

MASONRY MAILBOX STRUCTURES

Excerpted from the *2001 Lower Nazareth Township Zoning Ordinance, Article XV, ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIFIC USES, Section 1503, Additional Requirements for Accessory Uses*

12. Masonry Mailbox Structure.

a. Construction Standards

- (1) Dimensions – The maximum above grade width and depth of the masonry mailbox structure shall not exceed 24” by 24”. The top of the structure shall be no higher than 6 inches above the mailbox opening. This shall include any masonry enclosure, numerals, letters or ornamentation.
- (2) Footing – A concrete footing having a maximum size of 30” by 30” may be installed at the bottom of the structure excavation. The footing can be either precast or cast in place concrete having a maximum thickness of six inches. The top of the footing shall be no deeper than two feet as measured from the edge of the pavement adjacent to the structure.
- (3) Foundation – The foundation for the masonry structure from the top of footing to existing grade shall not exceed 24” by 24” and shall be no closer than eight inches from the edge of the existing pavement.
- (4) Structure – The masonry structure shall be break away. It shall not be permanently attached to the footing by the use of any wire or reinforcement bars. The use of masonry mastic under the first course of brick, stone, or block shall be prohibited.

b. Permitted location.

- (1) Adjacent to all township-owned, local and collector classified streets with vertical curbing in place
- (2) Local classified township-owned streets without curbing that have a minimum cartway (pavement) width of 32 feet
- (3) Along all privately owned and maintained streets that are not proposed for dedication to Lower Nazareth Township provided that the mailbox structures will not be located within an existing right-of-way or utility easement

c. Prohibited locations

- (1) All township owned roadways classified as arterial or expressway streets.
- (2) Any non-curbed township owned streets having a cartway width less than 32 feet
- (3) Directly above or within five feet horizontally to any existing underground utility, including but not limited to water, storm, sanitary, electric, cable, telephone, or gas lines.

d. Permit Approval Process

- (1) A copy of the approved lot grading plan, if applicable, highlighting the location of the proposed structure. If a grading plan is not available for the subject property, the applicant shall submit a plot plan prepared in accordance with the grading plan requirements in Section 533.10 of the township subdivision and land development ordinance.
- (2) A sketch of the proposed mailbox structure showing complete dimensions and construction materials.
- (3) All necessary permit fees and escrow accounts as required by the township. An escrow deposit may be required for street restoration. If the installation of the mailbox structure causes damage to the township cartway, the street restoration escrow can be used to pay for the pavement repairs. (SEE ORD. 131).