

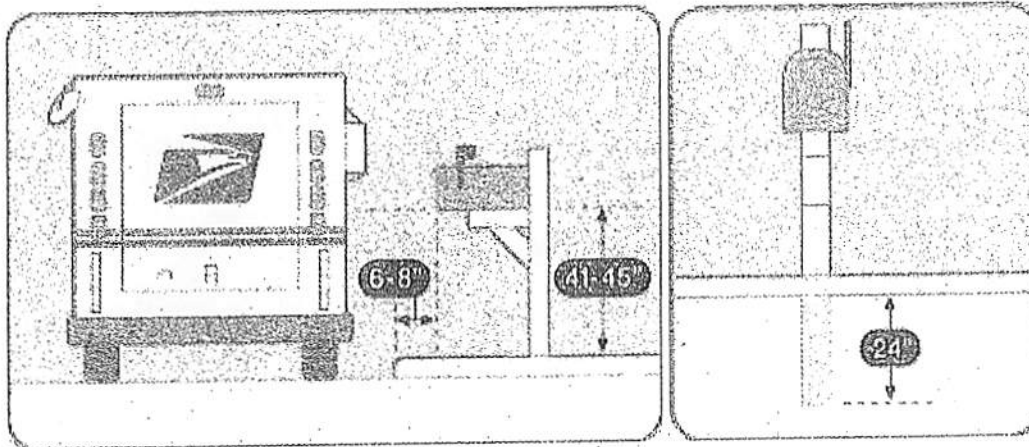
CITY OF ANSONIA

MAILBOX POLICY

The location of any mailbox within the City right-of-way automatically makes it vulnerable to the high impact loads from snow and ice cascading off the plows of the City's snow removal equipment. While mailboxes provide an opportunity for individual expression, their primary purpose is to provide a reliable receptacle for mail throughout the year. Structural strength and the durability to withstand the rigors of New England weather should be the primary consideration when selecting and installing a mailbox.

Residents and taxpayers are reminded of the importance of proper placement and anchoring of mailboxes and support posts to prevent damage from snow removal operations. The City requests that everyone complies with the following guidelines.

1. **PLACEMENT** - Place a roadside mailbox where a carrier can safely reach without leaving the vehicle (illustration below):



2. **POST** - 4" X 4" wooden post or a 2" diameter standard steel or aluminum pipe. Post can be buried up to 24" deep. DO NOT place concrete in post hole. Post must be able to break away if struck by a vehicle.

3. DO NOT USE:

- A. heavy metal pipes
- B. concrete posts
- C. any item filled with concrete
(i.e. milk cans, cinder blocks, trash cans, etc.)

REMEMBER – Casted snow that strikes and knocks over a mailbox or post does not qualify for replacement. A public works vehicle or plow must strike the mailbox and show visible signs of damage.

A designated representative of the public works department is authorized to use reasonable discretion in resolving disputes regarding mailbox replacement.

Once it is determined that the City is at fault, the mailbox will be replaced with a regulation mailbox (white or black) and a pressure treated post. (Cost of mailbox not to exceed \$20.00)

Any questions regarding the policy, please call the public works office at (203) 736-5945.

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