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April 30, 2025

The Honorable James Comer

Chairman

House Committee on Oversight and Accountability

2410 Rayburn House Office Building

Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Gerry Connolly

Ranking Member

House Committee on Oversight and Accountability

2265 Rayburn House Office Building

Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Comer, Ranking Member Connolly, and Esteemed Members of the House Oversight Committee:

I am writing in strong support of directing the United States Postal Service to assign a unique ZIP code to the unincorporated community of North Tustin, California. As the Orange County Supervisor representing the Third District, which includes North Tustin, I urge your committee to advance this bill without further delay.

North Tustin has long been a vibrant and distinct community within Orange County. However, the confusion caused by sharing a ZIP code with neighboring Santa Ana has created persistent logistical, administrative, and financial challenges for its residents. This has resulted in the misallocation of local taxes, difficulties in emergency service coordination, and an overall erosion of community identity.

For years, North Tustin residents have endured the consequences of this ZIP code overlap, including being subjected to taxes levied by the City of Santa Ana, where they do not reside in nor have voting representation within. This situation raises fundamental concerns of fairness and taxation without representation.

I commend Representative Kim for championing this issue and advocating for a practical, long-overdue solution. A unique ZIP code will restore clarity, enhance public service, and ensure residents are accurately and fairly represented in governmental and fiscal matters.

I respectfully ask the Committee to give full and favorable consideration to a bill addressing this matter. It represents a commonsense step toward rectifying a serious issue that has impacted North Tustin residents for far too long.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Donald P. Wagner". The signature is stylized with a large, looping "D" and a prominent "W".

Donald P. Wagner
Supervisor, Third District
Orange County Board of Supervisors

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May 14, 2025

HR 3095 Zip Code Bill Oversight Committee

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to you in support of HR 3095 and the inclusion of the City of Cherry Hills Village, Colorado, in the list of communities to be designated a single, unique zip code.

The City of Cherry Hills Village, Colorado ("CHV") is a Home Rule city. It was incorporated under applicable Colorado State laws in 1945. Currently CHV residents have three different zip codes, which relate to USPS Postal Offices located in the neighboring cities of Englewood and Littleton.

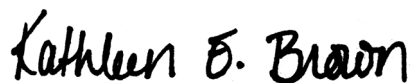
CHV City Councils and residents have been supportive of having a unique zip code for many years and continue to do so. CHV works hard to create a sense of community and assure preservation of our unique semi-rural characteristics, including our parks and trails. CHV is primarily single-family residential, with some clubs, schools, and churches, and only one small commercial area. Having a unique zip code would alleviate much confusion for residents, contractors, and business owners regarding applicable services, regulations, and taxes.

Zip codes are used by a multitude of private and governmental organizations for aggregating information and making decisions based upon the characteristics of the applicable zip code. This means CHV is never fairly represented as it is broken into pieces and allocated between other communities that have little commonality with CHV. As a result, home and car insurance rates and eligibility for certain categories of loan rates are higher for our residents than if they were calculated based upon the characteristics of our community alone.

In 2015 CHV published several articles in our local newsletter, the Village Crier, regarding the issue of not having a unique zip code. City Council also discussed the issue at several public meetings. In 2016 CHV made a formal request to the USPS for a unique zip code designation, but this request was denied.

We strongly support designation of a unique zip code for CHV.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathleen Brown
Mayor
City of Cherry Hills Village, Colorado



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Support Letter

I am the Mayor of the Town of Frederick and I'm writing to express my upmost support for the Town of Frederick having its own independent Zoning Improvement Plan (ZIP) Code. I acknowledge that the Town currently shares ZIP Codes 80504, 80516 and 80530 with neighboring jurisdictions. However, the Town of Frederick has quickly expanded to one of the fastest-growing Towns in Northern Colorado. Establishing an independent ZIP code for the Town is vital to Frederick's growth.

Towns and cities without their own unique ZIP Codes often face a range of negative consequences. These include reduced economic development opportunities, loss of sales tax revenue, elevated insurance premiums, and complications with tax remittance and commercial licensing. Additionally, public safety is often compromised, as emergency responders may experience delays or confusion, leading to slower response times. This is a particular concern for our community, as there have been instances where first responders have mistakenly gone to the wrong streets due to ZIP Code issues. This creates a serious public safety issue!

