

# **TOWN OF SNEAD, ALABAMA**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-0928-010**

## **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE RELOCATION OF MAILBOXES FOR MUNICIPAL ROAD WIDENING, CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE, AND IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Snead, Alabama ("Town"), is responsible for the construction, maintenance, improvement, and safe operation of municipal streets and roads within its jurisdiction; and

**WHEREAS**, from time to time, the Town may determine that it is necessary to widen, improve, repair, reconstruct, or otherwise alter certain municipal streets, roads, shoulders, drainage areas, or rights-of-way for the safety and benefit of the public; and

**WHEREAS**, mailboxes, mailbox posts, newspaper receptacles, and similar structures located adjacent to municipal streets or within areas affected by such projects may interfere with or prevent the safe and efficient completion of such work; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council desires to establish a uniform procedure authorizing the temporary or permanent relocation of mailboxes when reasonably necessary to complete an authorized municipal road project;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SNEAD, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:**

### **SECTION 1. AUTHORITY TO RELOCATE MAILBOXES**

Whenever the Town determines that a mailbox, mailbox post, newspaper receptacle, or associated structure interferes with an authorized municipal road widening, construction, reconstruction, drainage, maintenance, or improvement project, the Town is hereby authorized to require the relocation of such mailbox or structure.

When reasonably necessary to perform the work, the Town, its employees, contractors, or authorized agents may temporarily remove and relocate the mailbox to a suitable location.

### **SECTION 2. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER OR OCCUPANT**

When practicable, the Town shall provide written notice to the affected property owner or occupant before permanently relocating a mailbox.

The notice shall identify the affected property and inform the owner or occupant that relocation of the mailbox is necessary because of a Town road widening or improvement project.

The Town may provide the property owner or occupant a reasonable period of time, as determined by the Town based upon the circumstances and construction schedule, to relocate the mailbox.

If the mailbox has not been relocated within the time provided in the notice, the Town may relocate the mailbox as reasonably necessary to proceed with the project.

### **SECTION 3. EMERGENCY OR IMMEDIATE WORK**

When immediate relocation is reasonably necessary because of an emergency, public safety concern, construction schedule, utility work, drainage work, or other condition requiring prompt action, the Town may relocate the mailbox without prior notice.

When practicable, the Town shall notify the affected property owner or occupant following such relocation.

### **SECTION 4. LOCATION OF RELOCATED MAILBOX**

Any mailbox relocated pursuant to this Ordinance shall, to the extent reasonably practicable, be placed in a location that allows continued mail delivery and complies with applicable United States Postal Service requirements.

The Town may coordinate with the United States Postal Service or local Postmaster when necessary to determine an appropriate location for a relocated mailbox.

Nothing contained in this Ordinance shall be interpreted as authorizing the Town to establish or alter postal delivery requirements contrary to federal law or United States Postal Service regulations.

### **SECTION 5. TOWN ROAD RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND CONSTRUCTION AREAS**

No person shall place, install, reconstruct, or maintain a mailbox, mailbox post, or similar structure in a manner that unreasonably interferes with the Town's construction, maintenance, drainage, or improvement of a municipal street, road, shoulder, ditch, or right-of-way.

When such a structure interferes with an authorized Town project, it may be required to be relocated in accordance with this Ordinance.

### **SECTION 6. DAMAGE AND REINSTALLATION**

The Town shall use reasonable care when removing or relocating an existing mailbox.

Nothing in this Ordinance shall require the Town to replace, repair, or reproduce decorative, ornamental, masonry, brick, stone, oversized, deteriorated, unsafe, or nonstandard mailbox structures except to the extent otherwise required by applicable law.

If an existing mailbox or support cannot reasonably be relocated because of its condition, construction, or configuration, the Town may require the property owner to provide a mailbox and support suitable for installation at the new location.

#### **SECTION 7. OBSTRUCTION OF MUNICIPAL WORK**

It shall be unlawful for any person, after receiving notice under this Ordinance, to knowingly prevent or materially interfere with an authorized Town employee, contractor, or agent who is lawfully relocating a mailbox as part of an authorized municipal road or public improvement project.

#### **SECTION 8. SEVERABILITY**

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

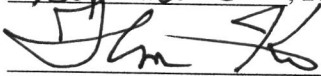
#### **SECTION 9. REPEALER**

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

#### **SECTION 10. EFFECTIVE DATE**

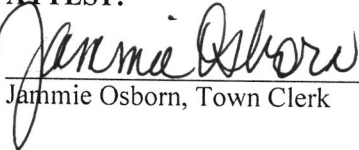
This Ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption and publication or posting as required by applicable law.

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED** by the Town Council of the Town of Snead, Alabama, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2026.



Tim Kent, Mayor  
Town of Snead

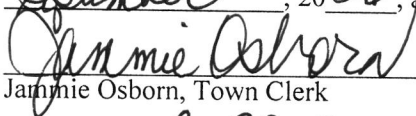
**ATTEST:**



Jammie Osborn, Town Clerk

#### **CERTIFICATION**

I, Jammie Osborn, Town Clerk of the Town of Snead, Alabama, hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was duly adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Snead, Alabama, at a meeting held on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2026, and that the same has been published or posted as required by law.



Jammie Osborn, Town Clerk

Date: 9-28-26