

VILLAGE OF CARY

ORDINANCE NO. #O14-05-02

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MUNICIPAL CODE, CARY, ILLINOIS

ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF CARY THIS 13th DAY OF MAY, 2014

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authority of the Mayor and
Board of Trustees of the Village
of Cary, McHenry County, Illinois
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WHEREAS, from time to time it is appropriate to modify the Municipal Code to respond to
current trends and needs of the community; and

WHEREAS, on May 6, 2014, the Committee of the Whole for the Village of Cary
recommended changes to Chapter 12.08.220 of the Village Code regarding the placement of
mailboxes in the Village parkway; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Village Board have determined that adopting this ordinance
will be in the best interests of the Village and its residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Trustees of the
Village of Cary as follows:

SECTION 1: That the above recitals are incorporated as if fully set forth herein.

SECTION 2: That Section 12.08.220 of the Village of Cary Municipal Code is hereby
amended and replaced in its entirety as follows:

12.08.220. Mailboxes.

*The placement of mailboxes in the Village parkway shall be in accordance to the
regulations of the United States Postal Service and the local Postmaster.*

SECTION 3: All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are
hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 4: If any part or parts of this Ordinance shall be held invalid for any reason such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining part or parts of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval according to law.

PASSED THIS 13th DAY OF MAY, 2014.

AYES: Kraus, Bragg, Dudek

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Chapman, Kaplan, Lukasik

APPROVED THIS 13th DAY OF MAY, 2014.

Malcolm
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Nancy Bragg
VILLAGE CLERK


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Mailbox Guidelines

So what makes a good mailbox?

From the wear and tear of daily use to constant assault from the elements, these guidelines will help you set up a mailbox that stands up to it all.

If you're buying a new mailbox, look for the Postmaster General's seal of approval; every new mailbox design should be reviewed and approved before it goes to market.

If you opt to construct your own mailbox, you should run your plans by your local postmaster. Overall, the mailbox you build will need to meet the same size, strength, and quality standards as manufactured boxes.

The house or apartment number should be clearly displayed on your mailbox. And, if your mailbox is on a different street than your house, the street name should appear on it, too.

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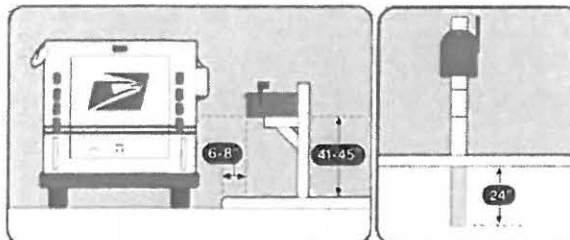


Placement The Post Maintenance Door Slots

Because of varying road and curb conditions, the Postal Service™ recommends that you contact your local postmaster for approval of the location of your mailbox before you put it up.

Put a roadside mailbox where a carrier can safely reach inside without leaving the truck. That means positioning it about 41" to 45" off the ground and back about 6" to 8" from the curb. In the absence of a raised curb, contact your local postmaster for guidance.

If you live in the city and are attaching the box to your house, just make sure it can be accessed easily from your sidewalk, steps, or porch. Because city carriers often shoulder heavy bags, put your mailbox about 4' from the ground. That way, your carrier won't have to stretch or bend to reach it. And remember to keep the path to your mailbox clear in inclement weather.



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If you're mounting a curbside mailbox on a post near the street, the support should be secure and safe. The best supports are designed to bend or fall away if a car hits them.

The Federal Highway Administration recommends...

- A wooden mailbox support no bigger than 4" x 4"
- A 2"-diameter standard steel or aluminum pipe

Bury your post no more than 24" deep, so it can give way in an accident.

Don't use potentially dangerous supports, such as...

- Heavy metal pipes
- Concrete posts
- Farm equipment, such as milk cans filled with concrete

In areas with lots of snow, we suggest a semi-arch or extended arm-type support. That way, snowplows will be able to sweep under without knocking it down.

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