

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER NAZARETH  
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NO. 1997 - 131

AN ORDINANCE

AMENDING THE LOWER NAZARETH TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE OF 1995 TO ESTABLISH STANDARDS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF MASONRY MAILBOX STRUCTURES; PROVIDING FOR CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS, PERMITTED LOCATIONS, PROHIBITED LOCATIONS, AND PERMIT APPROVAL PROCESS.

BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Lower Nazareth, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by authority of the same, pursuant to the provisions of Act 247 of 1968 (P.O. 805), Article VI, Section 601, et seq., as amended (53 P.S. 10601, et seq.), as follows:

SECTION 1. The Lower Nazareth Township Zoning Ordinance of 1995 is hereby amended to add to ARTICLE II, Section 202, the following definition:

Masonry Mailbox Structure. A masonry mailbox structure shall be defined as any brick, stone or block fabrication having the singular purpose of supporting a rural mailbox that conforms to U.S. Postal Service Standards.

SECTION 2. The Lower Nazareth Township Zoning Ordinance of 1995 is hereby amended to add to the provisions of ARTICLE XV, Section 1503(D) as set forth hereinafter:

22. Masonry Mailbox Structure.

a. Construction Standards

i. Dimensions - The maximum above grade width and depth of the masonry mailbox structure shall not exceed 24" x 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.

ii. Footing - A concrete footing, having a maximum size of 30" x 30" (Length x Width) may be installed at the bottom of the structure excavation. The footing can either be precast or cast in place concrete having a maximum thickness of six (6) inches. The top of the footing shall be no deeper than two (2) feet as measured from the edge of pavement adjacent to the structure.

iii. 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 (8) inches from the edge of existing pavement.

iv. 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

i. Adjacent to all township-owned, local and collector classified streets with vertical curbing in place.

ii. Local classified township-owned streets without curbing that have a minimum cartway (pavement) width of thirty-two (32) feet.

iii. 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

i. All township-owned roadways classified as arterial or expressway streets.

ii. Any non-curbed, township-owned street having a cartway width less than thirty-two (32) feet.

iii. Directly above or within five (5) 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

i. 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.

ii. A sketch of the proposed mailbox structure showing complete dimensions and construction materials.

iii. 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.

SECTION 3. All Ordinances and Zoning Maps or portions thereof which are inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby specifically repealed.

SECTION 4. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or portion of this Ordinance shall be declared to be invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of Record or of competent jurisdiction, then, in that event, the remaining portions of this Ordinance shall remain unaffected and in full force and effect.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED This 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1997.

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ATTEST:

Mary Ann McCarthy  
MARY ANN MCCARTHY, SECRETARY

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PETER TAMBURINI, CHAIRMAN