

Ordinance #192

**AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE PLACEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF MAILBOXES
IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY WITHIN THE CITY OF HOUSTON
AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF:**

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOUSTON ORDAINS:

Any mailbox erected within the City of Houston shall be subject to the provisions of Ordinance No. 192.

All mailboxes erected shall strictly comply with all regulations promulgated from time to time by the United States Postal Service, including amendments thereto, and to the extent any such regulations conflict with the provisions of this code, the regulations shall control to the extent of conflict.

In no case may the mailbox support of the mailbox itself be closer than one foot to the vertical plane of the face of the curb, or if there be no curb, closer than one foot to the vertical plane of the traveled portion of the roadway. Mailboxes shall be 42-45" above the street level.

No person shall install any mailbox at any location which interferes in any way with the vehicular traffic, including access to driveways, alleyways or intersections. The mailbox shall be installed on the boulevard abutting the owner's property and shall comply with the zoning codes as to side yard setbacks (5') as in all other cases applicable to improvements and buildings.

No mailbox shall be installed until the owner has complied with the Gopher State One Call System, and in no case shall any mailbox be located or damage any property, including utility lines, cable or pipes. The installer thereof, including the owner, or any contractor, shall be strictly liable for damage caused by improper installation.

One additional receptacle for deliveries such as newspapers and advertisements is allowed but must be installed directly underneath the mailbox.

The City of Houston shall have no obligation to insure that during snow removal operations, snow is plowed in such a manner as to permit access to any mailbox. It shall be the obligation of the owner of such mailbox to remove any necessary snow to permit postal service access to the mailbox.

The City of Houston shall not be responsible for any damage to mailboxes resulting from any maintenance or operations employed by the City of Houston, including but not limited to snow plowing operations. In no case will the City of Houston be responsible for damage to mailboxes when it is apparent they were hit only by flying snow or ice thrown from the snow plowing equipment. In the case of a mailbox hit by a power wing and showing visible signs of such damage such as being cut, bent or containing paint from snow plowing equipment, it will be replaced by the City of Houston. City employees are instructed to report any known damage to the City Administrator.

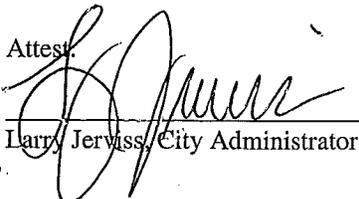
The City Council shall have the power to order the removal of any mailbox or support thereof which violates the requirements of this ordinance.

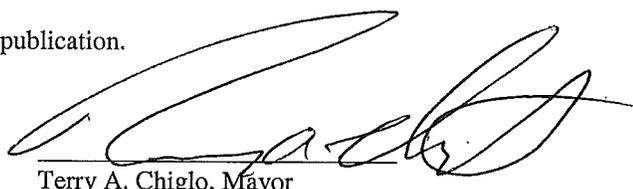
Any person violating the terms or provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to the penalty upon conviction for a fine in the amount as provided for a petty misdemeanor by state statute as may be amended from time to time.

This ordinance shall be in force and take effect after its passage and publication.

Passed, adopted and approved this 24th day of April, 2000.

Attest:


Larry Jerviss, City Administrator


Terry A. Chiglo, Mayor

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