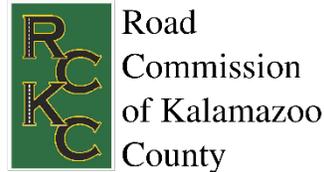


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Road Commission of Kalamazoo County
Encroachments and/or Obstructions Within the Right-of-Way REMINDER
PUBLIC SERVICE MESSAGE

Kalamazoo, MI - The primary mission of the Road Commission of Kalamazoo County (RCKC) is to provide the safest road system possible. Encroachments and/or obstructions within the legal public right-of-way of the county road system including signs, basketball hoops, oversize mailboxes and other objects that could interfere with the safety of the public or the maintenance and operations of the road system, need to be removed. Public Act No. 368 of 1925, as amended, provides for notice to owners and occupants requesting removal of the encroachments and/or obstructions. Residents are encouraged to contact the RCKC with service requests for questions and/or concerns.

Unfortunately, based on the placement of portable basketball hoops, we do not always know who to contact for removal. Basketball hoops among other items in the public right-of-way impede winter maintenance for our large equipment, and pose potential risk for the traveling public and our crews. According to RCKC Permit Agent, Brian Franklin, "Most recently twenty-four basketball hoop notices were provided after feedback from our road maintenance operators during winter maintenance. Twenty-three basketball hoops were voluntarily moved by owner/occupants and one has been removed by the RCKC and stored at our facility penalty-free until arrangement can be made for retrieval."

Winter brings a variety of road safety hazards which aren't always evident to the general public, but are of concern to those tasked with keeping our roads safe and clear. "We continue to thank the public in advance for their patience and assistance in keeping our road right-of-way safe for our crews, children and the public," states RCKC Managing Director, Joanna Johnson. "Remember our winter safety tips and help us educate children on the risks of playing in, on and around high piles of snow and ice near the roadway during times of potential snow removal." For more information on winter road safety, please review; [Snow Removal Brochure](#)

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