

## **EXHIBIT "A"**

### **SEC. 8-400; MAILBOXES**

- A. This ordinance applies to any mailboxes installed after the date of passage of this Ordinance whether it is a new installation or replacement installation.
- B. Mailboxes along county roads may be placed and located as follows:
1. On paved roads with paved shoulders, the face of the mailbox should be at least four (4) feet from the paved edge of the road.
  2. On paved roads with shoulders equal to or greater than three (3) feet, the face of the mailbox should be at least one (1) foot from the paved edge of the shoulder of the road.
  3. On paved roads with a raised curb, the face of the mailbox should be at least six (6) inches from the back of the curb.
  4. On gravel and dirt roads, the face of the mailbox should be at least four (4) feet from the traveled roadway.
  5. On roads with guardrails, the face of the mailbox should be at least six (6) inches behind the guardrail.
  6. On roads with inadequate shoulder and slopes greater than 13°, the LaPorte County Highway Department shall assist the landowner to define and locate an acceptable location for such mailbox.
  7. Mailboxes shall be located at least a minimum of ninety (90) feet from the centerline of any intersecting roads.

8. When a mailbox is placed in the vicinity of an existing guardrail it should, whenever possible, be placed behind the guardrail.
  9. If more than one mailbox is installed at a location, the centers of the support posts shall be separated with a minimum spacing of three-fourths (3/4) the height of the posts above the ground lien.
- C. LaPorte County will not be responsible for the replacement or repair of any mailboxes that are damaged as a result of any road repairs or snow removal activities that are placed in accordance with this Ordinance.
  - D. The individual landowners will be responsible to maintain mailbox approaches and the same shall not be the responsibility of the LaPorte County Highway Department.
  - E. All new mailbox locations will be inspected and approved by the LaPorte County Highway Department as directed by the LaPorte County Highway Department.
  - F. Any individual who obtains a building permit for the new construction shall obtain as part of a driveway permit, a mailbox permit from the LaPorte County Building Commissioner
  - G. Any individual who fails to place a mailbox according to these provisions shall be subject to a fine not to exceed One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00),

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## **Mailbox Structure:**

Mailboxes should be of light sheet metal or plastic construction conforming to the requirements of the Postal Service. Newspaper delivery boxes shall be of light sheet metal or plastic construction of minimum dimensions suitable for holding a newspaper.

No more than two mailboxes may be mounted on a support structure unless the support structure and mailbox arrangement have been shown to be safe by crash testing. However, lightweight newspaper boxes may be mounted below the mailbox on the side of the mailbox support.

Mailbox supports shall not be set in concrete unless the support design has been shown to be safe by crash test when so installed.

A single 4" x 4" square wooden post, four (4) inch diameter wooden post or metal post with a strength no greater than a two (2) inches diameter standard strength steel pipe will be no more than twenty-four (24) inches into the ground will be acceptable as a mailbox support. A metal post shall not be fitted with an anchor plate, but it may be having an anti-twist device that extends no more than ten (10) inches below the ground surface.

The post-to-box attachment details shall be in conformance with current INDOT standards or AASHTO's "A Guide for Erecting Mailboxes on Highways". Copies of the attachment details are available at the office of the Highway Engineering Department.

Mailbox support designs to described in this regulation will be acceptable if shown to be safe by crash tests and approved by the Highway Department and/or Highway Engineer.