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Dear Property Owner,

The Adams County Highway Commission recognizes your mailbox as a roadside hazard and a liability. Below you will find several criteria in which you may use to bring your mailbox to within safer standards used by all.

## STRUCTURE:

Mailboxes shall be of light sheet metal or plastic construction conforming to the requirements of the U.S. Postal Service. Newspaper delivery boxes shall be of light sheet metal or plastic construction of minimum dimensions suitable for holding a newspaper.

Nor more than two mailboxes may be mounted on a support structure unless the support structure and mailbox arrangement has been shown to be safe by crash testing. However, lightweight newspaper boxes may be mounted below the mailbox on the side of the mailbox support.

Mailbox supports shall not be set in concrete unless the support design has been shown to be safe by crash tests when so installed.

A single 4-inch or 4-1/2 inch diameter wooden post or metal post with a strength steel pipe and embedded no more than 24 inches into the ground will be acceptable as a mailbox support. A metal post shall not be fitted with an anchor plate, but it may have an anti-twist device that extends no more than 10 inches below the ground surface.

The post-to-box attachment details should be of sufficient strength to prevent the box from separating from the post top if a vehicle strikes the installation.

The minimum spacing between the centers of support posts shall be three-fourths the height of the post above the ground line.

Mailbox support designs not described in this regulation will be acceptable if approved by the chief engineer of the Agency.

## REMOVAL OF NONCONFORMING OR UNSAFE MAILBOXES:

Any mailbox that is found to violate the intent of this regulation shall be removed by the postal patron upon notification by the Agency. At the discretion of the Agency, based on an assessment of hazard to the public, the patron will be granted not less than 24 hours nor more than 30 days to remove an unacceptable mailbox. After the specified removal period has expired, the unacceptable mailbox will be removed by the Agency at the postal patron's expense.

Thank you for your cooperation. Safer highways are something we all can use.

Sincerely,  
Adams County Highway Commission

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