

Avon Town Council

Ordinance 2026- 04

Ordinance Prohibiting Obstruction of Mailboxes

Whereas , pursuant to Indiana Code §§ 36-1-3-4 and 36-1-3-6, the Town of Avon is authorized and entitled to protect the public health, safety, and welfare, and to exercise its police powers;

Whereas , pursuant to Indiana Code Indiana Code § 9-21-1-3, the Town of Avon also has the authority to regulate standing or parking of vehicles; and

Whereas , the stopping, standing, or parking of vehicles of motor vehicles in a way that obstructs access to mailboxes or otherwise interferes with or impedes mail delivery creates both safety hazards and delays for mail carriers, and adversely affects citizens' ability to depend upon reliable mail delivery for timely services and critical deliveries; and

Whereas , the Town Council has a compelling interest in the protection of the public safety of its citizens and all those engaged in mail delivery, as well as the protection of the United States Postal Service's ability to safely and efficiently deliver mail to citizens of the Town of Avon; and

Whereas , mailbox obstruction by a motor vehicle is therefore declared to be a public nuisance where action necessary to abate the public nuisance may be required, including the towing of the motor vehicle(s) creating the nuisance; and

Whereas , the Town of Avon Town Council finds that it is in the best interests of the Town, its citizens, and all those engaged in mail delivery, to amend the Town of Avon Town Code to add a new section prohibiting the obstruction of mailboxes.

Therefore, it is ordained that Chapter 8, Article 8-6 of the Town of Avon Town Code is hereby amended to include a new section, Section 8-76, which shall read as follows:

“ARTICLE 8-6: STANDING, STOPPING, AND PARKING REGULATIONS

Section 8-76: Obstruction of Mailbox Prohibited

- A. Public Nuisance. The obstruction of a mailbox, defined as either a public or private container approved by the United States Postal Service for deposit of outgoing mail or receipt for incoming mail, is hereby declared to a public nuisance.
- B. Obstruction of Mailbox Defined. It is unlawful for a person to stop, stand, or park a vehicle in such as manner as to obstruct a mailbox or to interfere with the delivery of mail by the United States Postal Service.
- C. Exemptions. Vehicles following the direction of law enforcement, a traffic control device, or direction of emergency response personnel attending an emergency call are exempted from this Section. The United States Postal Service, as well as individuals stopped for the sole purpose of placing or removing mail from a mailbox, are also exempted from this Section.
- D. Penalty. Any person who violates this Section shall be guilty of an ordinance violation punishable by a fine of \$_____ for a first offense, and a fine of \$_____ for each subsequent offense. Any motor vehicle used to obstruct a mailbox may be towed at the direction of the Town of Avon Police Department to an area designated by the Town of Avon at the owner’s expense. The owner shall also be required to pay any and all towing and storage fees resulting from this action.

(Ordinance 2026-___, passed ___-___-26)”

It is further ordained that this ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

It is further ordained that all other provisions of the Town Avon Town Code which are not expressly amended by this ordinance will remain in full force and effect.

Ordained this 12th day of March, 2026.

Avon Town Council:

Dawn Lowden, President

Jayson Puckett, Vice President

William Holland, Member

Robert Pope, Member

Greg Zusan, Member

Attest:

Julie Loker, Clerk-Treasurer