In Frederick, over 4,000 households are assigned to the Longmont ZIP Code (80504), and more than 2,000 households have the Erie ZIP Code (80516). This problem will only continue to be exacerbated as Frederick has been experiencing a 5% growth rate over the last 7 years. This situation has the potential to cause a conservative estimate of \$1.5 million in lost sales tax revenue, as purchases made by Frederick residents are allocated outside our town.

Having a unique ZIP Code would provide numerous benefits, particularly in ensuring that the sales taxes paid by our residents are directed back into our community. It would also play a crucial role in helping Frederick build the infrastructure needed to accommodate future growth and meet the demands of our residents.

Understanding that the lack of a definitive ZIP code impacts on the Town of Frederick identity, economic culture, and quality of life, I hereby support a new and independent ZIP code be specifically assigned to the Town of Frederick.

Sincerely,

Tracie Crites, Mayor, Town of Frederick

Built on What Matters.



May 9, 2025

Oversight and Accountability Committee
119th United States Congress

Re: H.R. 8753 – 118th Congress (2023-2024)

Dear Committee Members,

The City of Greenwood Village, Colorado, hereby requests your support for H.R. 8753 – 118th Congress, which would designate a single ZIP code for our city.

Greenwood Village was incorporated in 1950 when a group of citizens sought to create a small, close-knit community that valued a pastoral lifestyle, distinct from the hustle and bustle of city life. As our community grew, residents developed a technical center for business offices that eventually became one of the nation's premier suburban office parks. We take pride in being unique compared to surrounding municipalities while providing an outstanding quality of life.

Since our beginnings, we have worked to maintain our separation from our neighbors, including Englewood and Littleton, with whom we currently share our ZIP codes of 80110, 80111, 80112, and 80121. We have tried, unsuccessfully, for more than 30 years to get a unique ZIP code for Greenwood Village, working closely with our neighbors as well as the United States Postal Service to fix this issue of city identification. City Council passed a Resolution in 2000 to request that a Greenwood Village Post Office branch be established and a unique ZIP code be created. In June of 2000, we successfully received the designation of our local Post Office to be known as the Greenwood Village Post Office.

Despite this change, the disparate ZIP codes are still designated and default to our neighboring cities. This presents an additional challenge for the appropriate collection of sales tax from internet sales, which generally rely on ZIP codes for coding their tax remittance. This often results in tax dollars being incorrectly sent to Englewood and Littleton, which requires additional time and taxpayer funds to ensure they are sent to Greenwood Village.

We ask that you support and approve H.R. 8753 – 118th Congress and help these 51 cities, including Greenwood Village, have their own unique ZIP code.

Sincerely,



George E. Lantz
Mayor

MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL
CITY HALL

6060 South Quebec Street
Greenwood Village, CO 80111

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greenwoodvillage.com

INTRODUCED BY: Councilmember Morris

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT GREENWOOD VILLAGE SECURE ITS OWN ZIP CODE AND POST OFFICE

WHEREAS, currently there are four separate ZIP Codes serving the City of Greenwood Village, which overlap the cities of Englewood and Littleton; and

WHEREAS, all four ZIP Codes are designated and default to other cities besides Greenwood Village and the Post Office located in the Village is an Englewood branch; and

WHEREAS, the system causes considerable confusion, as the neighboring taxing entities often receive tax dollars which rightfully belong to the other entities and are forced to go to additional expense (of taxpayer funds) to ensure that the funds are sent to the correct entity; and

WHEREAS, the Englewood designation in connection with the ZIP codes could endanger the health and safety of Greenwood Village residents as a result of residents calling the incorrect entity in an emergency due to the Englewood mailing address; and

WHEREAS, there has been an actual emergency situation in which a resident's relative contacted the Englewood Police to respond to a family emergency, when in fact the resident resided in Greenwood Village, delaying emergency response; and

WHEREAS, many businesses located in the Village have had to face fines and penalties with regard to their business licenses and occupational privilege taxes because they were erroneously under the impression that they were located within another city; and

WHEREAS, as Internet sales increases, this will make it very costly, time consuming and confusing to collect taxes; and

