

**ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF
TIFT COUNTY TO PROVIDE FOR
MAILBOX SUPPORTS, TO PROMOTE
THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND
WELFARE AND OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Tift County has determined that the utilization of massive supports in mounting mailboxes installed on public thoroughfares presents a hazard to the citizens of Tift County; and

WHEREAS, the Commission desires to promote the public safety by prohibiting the use of mailbox supports which threaten harm to persons and/or property of the citizens of Tift County;

IT IS THEREFORE ORDAINED AND RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Tift County that the Code of Ordinances of Tift County, Georgia, shall be and it is hereby amended by adding a section to be numbered 90-68, which section shall read as follows:

Section 90-68. Use of Certain Mailbox Supports Prohibited.

(a) It shall be a violation of this ordinance for mailboxes to be mounted in such a manner as to present a serious threat of damage to vehicles or the motoring public in Tift County. For purposes of construction of this provision "the use of the following materials and/or method in mounting mailboxes shall be prohibited:

1. heavy metal posts;
2. concrete posts;
3. brick bases;
4. supports filled with concrete;
5. mailbox supports fashioned of heavy farm equipment;
6. any method not approved by the Postmaster General; and/or

7. other materials which threaten damage to vehicles and/or serious injury to vehicle occupants including but not limited to the following:

- (a) material of a masonry nature;
- (b) other material that would not readily yield upon impact;
- (c) any material which could be classified by the State Highway Engineer as a hazardous fixed object;
- (d) wood exceeding 4 inches x 4 inches or if round, more than 4 inches in diameter;
- (e) hollow metal material more than 3 inches in diameter.

The purpose of this Ordinance is to prevent utilization of mailbox supports which threaten injury to person or property. Mounting mailboxes with light metal and/or traditional wooden supports shall be appropriate. The purpose of this provision is to prevent utilization of mailbox supports which present a threat beyond that which is inherent and necessary in mounting mailboxes.

(b) The County Engineer and/or Building Inspector shall be authorized to inquire as to how mailboxes will be mounted upon assigning a house number to the property and shall insure that a property owner is aware of the provision of this ordinance;

(c) Should a property owner be determined to be in violation of this ordinance, the County Engineer and/or County Building Inspector shall issue a notice in writing to such property owner, which shall be given by certified mail, requesting that remedial action be taken within ten (10) days from the date of such notice. Should the property owner fail to take remedial action following such notice, the County Engineer, the Building Inspector and/or any employee of the Tift County Sheriff's Department shall be authorized to seek enforcement of this ordinance through the Magistrate's Court of Tift County; and

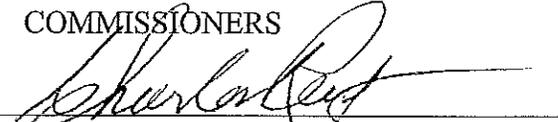
(d) Penalties for violation of this section shall be as provided in Section 1-11 of this code.

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the Board of Commissioners.

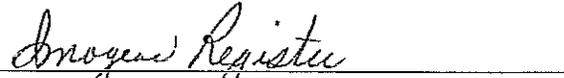
November 11, 1996.

TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS

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Charles Kent, Chairman

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