

ORDINANCE O22-076-01

ORDINANCE REGULATING SNOW REMOVAL AND MAILBOXES

WHEREAS, the Village of Timberlane desires to control the installation of mailboxes and types of mailboxes installed on streets without a curb.

WHEREAS, the Village in its concern for roadside safety, visual obstruction, and damage of mailboxes as the result of the Village's snow removal work.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the President and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Timberlane, Boone County, Illinois that:

SNOW REMOVAL:

Section 1. Weather conditions:

The weather plays a huge factor in how long it takes to remove snow and ice. How much, how long it snows, weight of snow (wet, heavy snow takes longer to remove than a few inches of light fluffy snow) all factor into technique and time. Wind and temperature can also make plowing hard or even impossible to keep roads safe and open in some cases.

Section 2. Snow routes:

Our drivers have specific routes they are assigned each time it snows. These routes are laid out to make out snow removal go as quickly as possible.

Section 3. Marking the edge of your yard:

Some residents like to mark the edge of the road to keep traffic and snowplows from damaging their yard. If you choose to do so it must be done with fiberglass marking posts and kept one (1) foot off the road to help with the snow removal. Steel posts will not be tolerated. If a steel post gets broken or bent it can do serious damage to tires, undersides of vehicles, snowplows, etc. in which the homeowner will be held liable.

Section 4. Right of way / obstructions:

The standard right of way is 33 feet from the center of the roadway. Any obstructions in the right of way (rocks, landscape material, fences, bushes, etc.) should be removed. If there is any damage caused to a snowplow from obstructions in the right of way the homeowner may be liable.

Section 5. Cul-de-sacs:

If you live in a cul-de-sac, the snow removal procedure goes as follows: During the initial snow the snowplow will make one, sometimes two passes around the outside of the cul-de-sac pushing the snow towards the middle. After the snow has ended and the roads are clear, the snowplow will come back and clean the cul-de-sac. It is up to the determination of the driver where to put

the snow to make the cleaning of the cul-de-sac the quickest and most economic. Some residents may end up with more snow in their yard than others. If you wish to mark the edge of the road with fiberglass posts, please keep them at least 14 feet apart so the snowplow can push snow in between them without damaging the markers.

Section 6. Driveways:

Unfortunately, when plowing snow, you will end up with snow at the end of your driveway. Our drivers do what they can to keep this at a minimum. Pushing snow across the road or leaving the snow from your driveway in the road is illegal. If there is damage done to a snowplow or someone's vehicle, the homeowner can be liable. Also, if you pile snow at the end of your driveway, please do so by putting the snow on the right side of your driveway when you are facing the street. This will minimize the amount that gets knocked back into your driveway when the snowplow goes by.

Section 7. Parked vehicles:

Parked vehicles are difficult issues for plow trucks. Not only are trucks unable to move the plows down the roadway, but it is inevitable we will plow them in. We will not make special trips to clear roadways when vehicles are parked along the roads. The village has an ordinance which regulates there will be no parking on streets when we have 2 inches of snow. Residents risk towing of vehicles for leaving them in the roadway.

REGULATING MAILBOXES:

Section 1. Proper installation of mailboxes:

Mailboxes shall be located 6" from the back of the curb or 12" from the edge of the pavement on streets without a curb. This area is commonly known as an easement or right of way which is "the legal right, established by usage or grant, to pass along a specific route through grounds or property belonging to another."

Section 2. Types of mailboxes allowed:

Mailboxes shall consist of a wood post no larger than 4 x 4 inches or a light gauge steel or aluminum post no larger than 2 inches in diameter. Mailboxes supported by a non-breakaway support system are prohibited.

These standards are to ensure that the roadside remains free of fixed objects that can be dangerous to travelers and prohibits the construction of an object that will visually obstruct the view necessary for the safe operation of motor vehicles on the road.

No maintenance, repair, or replacement to or on any mailbox not meeting the standards herein shall be allowed.

Section 3. Mailbox reimbursement:

If a mailbox has been damaged by the impact of Village equipment during snow removal operations, and to the extent that it cannot be repaired, the Village, with prior approval of the

Village Board, shall at their sole discretion, either provide reimbursement of the cost for replacement of the mailbox and/or the mail post up to a maximum value of \$ 75.00 (total dollar amount for both mailbox and post) or shall replace the mailbox and/or post with the type and standard mailbox provided.

Reimbursement by the Village for custom mailboxes shall be limited to a one-time payment. The Village reserves the right to limit or deny reimbursement for any mailbox that has been damaged that was installed too close to the edge of the road or back of the curb, or that was not installed per US Postal Service guidelines.

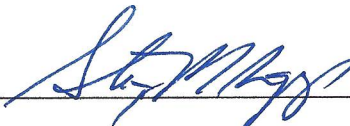
The Village is not responsible for the repair, replacement, or reimbursement of any mailbox or post unless the damage was the result of the Village's snow removal work. Damage caused by private contractors, private vehicles, accidents that do not involve a Village vehicle, or from unknown damage will not be replaced by the Village. Mailboxes damaged by debris, snow, ice, slush, wind, rain, etc., will not be the responsibility of the Village. For example, if snow/ice departing from a Village plow impacts a mailbox causing damage the repair, reimbursement, or replacement will not be the responsibility of the Village.

Section 4. Proof of damage:

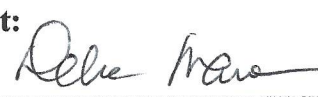
For the Village to approve this claim, a photo of the damaged mailbox and/or post, taken at the time the damage was discovered, MUST be submitted along with this claim form (either printed or sent as an email attachment).

Passed by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Timberlane this **17th day of March, 2022.**

Approved by me this 17th MARCH, 2022.



Stephen M. Rapp, Village President

Attest: 

Debra Marnier, Village Clerk

Trustees Voting:

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

**ORDINANCE O22-076-01 (APPENDIX A)
MAILBOX DAMAGE CLAIM FORM**

Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone: _____

Date of Damage: _____ Date Claim Submitted: _____

1. Was your mailbox damaged by the direct impact of Village equipment during snow removal operations? (Circle "Yes" or "No") Yes No
2. Does the mailbox meet the specified requirements outlined in this ordinance regarding proper installation and type?
- a. Located 6" from the back of the curb or 12" from the edge of the pavement. Yes No
- b. Wood post no larger than 4 x 4 inches or a light gauge steel or aluminum post no larger than 2" in diameter. Yes No
- c. Mailbox is NOT supported by a non-breakaway support system. Yes No

NOTE: If you answered "No" to any of the above, the Village reserves the right to limit or deny any maintenance, repair, replacement, or reimbursement for any damaged mailbox.

3. Can the mailbox be repaired (circle "Yes" or "No")?
- Yes If "Yes," what is the estimated cost (up to \$75)? _____
- No If "No," request Village reimburse for replacement mailbox and/or post (\$75).
4. For the Village to approve this claim, a photo of the damaged mailbox and/or post, *taken at the time the damage was discovered*, MUST be submitted along with this claim form (either printed or sent as an email attachment).

Claim approved by Village President:

(Sign/Date): _____

Reimbursement Check Disbursed by Treasurer:

(Sign/Date): _____