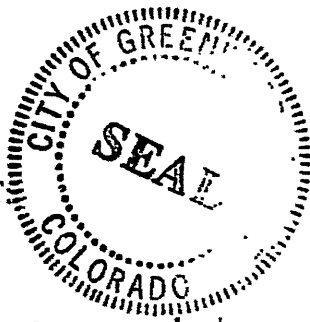
WHEREAS, Greenwood Village has worked diligently to resolve these problems through educational campaigns for residents and businesses, open communication with the Postal Service and neighboring cities, a free compliance review program, and working with the sales tax software companies; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENWOOD VILLAGE, COLORADO, THAT:

The four ZIP Codes serving the City of Greenwood Village be consolidated into one zip code unique to Greenwood Village and that a Greenwood Village Post Office branch be established.

INTRODUCED AND APPROVED the 28th day of February, 2000.

ATTEST



Mareile Webster
Mareile Webster, City Clerk



David W. Phifer, Mayor



GREENWOOD VILLAGE

City Hall

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Greenwood Village, CO
80111-4591

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Fax (303) 290-0631

December 9, 1998

Mr. Dwight Ballard, Post Office Manager
United States Postal Office
7500 E. 53rd Place
Admin. 2216
Denver, CO 80266-9992

Dear Mr. Ballard:

The City of Greenwood Village continues to experience difficulties with the postal ZIP codes and delivery of mail to Greenwood Village. For over ten years Greenwood Village has been attempting to correct this problem and be assigned a Greenwood Village ZIP code to eliminate the unacceptable and persisting confusion. Not only does this affect the residential and business addresses, but also causes additional problems with various Greenwood Village permit applications and taxes.

Currently, Greenwood Village has four separate ZIP codes, but Greenwood Village residents in the 80121 ZIP code region often do not receive mail unless it is addressed "Littleton." In 1991, Greenwood Village received direction from the United States Postal Service for residential and commercial residents to use "Greenwood Village" in addressing mail and the ZIP codes associated within Greenwood Village. I have attached the letter stating this direction for your information. In verifying the ZIP codes assigned to Greenwood Village through the USPS, I found that 80121 has been deemed "not acceptable" to use with Greenwood Village and Littleton should be used instead. This is completely unacceptable to Greenwood Village. These problems we have been experiencing with the USPS should not have gone on as long as they have and need to be addressed immediately.

There are several annexation petitions pending before the Greenwood Village City Council. If, and when, these areas are annexed, the Village will encourage the new residents and commercial businesses to use the Greenwood Village address. As there could be as many as 15,000 additional residents in Greenwood Village, it is imperative that this problem be resolved.

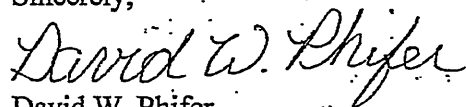
Mr. Dwight Ballard

December 9, 1998

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Please contact me at (303)733-1121 to discuss and resolve these problems. Until we can develop a solution, I would request a letter from the United States Postal Service stating that it is acceptable for residents and businesses to utilize the Greenwood Village name with the assigned 80110, 80111, 80112 and 80121 ZIP codes and that the use of the Greenwood Village name will not slow down the mail process. I appreciate your attention on this very important issue and look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,



David W. Phifer

Mayor

DP/mk

Attachments

c: Greenwood Village City Council
Lee Phillips, City Attorney
Michael Flores, General Postmaster



United States
Postal Service

MARCH 28, 1991

Bob Hartwig
Finance Director, Greenwood Village
6060 South Quebec
Greenwood Village, CO 80111-4591

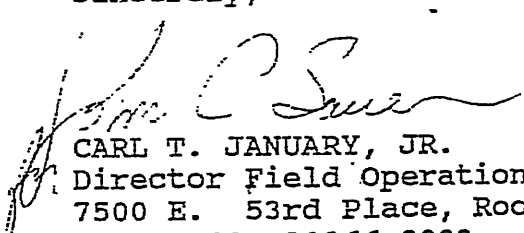
Dear Mr. Hartwig:

Please consider this is an open letter to concerned parties regarding the use of your municipality's name in the addressing of mail within the corporate boundaries of your city.

