

## **[MN-45] MAILBOXES**

Contact U.S. Postal Service local postmaster for current regulations for the installation of mailboxes.

The Joint Secondary Roads/Maintenance and Equipment Committee voted in May of 1990 to emphasize that no mailbox structures be allowed to exist on new road additions. Prior to that date, information was not being specifically given to developers about prohibition of mailbox structures.

The *Secondary Roads Subdivision Manual* dictates "a right of way free of charge and clear of all encumbrances."

Rural mail boxes should be placed on the right side of the road with the post being erected approximately one (1) foot off the shoulder point, giving the mail carrier the full use of the roadway shoulder.

It is the property owner's or customer's responsibility to remove obstructions from around the mailbox, including but not limited to such items as vehicles, trash and snow.

The Division of Highways will only allow non-rigid or break away type posts such as a 4" x 4" wooden or small diameter metal pipes on new road additions planned after May 3, 1990. Brick columns or mailboxes on rigid stands such as block, stone or any other type believed to be a traffic hazard will not be allowed within the right of way.

Review the AASHTO *Guide for Erecting Mailboxes on Highways* at the following links:

[http://www.doh.dot.state.nc.us/preconstruct/highway/dsn\\_srvc/value/manuals/](http://www.doh.dot.state.nc.us/preconstruct/highway/dsn_srvc/value/manuals/) or

<http://www.transportation.org/aashto/home.nsf/FrontPage> (AASHTO web page).

[G.S. 136-18\(5\); 90; 93](#) (Obstructing Highways)

[19A NCAC 02E 0404](#) (Highway Obstructions)

[MISC19900514.pdf](#) (Brick Column Mailboxes on New Road Additions)

[MISC19910410.pdf](#) (Ordinance Relating to Highway Obstructions)

[MISC19960321.pdf](#) (Mailbox Obstructions - SRO)

[MISC19911216a.pdf](#) (Road Additions with Mailbox Structures from Jack Murdock)

[MISC19990721.pdf](#) (Attorney General, Form letter re/ brick mailbox)

Refer to [GO-4](#), Rural Mailboxes Interfering with Traffic or Maintenance, Chapter 2 of this manual.