CITY OF AURORA, ILLINOIS

ORDINANCE NO. O24-064
DATE OF PASSAGE October 27, 2024

An Ordinance amending Chapter 42, Section 22 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Aurora, Illinois regarding mailboxes.

WHEREAS, the City of Aurora has a population of more than 25,000 persons and is, therefore, a home rule unit under subsection (a) of Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution of 1970; and

WHEREAS, subject to said Section, a home rule unit may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs for the protection of the public health, safety, morals, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City, staff, and residents of Aurora to update Chapter 42, Section 22 of the City of Aurora Code of Ordinances:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Aurora, Illinois, as follows:

Section One: That Chapter 42, Section 22 of the City of Aurora Code of Ordinances shall be and hereby is amended as set forth in Exhibit A.

Section Two: That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect, and shall be controlling, upon its passage and approval.

Section Three: That all ordinances or parts of ordinances thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of any such conflict.

Section Four: That any section or provision of this ordinance that is construed to be invalid or void shall not affect the remaining sections or provisions which shall remain in full force and effect thereafter.

ORDINANCE NO. 026-064

LEGISTAR NO. 26-0471

PASSED AND APPROVED ON: October 27, 2026

AYES 12 NAYS 0 NOT VOTING 0 ABSENT 0

ALDERMAN	Vote
Alderman Barreiro, Ward 1	Yes
Alderwoman Garza, Ward 2	Yes
Alderman Mesiacos, Ward 3	Yes
Alderman Núñez, Ward 4	Yes
Alderman Franco, Ward 5	Yes
Alderman Saville, Ward 6	Yes
Alderman Bañuelos, Ward 7	Yes
Alderwoman Smith, Ward 8	Yes
Alderman Bugg, Ward 9	Yes
Alderwoman Baid, Ward 10	Yes
Alderman Larson, At-Large	Yes
Alderman White, At-Large	Yes

ATTEST:

City Clerk Jennifer Stallings

Mayor John Laesch

Sec 42-22 Mailboxes

1. *In general*. Any person may install and maintain in the public parkway or public right-of-way adjacent to any street, a curbside mailbox for the receipt of mail from the United States Postal Service (USPS) consistent with this section and all applicable regulations promulgated by the USPS.
2. *Conforming mailboxes*. As used in this section, a conforming mailbox is a mailbox installed and maintained in accordance with the USPS regulations. Conforming mailboxes and their support structures shall be in good repair and not rotted nor infested.
3. *Non-conforming mailboxes*. As used in this section, a non-conforming mailbox is any mailbox that does not comply with the standards set forth in paragraph (b) or mailboxes and mailbox support structures composed of brick, block, stone or concrete masonry columns, wagon wheels, steel pipes in excess of the previously defined two (2) inch diameter 0.144" thickness and lumber posts in excess of four (4) inches by four (4) inches (4" x 4"). Non-conforming mailboxes are installed and maintained at the sole risk of their owner. Except as may be authorized by the rules and procedures set forth in paragraph (b), the city will not replace or repair, nor reimburse for the repair or replacement of a non-conforming mailbox.

4. *Claims for damage*. The city engineer and corporation counsel are directed and authorized to establish rules and procedures to provide for an expedited review and reimbursement of claims made against the city alleged to arise from damage to confirming mailboxes caused by the direct physical contact of a motor vehicle operated by the city or its contractor or an appurtenance of said motor vehicle. Such rules and procedures shall include the establishment of reasonable time periods for the submittal of claims, appropriate requirements for the investigation and/or substantiation of claims, and a maximum amount of per-claim reimbursement not less than ~~seventy-five~~one hundred and seventy-five ($175~~75~~.00) dollars, which shall be annually reviewed. Such rules and procedures may, but are not required to, provide for reimbursement of claims involving non-conforming mailboxes in extraordinary situations or involving damage not caused by direct contact with a motor vehicle or motor vehicle appurtenance.

5. Nothing in this section shall be deemed to supersede the provisions of section 42-8 of this article.

(Ord. No. O90-116, § 1, 10-2-90; Ord. No. O19-076, 11-12-19)