

ORDINANCE 2024-05

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OXFORD, COUNTY OF WARREN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 294, *STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND TREES*, TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE VI ENTITLED *MAILBOX DAMAGE*

Section 1:

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Oxford, County of Warren and State of New Jersey, that Chapter 294, *Streets, Sidewalks and Trees*, is hereby amended by the addition of a new Article VI entitled *Mailbox Damage*, as follows:

Article VI Mailbox Damage

294-34 Mailbox Damage Due to Snowplowing

- A. Posts, stanchions or other support for mailboxes may be located in the street right-of-way in accordance with United States Post Office guidelines. Mailboxes which do not meet the guidelines are not a permitted structure and remain in the right-of-way solely at the expense and liability of the owner of the mailbox and post. A post/mailbox shall never be located so as to create a hazard or an obstruction to passage of roadways, sidewalks, street maintenance vehicles, or snowplowing vehicles.
- B. Should the Township or its contractors strike and damage a post and/or mailbox properly placed in the right-of-way, and the Township is able to confirm this to the Township's satisfaction, the Township or its contractors shall replace and install the post and/or mailbox with a post and/or mailbox selected by the Township. Alternatively, the property owner shall have the option of replacing and installing the post and/or mailbox, and the Township shall reimburse the property owner for the cost thereof, not to exceed \$35, upon submission of satisfactory proof of payment from the property owner. The Township shall not replace and install the post and/or mailbox or reimburse the property owner for the cost thereof if the damage is caused by snow thrown onto the mailbox as part of the plowing process or if the property owner is unable to provide adequate proof of how the damage occurred. Notice of damage where reimbursement is permitted must be provided to the Township as soon as possible after it occurs. Requests for repairs or reimbursements for damage occurring the prior winter must be received by the Township no later than May 1 of each year.

Section 2: Severability

Any article, section, paragraph, subsection, clause, or other provision of the Code of the Township of Oxford inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance is hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency

Section 3: Repealer

If any section, paragraph, subsection, clause, or provision of this ordinance shall be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to section, paragraph, subsection, clause, or provision so adjudged, and the remainder of this ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

Section 4: Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect after final passage and publication as provided by law.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced and passed by the Township Committee on the first reading at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Oxford, held February 7, 2024, and will be considered for a second reading and final passage at a regular meeting of the Township Committee to be held on March 6, 2024 at 7:00 p.m., at the Municipal Building, located at 11 Green Street, Oxford, NJ, at which time and place any persons desiring to be heard upon the same will be given the opportunity to be so heard.

Lee Geller, Acting Municipal Clerk