

## CHAPTER 170

### MAIL AND NEWSPAPER DELIVERY BOXES

**[HISTORY: Adopted by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Pembroke as indicated in article histories. Amendments noted where applicable.]**

#### **GENERAL REFERENCES**

Streets and sidewalks — See Ch. 186.

#### **ARTICLE I Placement in Right-of-Way**

**[Adopted 12-5-2005]**

##### **§ 170-1 Purpose.**

The purpose of this article is to allow mail and newspaper delivery boxes (hereafter jointly referred to as "mailbox") to be placed within the right-of-way of public streets and roads in such a manner that does not interfere with the safety of the traveling public and ability of the Public Works Department to perform street and road maintenance. All mailboxes are placed by permission and at the owners [sic] expense.

##### **§ 170-2 Location.**

The location of mailboxes shall conform to the rules and regulations of the United States Postal Service and the following standards established by the Town of Pembroke.

A. Paved Street or road: the roadside face of the mailbox shall be offset by 12 inches from edge of pavement.

B. Curbed Street or road: the roadside face of the mailbox shall be offset by 12 inches from roadside edge of curb.

C. Street or road with sidewalks: No mailbox is to be located on a sidewalk. Existing mailboxes placed in the sidewalk at the effective date of adoption or amendment of this article may remain in place and shall be considered nonconforming. Future replacement of nonconforming mailboxes shall be allowed so long as it remains lawful and there is no other practical location.

D. Gravel road: The roadside face of the mailbox shall be 12 inches from the edge of gravel.

E. Guardrail: If a mailbox is located in the vicinity of a guardrail, whenever practical, it shall be placed behind the guardrail.

F. Minimum height: shall conform to the rules and regulations of the United States Postal Service.

#### **§ 170-3 Removal of nonconforming and unsafe mailboxes.**

Any mailbox that is in violation of this article shall be immediately removed by the owner upon notification of the Public Works Director. If the owner has not removed the mailbox within 30 days of notification, the Public Works Director shall cause the mailbox to be removed at the owner's expense.

#### **§ 170-4 Snow removal.**

Residents shall be responsible for cleaning snow around their mailbox to assure delivery of mail.

#### **§ 170-5 Severability.**

If any section, subsection, paragraph, clause, sentence, phrase, or word contained in this article shall be declared invalid for any reason whatsoever, such decision shall not affect the remaining portion of this article, which shall remain in full force and effect and, to this end, the provisions of this article are hereby declared severable.

#### **§ 170-6 When effective.**

This article is effective immediately upon acceptance of the Board of Selectmen.