes shall not be located within the circle of a cul de sac, they shall be placed along the straight portion of the road immediately preceding or immediately following the cul de sac as determined by the Town of Farmington.