

OCEANA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Office: (231) 873-4226

Fax: (231) 873-7123

Post Office Box 112

HART, MICHIGAN 49420-0112

Shop: (231) 873-3717

LANCE R. MALBURG, Engineer - Manager

SANDRA K. GRIFFIN, Secretary - Clerk

RUSSELL EILERS, Chairman

JEREMY HORTON, Vice Chairman

JAY CONKLIN, Member

WILLIAM MYERS, Member

CATHY FORBES, Member

Mailbox Policy

Mailboxes are allowed in the road right-of-way as a public service. The face of the mailbox shall be placed a minimum of 6' off the edge of the blacktop, or 1' behind the road shoulder, whichever is farthest from the centerline. Single mailboxes should be installed on 4"x 4" or 4.5" diameter wood posts or steel posts less than 3 lbs. per foot. These supports should be embedded no more than 24" in the ground. Multiple mailbox installations should be placed on individual supports spaced at least 3' apart.

Damage of mailboxes is primarily caused by the act of widening the roads. Widening the road is a necessary function of the Road Commission. It provides snow storage for future storms, reduces blowing and drifting snow, and eliminates vision obstructions now and in the future. It is the sincere hope of the Road Commission that the work of snow removal does not damage property. Please understand that sometimes it does occur. Most times, it is the force of the snow or ice being thrown by the plow that damages the mailbox. Occasionally poor visibility and other factors can result in the mailbox being struck by the plow.

Mailboxes are permitted to be in the Right Of Way (ROW) as a convenience to the property owner. On December 10, 2008 the County Board of Road Commissioners voted to deny replacement or reimbursement for damage done to mailboxes and/or posts. This resolution took affect January 1, 2009. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

