

**TOWN OF FARMINGTON**  
**Ordinance 7-17**  
**An Ordinance for Mailbox Installation**

**Section 1 Purpose**

The purpose of this ordinance is to regulate and control new mailbox post installations within the Town of Farmington in order to promote public health, safety, general welfare, convenient mail delivery, and to accommodate snow removal and road maintenance. This can be accomplished by requiring proper placement of all new and replacement mail box posts using the following standards.

**Section 2 Definitions**

Mailbox A receptacle and post that holds it, that complies with current US Postal standards.

**Section 3 Mailbox 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 24 inches to the edge of the road surface.
- The post shall be setback a minimum of 36 inches from the front of the mailbox
- Ideal distance from road center is 17 feet, not closer than 5 feet from road edge to post
- 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, not on a separate post, 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.

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.

Prior to installation of any mailbox, you must obtain a mailbox permit which needs to be approved by the designated town official who will inspect the location and type of mailbox. At this time, there will be no charge for this permit.

#### **Section 4 Violation and Penalties**

Anyone who fails to comply with the provisions in this ordinance may be subject to a fine and may be ordered to remove and replace their mailbox to meet the provisions of this ordinance at the violator's expense.

Dated this 6th day of July, 2017.