

ORDINANCE NO. 7-09

**ORDINANCE AMENDING THE JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP
MUNICIPAL CODE ESTABLISHING CHAPTER 83
ENTITLED "MAILBOX CONSTRUCTION"**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Jefferson, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that the Jefferson Township Municipal Code is hereby amended by establishing Chapter 83 entitled "Mailbox Construction" as follows:

SECTION I

Section 83. MAILBOX CONSTRUCTION

1. All mailboxes for the receipt of United States mail located within the Township of Jefferson shall be constructed with the following specifications:

- (a) Every mailbox used for the receipt of mail shall have been approved by the United States Postal Service.
- (b) The front of the mailbox must be a minimum of 8" from the curb line or edge of pavement of every roadway. If there is no pavement on the road, then it is from the generally accepted travel portion of the road.
- (c) The bottom of the mailbox must be at least 41" and no more than 45" above the roadway elevation.
- (d) All posts to support the mailbox shall be constructed of pressure treated lumber having dimensions of no less than 4" x 4" and being installed at least 30" below grade.
- (e) Number 8 minimum size screws that are weather resistant shall be used for the assembly of the mailbox and post. No nails for the construction of the same shall be permitted.

2. All mailboxes within the Township that do not meet these requirements upon the effective date of this Ordinance shall have 8 months from the effective date of this Ordinance to comply with these requirements.

3. In the event Township vehicles or Township employees, in the process of clearing snow and ice from the road or doing maintenance or construction work, destroy or damage any mailbox and the support therefor, the Township shall pay no more than \$25 for destruction or significant damage to a mailbox, and no more than \$15 for destruction or significant damage to the support. In the event that the mailbox and support damaged do not comply with the requirements of this Ordinance, the Township reserves the right not to make such payment or to make a payment at a lower amount.

SECTION II

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies.

SECTION III

If any article, section, subsection, paragraphs, phrase or sentence is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional or invalid, said article, section, subsection, paragraph, phrase or sentence shall be deemed severable.

SECTION IV

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final publication as provided by law.

**COUNCIL OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF JEFFERSON**

ATTEST:

LYDIA MAGNOTTI
Clerk

RICHARD W. YOCUM
President

INTRODUCED: January 21, 2009

ADOPTED: February 4, 2009

RUSSELL W. FELTER, MAYOR

DATE AND TIME PRESENTED TO MAYOR FOR SIGNATURE:

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced and passed by the Township Council on the first reading at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Jefferson, held on the ____ day of _____, 2009, and will be considered for a second reading and final passage at a regular meeting of the Township Council to be held on the ____ day of _____, 2009, at 6:30 p.m., at the Municipal Building, located at 1033 Weldon Road, Lake Hopatcong, New Jersey, at which time and place any persons desiring to be heard upon the same will be given the opportunity to be so heard.

LYDIA MAGNOTTI, Clerk
Township of Jefferson

CERTIFICATION

I, LYDIA MAGNOTTI, Clerk of the Township of Jefferson, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was duly adopted by the Township of Jefferson Council on the ____ day of _____, 2009.

LYDIA MAGNOTTI, Clerk
Township of Jefferson