

ORDINANCE 21-102  
APPROVING THE AMENDMENT OF NUISANCES AND OFFENSES

The City of Courtland on the fourth day of March 2021 approves the proposed amendment to the Municipal Utilities Water Ordinance as stated:

Amendment to 701.04 Public Nuisances Affecting Peace and Safety

- **701.04 Public Nuisances Affecting Peace and Safety. (Paragraph 7, page 166)**
  - Obstructions and excavations affecting the ordinary use of streets, alleys, sidewalks, drainage ditches, or public grounds.
    - Rain gutters, sprinkler lines, drainage tile, underground tanks or any fixed or stationary objects shall not be placed or buried in the city right-of-way.
    - No unauthorized form of access into the city storm or drainage sewer system is permitted.
    - If property has rain gutters, sprinkler lines, drainage tile, underground tanks or any fixed or stationary objects currently place or buried in the city right-of-way, the consumer or owner is responsible for removing such items. If removal is not deemed practical or feasible, the consumer or owner is responsible for any damages and repairs to said items.
  - Guidelines for proper positioning of curbside mailboxes per USPS construction standards:
    - Refer to: <https://www.usps.com/manage/mailboxes.htm>
    - Where to Place the Mailbox
      - Position your mailbox 41" to 45" from the road surface to the bottom of the mailbox or point of mail entry.
      - Place your mailbox 6" to 8" back from the curb. If you do not have a raised curb, contact your local postmaster for guidance.
      - Put your house or apartment number on the mailbox.
      - If your mailbox is on a different street from your house or apartment, put your full street address on the box.
      - If the property is located in a cul-de-sac, position the mailbox in a manner to allow for proper snow removal. Contact City officials prior to positioning mailbox to ensure proper placement.
    - Installing the Mailbox Post
      - The best mailbox supports are stable but bend or fall away if a motorized vehicle hits them.
    - The Federal Highway Administration recommends:
      - A 4" x 4" wooden support or a 2" diameter standard steel or aluminum pipe.
      - Bury your post no more than 24" deep and avoid all underground utilities.

- Unyielding and potentially dangerous supports are not permitted. This includes but is not all inclusive for items such as heavy metal pipes, concrete, rock or masonry posts or pillars, farm equipment (e.g., milk cans filled with concrete) or any other permanent object that could cause serious damage or injury to person or property if engaged.
- In the event of damage to a non-conforming mailbox installation due to City snow removal efforts, no compensation will be made. The property owner will be responsible for the repair or replacement of that mailbox installation.
- If the City's snow operations damage a mailbox meeting the standards of the City ordinance as result of a direct contact by city equipment, the City will repair or replace the mailbox up to \$75.00.
- Exceptions will be reviewed and taken into consideration under such conditions as permitted by this Code or other applicable law.

Signed: Al Poehler  
Al Poehler, Mayor

Attest: Julie Holm  
Julie Holm, City Clerk