The following ZIP code areas within the municipal boundaries of Greenwood Village may use the city name of Greenwood Village providing that the proper 5-digit ZIP code for the delivery address is used:

80110
80111
80112
80121
80155
80237

Sincerely,


CARL T. JANUARY, JR.
Director Field Operations
7500 E. 53rd Place, Room 2204
Denver CO 80266-9992

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MANAGER, OPERATIONS PROGRAMS SUPPORT

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June 15, 2000

Ms. Michelle Kivela
Assistant to City Manager
Greenwood Village

&

Mr. Doug Morris
Greenwood Village Postal Committee
6060 South Quebec Street
Greenwood Village CO 80111-4591

Dear Ms. Kivela and Mr. Morris:

Thank you for allowing members of my staff the opportunity to sit down and discuss the Greenwood Village ZIP Code issues with you. My staff briefed me that an enlightening discussion ensued for both sides.

As was discussed, the Postal Service recently implemented a new database to allow a preferred last line to be attached to each geographic segment in a ZIP Code, which then overrides the default city name. The default city name is the name of the administering Post Office, in this case, Englewood and, to a lesser extent, Littleton. Attaching the city name, Greenwood Village, as a preferred last line at the geographic segment level would ensure that the Greenwood Village city name would not be changed when address-matching software is used for mail processing operations.

As soon as you provide the Address Management Systems Office Manager with a list of streets and blocks alphabetically within the city limits we can start the process. Greenwood Village would then be designated as the preferred last line for each identified street and block. This can be accomplished within 30 days of receipt of the address listing.

Please feel free to contact Christine Aguilar, Manager, Address Management Systems, at 303-454-4250, for more information regarding this process.

Again, my thanks for inviting my staff to discuss this important matter with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. E. McGann', followed by a long horizontal flourish line.

C. E. McGann

Manager, Operations Programs Support

cc: District Manager, Customer Service and Sales
Manager, Post Office Operations, Area 1
Postmaster, Littleton
Postmaster, Englewood
Manager, Delivery and Customer Service Programs
Manager, Address Management Systems

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Englewood's identity problem

City's actual location and its many addresses are 2 different realities that cause confusion

By Rebecca Cantwell

Rocky Mountain News Staff Writer

If a name conjures an image, Englewood's is gleaming business parks and booming growth.

Nearly all the 100,000 people who work along the booming Interstate 25 southeast corridor encompassing the Denver Technological Center, Inverness and Meridian business parks receive mail addressed "Englewood."

National publications refer to the rate hikes of Englewood-based cable giant TCI, and the deal Englewood's EchoStar struck with mogul Rupert Murdoch.

U S West Inc. uses an Englewood address for its corporate headquarters. Great West Life Insurance receives mail for nearly 5,000 employees in Englewood. Financial services giant Merrill Lynch's 280,000 square foot complex will get mail addressed to Englewood.

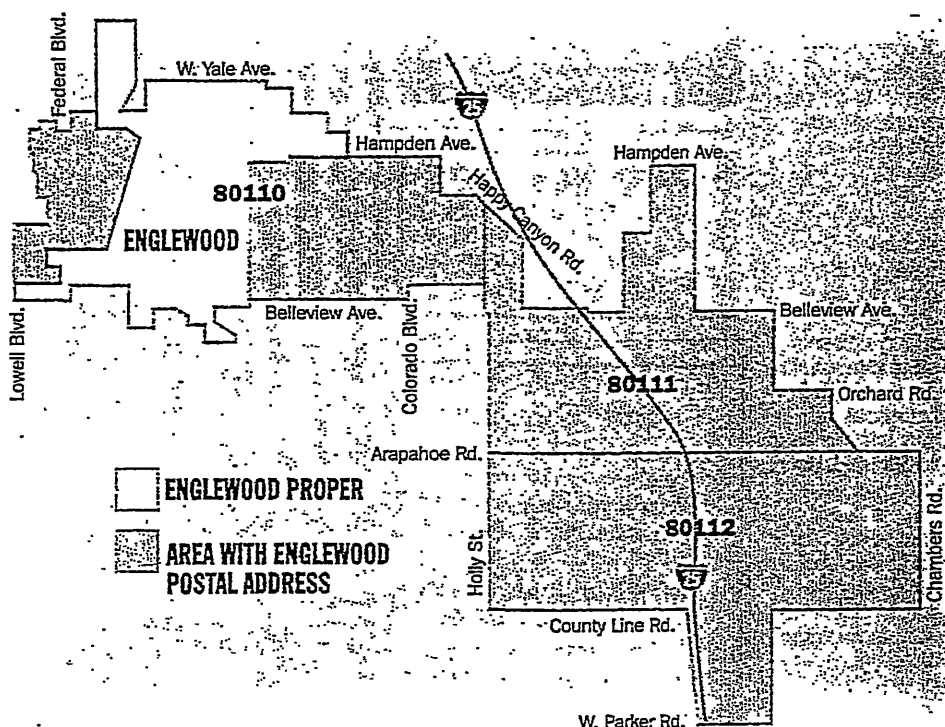
But the real Englewood is miles away in distance and image, causing everything from jokes to headaches.

