

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

Mailboxes are a road obstruction within County or Village road rights-of-way that may represent a hazard to the traveling public. Ohio Revised Code Sections 5547.03, 5547.04; *Manufacturer's National 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 Village 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 Village 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 Perry Village Road Department along with a signed released 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 Village 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 4 x 4 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 Road Superintendent.