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WASHINGTON COUNTY, WISCONSIN

Date of enactment: _____

Date of publication: _____

2023 ORDINANCE 9

AN ORDINANCE to amend Section 157-4 relating to: Placement of Rural Mailboxes.

The people of the County of Washington, represented in the Board of Supervisors, do ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 157-4 of the code is amended to read:

§ 157-4 **Placement of Rural Mailboxes.**

~~C.~~ ~~Rural mailbox damage. [Amended at time of adoption of Code (see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. IV)]~~

~~(1) A Highway Department Supervisor or designee will inspect a damaged mailbox if reported and identify a cause of damage at his/her discretion.~~

~~(a) Mailboxes or supports will not be replaced or repaired by Washington County if no physical contact was made by a plow or its blade (i.e., snow, slush or ice thrown) or if deemed to be in poor condition prior to damage.~~

~~(b) If damage is sustained due to direct contact with Highway Department maintenance equipment and the box and support were in good condition prior to the damage, Highway Department personnel will provide and install a standard United States Postal Service approved mailbox and a wooden 4x4 support.~~

~~(c) Snow removal at the mailbox area and replacement of failed or deteriorated installations is the owner's responsibility.~~

DC. Any person who violates § **157-4A** above shall forfeit not less than \$10 nor more than \$200, plus the costs of prosecution.

ED. This section is not intended to be nor shall it be construed to create a duty on the part of Washington County to locate and remove obstructing mailboxes.

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall become effective upon passage by the Board of Supervisors, County Executive and publication as provided by law.

SECTION 3. SUMMARY. Ordinance removing language regarding placement and damage of rural mailboxes.

VOTE REQUIREMENT FOR PASSAGE: Majority

1 Approved as to form:

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3 Bradley S. Stern, County Attorney

4 Dated _____

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6 Approved:

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8 Josh Schoemann, County Executive

9 Dated _____

10 Veto

11 Partial Veto

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16 (The County expects minimal fiscal impact as a result of this change. Costs related to the mailbox
17 policy are already incorporated into the Highway Department's budget.)

Introduced by members of the PUBLIC WORKS
COMMITTEE as filed with the County Clerk.

John Schodron, Chairperson

Considered _____

Adopted _____

Ayes _____ Noes _____ Absent _____

Voice Vote _____

Countersigned:

Jeffrey D. Schleif, County Board Chairperson