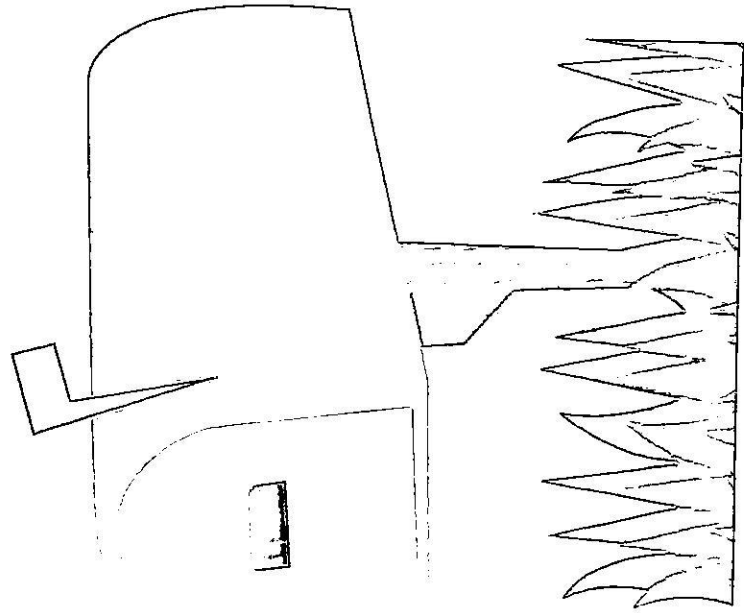


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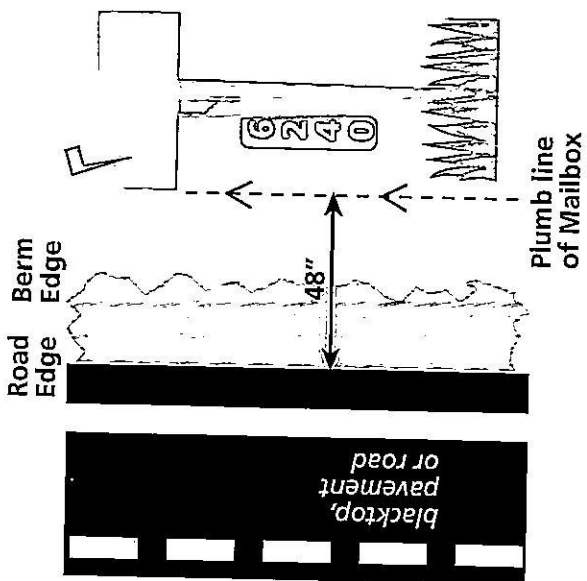
This pamphlet outlines the Allen Township mailbox unit and support installation rules and guidelines for County and Township Roads.



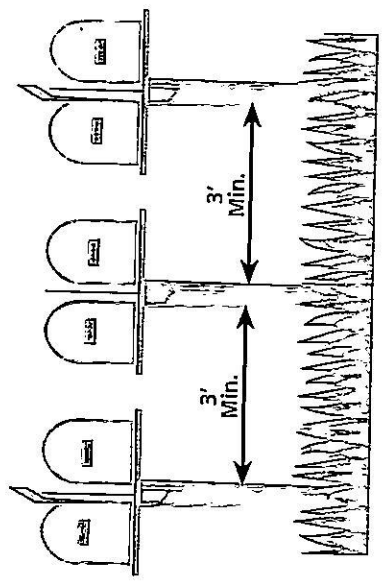
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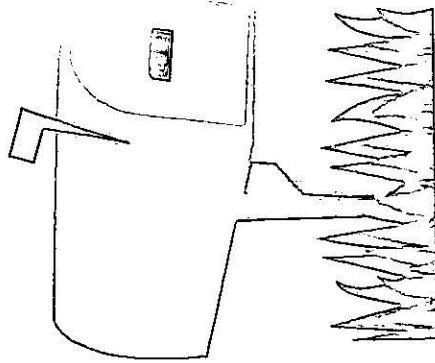
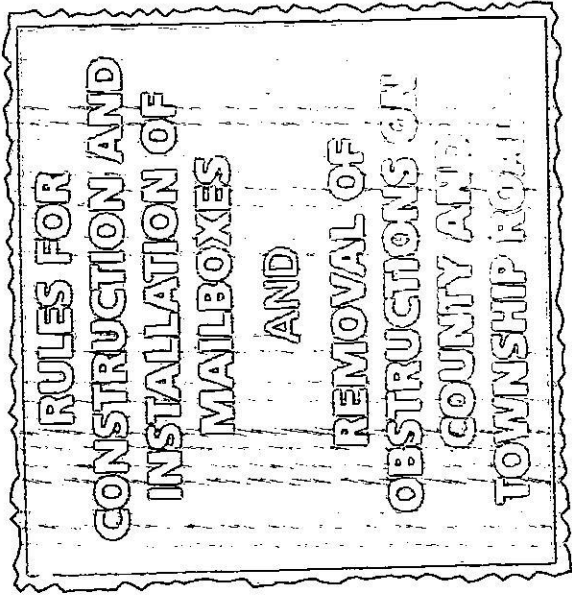
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MINIMUM STANDARD



GROUP MAILBOXES





FORWARD

The Allen Township Trustees adopted by Resolution, a mailbox policy governing location and restrictions for mailboxes located in Allen Township, effective August 6, 1996.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF MAILBOXES

Section 5547 of the Ohio Revised Code provides for the removal of obstructions within the county highway system right-of-way. The Federal Highway Administration has adopted the following standards for rural mailboxes. Mailboxes not in compliance with these standards are a safety hazard and an obstruction to the safe use of the highway and should be removed.

1. All mailboxes located in Allen Township shall be located no less than 48" from the edge of the roadway pavement to the closest edge of the mailbox.
2. The height of all mailboxes shall be thirty-eight (38) to forty (40) inches from the ground to the bottom of the box; and
3. All mailboxes placed in Allen Township are so placed at the risk of the mailbox owner.
4. The Allen Township Trustees will not be responsible for damage done to any mailbox during snow removal or construction if any part of the box (when plumbed) is less than forty-eight (48) inches from the edge of the roadway pavement.
5. If any part of a mailbox is forty-eight (48) inches or more from the edge of the roadway pavement, the Allen Township Trustees will be responsible for the damaged box only if physically hit by the snow plow or equipment.

The Allen Township Trustees will only pay up to equal value of the damaged mailbox and a maximum of \$20 for labor. Receipts required.

6. The Allen Township Trustees will maintain all approaches to mailboxes installed in accordance with the policy stated herein.

WARNING

Following are excerpts from a 1992 Ohio Supreme Court ruling:

"Where an abutting land owner or occupier uses the highway right-of-way in a manner inconsistent with a highway purpose, and where such usage constitutes an unreasonable hazard to users of the highway, the land owner or occupier may be liable for damages proximately caused by the improper use of the right-of-way."

"A land owner or occupier is under obligation to know the boundaries of the property. The border of the right-of-way is a boundary line like any other."

To reduce the liability exposure of land owners or occupiers and Allen Township, we have an obligation to inform you that anything which you cause to be placed, or cause to remain, on the right-of-way could be the cause of legal action being brought against you. If you currently have such items as fences, trees, shrubs, stones, or any other obstructions on the right-of-way, you should make arrangements to have them removed.