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**Mailbox Placement & Maintenance Policy**

Mailboxes and mailbox supports are the property of the mail route patron and must be placed and maintained by the patron. Lyon County does not issue permits for the placement of mailboxes within the road right of way, nor do our easements provide for mailbox construction. All mailboxes placed within the road right of way are placed there at the owner's risk.

When there is an accumulation of snow, the location of mail boxes close to the highway makes the plowing operations of the County difficult and renders the boxes quite susceptible to damage as a result of such activity. It is the County's policy to use special care and consideration when plowing snow in their vicinity. Despite this care and consideration, some mailboxes will be knocked down or destroyed during the snow removal season. In the vast majority of cases it is the weight of snow coming off a snowplow or wing which destroys a mailbox. On occasion, however, wings will hit and damage them.

We believe most of the mailbox damage which occurs during a typical winter would be eliminated if postal patrons would install a mailbox that swings away when hit by snow or snowplow equipment. Attached is a steel post mailbox support diagram which we recommend.

This mailbox configuration has been crash tested and is acceptable in terms of nationally tested safety criteria. It is the only support approved by Lyon County.

The use of this approved mailbox support provides a much safer driving environment for all motorists. It also makes the job of snow removal much easier and reduces costs and irritation to the mail patron when boxes are destroyed due to flying snow and occasional direct hits.

Consequently, Lyon County's policy encourages the use of this recommended support. If a properly placed mailbox support conforming to the approved design is hit by snow or a plow wing and is damaged or destroyed, the County will repair or replace the support and allow \$15.00 for a new mailbox. Other mailbox configurations, not conforming to the recommended mailbox support, are not eligible for repair or replacement by the County.

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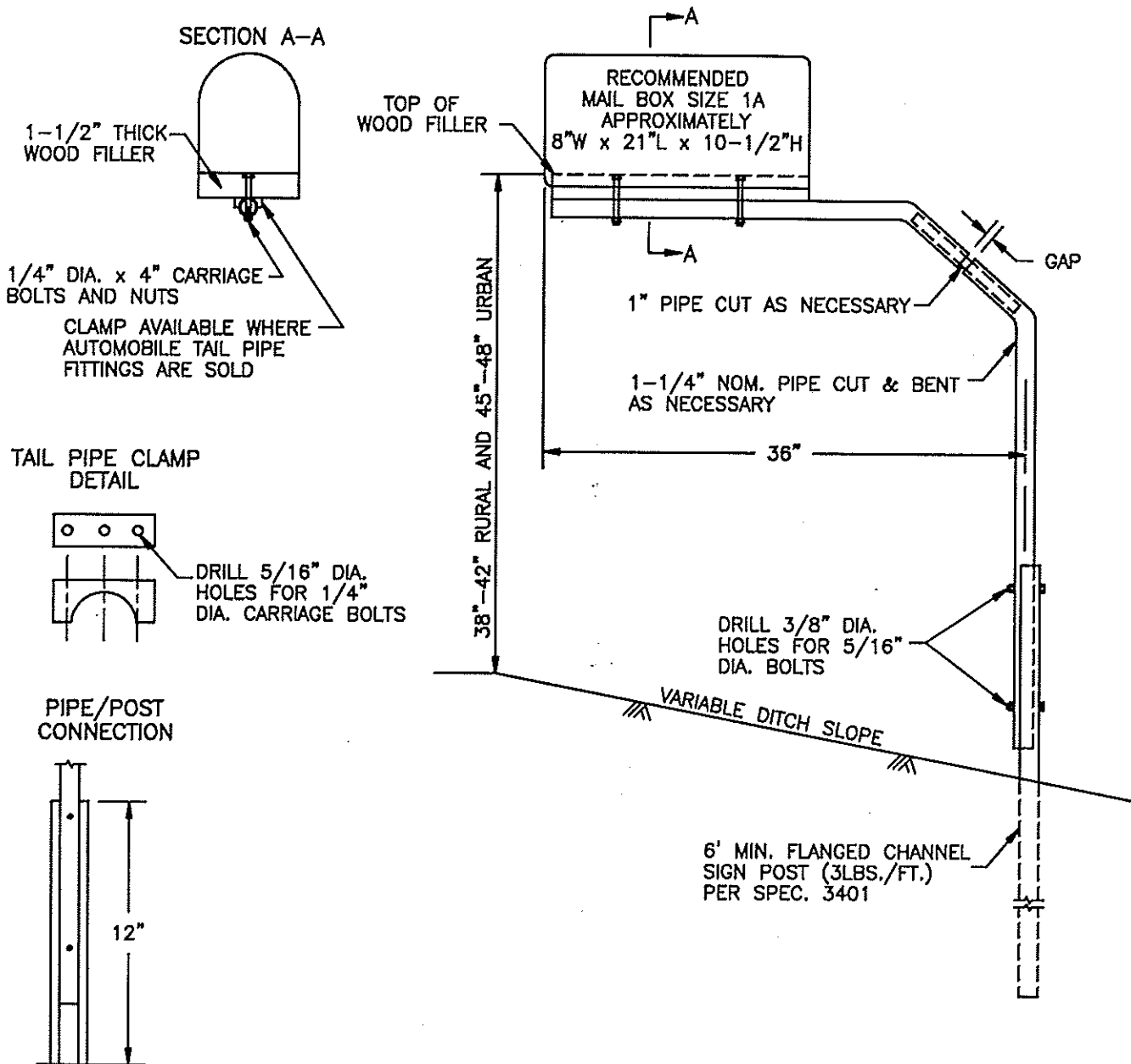
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Adopted this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1995

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# MAILBOX SUPPORT

STEEL PIPE WITH FITTINGS AND STEEL FENCE POST  
(SINGLE SUPPORT)



## NOTES:

ALL PIPE AND PIPE FITTINGS SHALL CONFORM TO SPEC. 3362

ALL FASTENERS SHALL CONFORM TO SPEC. 2291

ALL MATERIALS SHALL BE GALVANIZED PER SPEC. 3392

MAIL BOX LOCATIONS SHOULD BE STAKED BEFORE INSTALLATION FOR PROPER HEIGHT AND DISTANCE FROM THE ROADWAY. ONCE STAKED, THE INSTALLER MUST NOTIFY THE ENGINEER AND THE POST OFFICE. THE ENGINEER AND POSTMASTER/MAILCARRIER WILL BE ALLOWED 48 HOURS TO REVIEW AND MODIFY THE STAKED LOCATIONS PRIOR TO FINAL INSTALLATION.

OTHER MN/DOT APPROVED MAILBOX SUPPORTS MAY ALSO BE USED.

THE MAILBOX TO BE 8 INCHES TO 12 INCHES OUTSIDE THE EDGE OF SHOULDER OR 6 INCHES TO 12 INCHES FROM FACE OF CURB.

## LIST OF MATERIALS FOR CONTRACTORS

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	1-1/2" THICK WOOD FILLER CUT TO FIT
2	1/4" DIA. x 4" LONG CARR. BOLTS AND NUTS
3	1-1/4" NOMINAL PIPE CUT TO FIT
4	6 FT. MIN. SIGN POST (3LBS./FT.)
5	5/16" DIA. BOLTS, NUTS AND LOCKWASHERS
6	1-1/2" TAIL PIPE CLAMP
7	NO. 10 x 1" SHEET METAL SCREWS