

ORDINANCE 2003 - 12

**ORDINANCE TO AMEND
ORDINANCE NO 97-26 AND 2001-03
REGARDING THE PLACEMENT OF MAILBOXES**

WHEREAS, there exists a problem regarding the placement of mailboxes; and

WHEREAS, LaPorte County Highway Department has incurred problems with mailboxes placed too close to the traveled right-of-way portions of county roads; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to provide a consistent policy on future mailbox placements.

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Board of Commissioners of LaPorte County that:

SECTION I. That Ordinance 97-26 is amended to delete any part or reference concerning mailboxes.

SECTION II. That Ordinance 2001-03, Section 8-400 (mailboxes) is amended to read as follows:

See Exhibit "A".

SECTION III. That this ordinance shall take effect after its publication and passage as prescribed by law, if applicable.

SECTION IV. That any other Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith is hereby vacated and rescinded.

SECTION V. That the LaPorte County Auditor shall take the necessary steps to enforce such Ordinance.

ADOPTED on this 15th day of July, 2003.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
LAPORTE COUNTY, INDIANA


Marlow Harmon, President


Bill Hager, Vice President

Clay Turner, Member

ATTEST


Kenneth E. Layton, County Auditor

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.

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- 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 Superintendent.
 - F. Any individual who obtains a building permit for 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).