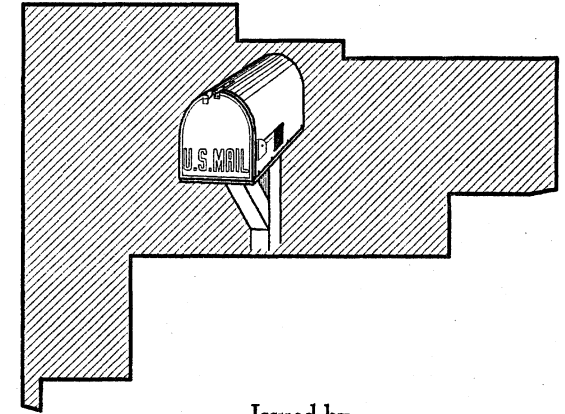


MINIMUM STANDARDS for
INSTALLATION of
MAILBOXES
and
REMOVAL of OBSTRUCTIONS
on
COUNTY & TOWNSHIP ROAD
RIGHT-OF-WAYS
in
AUGLAIZE COUNTY, OHIO



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FORWARD

It is the duty of the Auglaize County Engineer to provide the safest possible highway system for the traveling public of Auglaize County.

SECTION 5547 of the OHIO REVISED CODE provides for right-of-way. The County Engineer has interpreted this policy to set forth regulations governing mailboxes in the county and township right-of-way.

Since 1972 the Engineer's office has provided guidelines for proper mailbox installation within these right-of-ways. The following are the minimum requirements.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF MAILBOXES

1. The mailbox units should be attached to the support unit with sufficient strength to prevent the box from separating from the post top if struck by a vehicle.
2. The support structure (post) shall be a wooden post (no larger) than 4 inch x 4 inch square or 4 1/2 inch dia. (round) or metal post with a strength no greater than 2 inch diameter standard strength steel pipe (with a weight not to exceed 2.6 lbs. per foot). No support structure shall be embedded more than 24 inches into the ground. A metal post shall not be fitted with an anchor plate, but it may have an anti-twist device that extends no more than 10 inches below the ground surface. (See detail) Mailbox supports shall not be set in concrete.
3. The unit shall be placed at an offset from the edge of the pavement so that the roadside face of the mailbox is no closer than 5' from the pavement. When a mailbox is installed in the vicinity of an existing guardrail, it shall be placed behind the guardrail unless otherwise approved by the County Engineer.

4. Multiple mailbox units of more than two boxes shall not be mounted on one support. However, lightweight newspaper boxes may be mounted below the mailbox on the side of the support.

5. Designs not described in this brochure will be acceptable only if written approval is granted by the Auglaize County County Engineer's Office.

6. The owner shall assume responsibility for and shall hold Auglaize County harmless and defend any and all claims for personal injury and property damages that might be brought as a result of this work.

— WARNING —

Following are excerpts from a 1992 Ohio Supreme Court ruling:

"WHERE AN ABUTTING LANDOWNER OR OCCUPIER USES THE HIGHWAY RIGHT-OF-WAY IN A MANNER INCONSISTENT WITH A HIGHWAY PURPOSE, AND WHERE SUCH USAGE CONSTITUTES AN UNREASONABLE HAZARD TO USERS OF THE HIGHWAY, THE LANDOWNER OR OCCUPIER MAY BE LIABLE FOR DAMAGES PROXIMATELY CAUSED BY THE IMPROPER USE OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY."

"A LAND OWNER OR OCCUPIER IS UNDER OBLIGATION TO KNOW THE BOUNDARIES OF THE PROPERTY. THE BORDER OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY IS A BOUNDARY LINE LIKE ANY OTHER."

To reduce the liability exposure of landowners or occupiers and Auglaize County, we have an obligation to inform you that anything which you cause to be placed, or cause to remain, on the right-of-way could be the cause of legal action being brought against you. If you currently have such items as fences, trees, shrubs, stones or any other obstructions on the right-of-way, you should make arrangements to have them removed.

MAILBOX APPROACH

