

1 Sec. 42-22. - Mailboxes.

2 (a) In general. Any person may install and maintain in the
3 public parkway or public right-of-way adjacent to any
4 street, a curbside mailbox for the receipt of mail from
5 the United States Postal Service (USPS) consistent with
6 this section and all applicable regulations promulgated
7 by the USPS.

8 (b) Conforming mailboxes. As used in this section, a
9 conforming mailbox is a mailbox installed and maintained
10 in accordance with the USPS regulations. Conforming
11 mailboxes and their support structures shall be in good
12 repair and not rotted nor infested.

13 (c) Non-conforming mailboxes. As used in this section, a non-
14 conforming mailbox is any mailbox that does not comply
15 with the standards set forth in paragraph (b) or
16 mailboxes and mailbox support structures composed of
17 brick, block, stone or concrete masonry columns, wagon
18 wheels, steel pipes in excess of the previously defined
19 two inch diameter 0.144" thickness and lumber posts in
20 excess of four (4) inches by four (4) inches (4" x 4").
21 Non-conforming mailboxes are installed and maintained at
22 the sole risk of their owner. Except as may be authorized
23 by the rules and procedures set forth in paragraph (b),
24 the city will not replace or repair, nor reimburse for
25 the repair or replacement of a non-conforming mailbox.

26 (d) Claims for damage. The city engineer and corporation
27 counsel are directed and authorized to establish rules
28 and procedures to provide for an expedited review and
29 reimbursement of claims made against the city alleged to
30 arise from damage to confirming mailboxes caused by the
31 direct physical contact of a motor vehicle operated by
32 the city or its contractor or an appurtenance of said
33 motor vehicle. Such rules and procedures shall include
34 the establishment of reasonable time periods for the
35 submittal of claims, appropriate requirements for the
36 investigation and/or substantiation of claims, and a
37 maximum amount of per-claim reimbursement not less than
38 seventy-five (\$75) dollars, which shall be annually
39 reviewed. Such rules and procedures may, but are not
40 required to, provide for reimbursement of claims
41 involving non-conforming mailboxes in extraordinary
42 situations or involving damage not caused by direct
43 contact with a motor vehicle or motor vehicle
44 appurtenance.

1 (e) Nothing in this section shall be deemed to supersede the
2 provisions of section 42-8 of this article.

3 ~~_(a) For purposes of this section, boxes used for receipt of~~
4 ~~United States mail and placed outside of residences and~~
5 ~~establishments for such purpose shall be referred to herein~~
6 ~~as mailboxes.~~

7 ~~(b) Personnel of the public works department and its divisions~~
8 ~~shall notify any property owner upon whose or adjacent to~~
9 ~~whose property is found a mailbox which:~~

10 ~~(1) Fails to meet the published standards of the United~~
11 ~~States Postal Service for installation instructions (P.S.~~
12 ~~Form 4056) as well as Illinois Department of~~
13 ~~Transportation standards along state highways; or~~

14 ~~(2) Is located so that the front edge of the mailbox when~~
15 ~~closed extends closer than nine (9) inches from the~~
16 ~~backside of the curb, or where no curbing exists, extends~~
17 ~~closer than eighteen (18) inches from the near edge of the~~
18 ~~public street pavement.~~

19 ~~(c) Failure of such notified owner to relocate the mailbox as~~
20 ~~provided in this section shall render such owner ineligible~~
21 ~~to receive any appropriate reparations under subsection (d)~~
22 ~~hereof.~~

23 ~~(d) In the event of municipal snowplowing along the streets of~~
24 ~~the city which snowplowing results in direct contact damage~~
25 ~~to a mailbox thereupon, reparation in an amount of said~~
26 ~~damage, but not to exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00) per~~
27 ~~separately standing mailbox shall be provided to the~~
28 ~~applicable property owner, except as provided in subsection~~
29 ~~(e) hereof.~~

30 ~~(e) Property owners desiring that the parkway or other off-~~
31 ~~street or street fringe area immediately in front of and~~
32 ~~accessing any mailbox be kept free and clear of snow or~~
33 ~~diminished thereof shall be authorized to clear such area~~
34 ~~under their own responsibility, and the city shall not be~~
35 ~~responsible therefor.~~

36 ~~(f) Nothing in this section shall be deemed to supersede the~~
37 ~~provisions of section 42-8 of this article.~~

38 (Ord. No. 090-116, § 1, 10-2-90)