Englewood began in 1903

Englewood, one of the metro area's oldest communities, was incorporated in 1903 and is now a virtually land-locked working class community of 32,000.

Its pressing issues are redeveloping the virtually deserted Cinderella City mall and revitalizing its aging hous-

TALE OF TWO ENGLEWOODS



Rocky Mountain News

ing stock, not coping with the stresses of rapid growth.

Its biggest employers are Columbia/Swedish Medical Center and Burt automotive dealers, not the metro area's telecommunications giants.

But an Englewood postal address is a different matter.

Englewood Postmaster Ray Davis noted his carriers take mail up to 17 miles from his central post office — with many employment centers 10 miles from Englewood.

"This has to do with history," he said. "Before the Tech Center, Meridian and Inverness were built, it was all farmland delivered out of the Englewood

Post Office by rural carriers. As the area built up, the Englewood Post office continued to deliver those areas."

The use of sometimes far-off cities for mailing addresses happens elsewhere in metro Denver because of the postal service's penchant for city addresses: many residents of southern Jefferson County use Littleton addresses, and those in the western foothills get mail addressed to Golden.

But Englewood is unique in being the address of so many major businesses far from its boundaries.

"You're talking about something that is a long-standing

point of debate out in this corridor," said Ray Bullock, vice president of the Denver Technological Center. "All of us in this area need to get a postal designation more in focus with the reality out here — but you're talking about the postal service, and they have their way of doing things."

Greenwood Village wants PO

Freda Poundstone, famous for the constitutional amendment that effectively halted Denver's growth, tried as mayor of Greenwood Village in

See ENGLEWOOD on 9F

Greenwood Village sales taxes sent to Englewood

ENGLEWOOD from 6F

the 1980s to get the Englewood postal address converted.

Much newer Greenwood Village is home to much of the Tech Center. Poundstone went to postal authorities, arguing that Greenwood Village needed its own post office.

"People come to visit and it's very confusing," Poundstone said.

Greenwood Village was turned down because its population was too small. The postal service did grant permission for Greenwood Village residents to use that city on their mail, although it still goes through Englewood. Greenwood Village today has a population of about 10,000, but nearly 70,000 work in its boundaries.

In US West's government directory, even Greenwood Village city hall is listed as being in Englewood.

The confusion confounds both cities.

Businesses in Greenwood Village send sales taxes to Englewood, for example.

"It does cause us a problem," said Greenwood Village City Manager Steve Crowell.

Aside from trying to track down stray finances, he said financing agencies might be more receptive if they realize growth-clogged streets are in Greenwood Village rather than Englewood.

Tax licensing confusion

Englewood officials say businesses not in the city regularly apply for sales tax licenses.

"We try to make sure people are licensed in the proper locale," said Frank Gryglewicz, director of financial services.

But Englewood officials generally seem pleased with the image confusion.

Art Scibelli, business development coordinator for Englewood, said tongue-in-cheek, "We are very happy to be associated with good companies at the Denver Tech Center."

To lessen confusion, Englewood developed its own business directory of those actually in the city.

Four ZIP codes added

Changes affect 26,000 homes

By Stacie Oulton
Denver Post Staff Writer

Just in case you haven't gotten the message that growth has the Front Range bulging at the seams, a bulletin is coming to you in the mail.

The U.S. Post Office has created four new ZIP codes for the area. Affected are residents of 26,000 homes in Glendale, Littleton, Columbine Hills, Parker and Fort Collins.

