

City of Vergas

Policy for Damage to Mailboxes, Sod, Sprinkler Systems, or other Property Improvements Located in the Right-of-Way

INTRODUCTION: Snow plowing and ice control operations may cause property damage, even under the best circumstances and care on the part of the City employees who operate snow plowing equipment. The major types of damage are to improvements located in the City right-of-way that extends beyond the curb location in the public streets. The intent of the right-of-way is to provide room for snow storage, utilities, boulevard trees and other City uses. However, certain private improvements such as mailboxes may be required by the Postal Service within certain residential and commercial areas. Therefore, the City of Vergas will cooperate with the property owner in the event of damaged private property. The City of Vergas may specify when this damage is the responsibility of the City and when it shall be the responsibility of the resident.

POLICY:

1. Mailboxes

The City of Vergas assumes liability for mailboxes damaged during plowing if it is determined that the plow made direct contact with a mailbox that was properly placed and in the standard style. Damaged mailboxes will be fixed or replaced at the discretion of the City. The maximum amount of compensation for the combined damage to the post and box is \$20.00.

2. Lawns

Lawns that are scraped or gouged by City plowing equipment will be responsibility of the homeowner to repair

3. Lawn Sprinkling, Lighting Systems and Sump Pump Discharge Lines

The City of Vergas will assume no responsibility for damage to underground lawn sprinkling systems, exterior lighting systems, sump pump discharge lines and similar landscaping installed in the right-of-way.

4. In instances where there is a disagreement as to the source of the damage and responsibility, the City Utilities Superintendent will determine the responsibility.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2020 by the City Council of the City of Vergas.

Julie Bruhn
Mayor

ATTEST:

Julie Lammers
City Clerk-Treasurer