721—21.360(53) Failure to affix postmark date. For any absentee ballot referred to in Iowa Code section 53.17, if the officially authorized postal service fails to affix a postmark date on the return carrier envelope, or the postmark date is illegible, but the date of the affidavit envelope is a date no later than the day prior to the election, the ballot shall be counted as provided in Iowa Code section 53.17. If no date can be read on either the return carrier envelope or the affidavit envelope, the affidavit envelope shall not be opened, and the ballot shall be rejected as provided in Iowa Code section 53.25.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 53.17.