

**LAKE COUNTY ENGINEER
MAILBOX REPLACEMENT POLICY
EFFECTIVE: DECEMBER 15, 2008**

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 v. Erie Cty. Road Comm. (1992), 63 Ohio St. 3d 318.

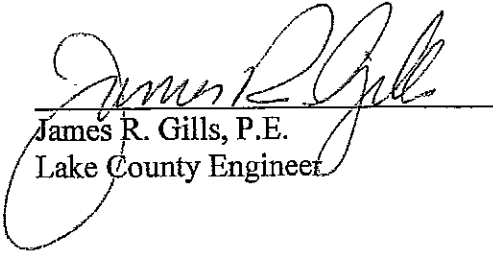
Mailboxes damaged by **DIRECT** contact with a vehicle or its plow blade while performing County maintenance operations will be repaired or replaced with a 4 x 4 treated wooden post and a mailbox approved by the United States Postal Service. Damage by thrown or pushed snow does not warrant replacement. 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 Lake 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 white/edge line as practical.
- (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 4x4 wood post or 2 inch diameter standard strength steel pipe.
- (4) The expensive plastic style mailboxes will NOT be replaced.

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


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