

AMENDMENT TO RULES AND REGULATIONS (MAILBOXES)

INTRODUCTION

The original mailbox installed on lots by the developer of Spring Lake was a medium sized cedar-wrapped unit, which was placed on a rough-cut wooden post. These mailboxes have been discontinued by some manufacturers and are now difficult, if not impossible, to obtain. Therefore, the Board has establishing new guidelines.

MAILBOX GUIDELINE ADOPTION PLAN

New guidelines were proposed and voted on by the Board of Directors at the April 2018 meeting. Members were notified by mail of the proposed change and that there was a 30-day comment period in which they could provide feedback. Members were allowed to send feedback by email via our Ameritech property manager or in person at the subsequent board meeting. A monthly board meeting was not held during May so the issue was taken up at the June meeting. Comments were allowed by attendees and there was additional discussion by the board members. The board made some minor changes to the proposed language and then approved final language.

OLD MAILBOX GUIDELINES (Provided here for reference only; these are no longer valid)

Mailboxes and poles may be purchased at ACE Hardware. Replacements will be consistent with original designed mailboxes. Deviations from natural materials is not permitted. Permanently decorated mailboxes are prohibited. It is the responsibility of the homeowner to repair/replace/clean the post and/or mailbox when necessary.

NEW MAILBOX GUIDELINES

Mailboxes should be a standard, black, glossy-finished, medium-sized, metal unit, similar to what has been historically used. Cedar wrapping is no longer permitted and must be replaced as described herein when repairs are required. No permanent decorations are allowed except that street address numbers may be placed on the mailbox door.

The post must be natural wood and similar in nature to that which has been historically used. Posts may not be painted or stained except that they may be coated with a clear sealant.

Mailbox/post structures must be constructed in accordance with US Postal Service standards. It is the responsibility of the homeowner to repair/replace/clean the post and/or mailbox when necessary. Materials can be easily found at local hardware stores and home improvement centers.

Repair/replacement of mailbox structures requires approval from the Architectural Control Committee. Mailboxes may not be moved from their original position due to mail delivery considerations. Double box posts must remain as is. Neighbors sharing a post are required to proportionately share in maintenance costs.

USPS MAILBOX INSTALLATION GUIDELINES

USPS Mailbox Installation Guidelines can be found on the Internet at:

<https://www.usps.com/manage/mailboxes.htm>

Example of Acceptable Mailbox:

(Gibraltar Model # E1100B00)



Example of Acceptable Box/Post configuration with house numbers:

(Box above should now be used instead of cedar-wrapped version)



<https://www.usps.com/manage/mailboxes.htm>