Residents will receive notices in the mail this week, but the new ZIP code won't become effective until July 1.

Affected home- and business-owners will get a one-year grace period to adjust to the new ZIP code — enough time to use up old stationery.

"These added ZIP codes will help us handle future growth," said John Sheldon, Denver's manager of address management systems.

The new ZIP codes allow the post office to do fewer sorts on the mail before it gets to the carrier, saving time and making operations more efficient, postal officials said.

In Glendale, part of the 80222 area will change to 80246.

Residents affected are those living in an area bound by Louisiana Avenue on the south, Ellsworth Avenue on the north, Colorado Boulevard on the west and Holly Street on the east.

In Columbine Hills, part of the 80123 area will change to 80128. Residents affected are those living in an area bound by Deer Creek and the South Platte River on the south, West Coal Mine Avenue on the north, South Kipling Parkway on the west and the South Platte River on the east.

In Parker, part of the 80134 area will change to 80138.

Residents affected are those living in area bound by Hilltop Road to the Douglas County line and Elbert County Road 66 on the south, Douglas and Elbert county lines on the north, Parker Road and Hilltop Road on the west and Elbert County Road 17 on the east.

Parker and Hilltop roads themselves will remain in the 80134 code.

In Fort Collins, part of the 80525 area will change to 80528. Residents affected are those living in an area bounded by County Road 30 on the south, Harmony Road on the north, the Union Pacific Railroad tracks on the west and Larimer County Road 1 on the east.



DATE: December 13, 1994
TO: Beth Cutler
FROM: Craig Larson
RE: Zip Codes / Englewood Issue

I am writing this memo to provide you with the information you requested from Cathy Fromm regarding zip codes and their impact. I cannot emphasize enough the importance of this issue and the effect it has upon the financial welfare of Greenwood Village. Please consider the following:

1.) The majority of businesses in Greenwood Village utilize the name "Englewood" in their mailing address because of the postal system. As a direct result, Englewood sales tax is typically charged on goods delivered into the City. This costs the City literally hundreds of thousands of dollars each year. The City's audit and enforcement program supports this fact. Over 90% of the following figures can be attributed to the zip code issue.

1994 Sales Tax Audit & Enforcement Revenue -	\$ 647,465.66
1993 Sales Tax Audit & Enforcement Revenue -	\$1,611,778.32
1992 Sales Tax Audit & Enforcement Revenue -	\$ 304,328.79

2.) Vendors who do not charge the appropriate Greenwood Village sales tax are subject to substantial penalty (10%) and interest (1% per month) charges. Again, I would estimate that 90% of the following figures are because of the zip code issue.

1994 Assessed Sales Tax Penalty & Interest -	\$ 143,815.79
1993 Assessed Sales Tax Penalty & Interest -	\$ 477,993.68
1992 Assessed Sales Tax Penalty & Interest -	\$ 49,298.22

3.) The majority of vendors making sales into Greenwood Village utilize a sales tax software system (i.e. VERTEX). I have yet to see a sales tax software system that is not based on zip codes. Given that Greenwood Village does not have a zip code, you can imagine the impact on our sales tax revenue.

4.) City staff recently visited every office building in Greenwood Village to publicize an amnesty program. A total of 198 new tax accounts were created. The typical explanation given was that they thought they were in Englewood.

5.) The City currently has three audit staff and is hiring two additional auditors in 1995. The addition of the two auditors is a direct result of the zip code issue. The cost of the additional auditors is approximately \$85,000 without considering the cost for office furniture, computers, and other support related costs.

6.) Voluntary compliance is the goal of the City's Audit and Enforcement program. It is virtually impossible to achieve an acceptable level of voluntary compliance given the current zip code system. For instance, I receive numerous phone calls and letters from individuals who desire to close their tax accounts with the City because they claim to have no activity in Greenwood Village. The majority of these inquiries claim that they are located in Englewood. As you can guess, the taxpayer is generally in error.

I hope this information helps. Obtaining a Greenwood Village zip code would have a major financial impact on the City of Greenwood Village and the services it provides. Furthermore, the business community is frustrated with the current tax situation. A Greenwood Village zip code is the only solution.



United States
Postal Service

MARCH 28, 1991

Bob Hartwig
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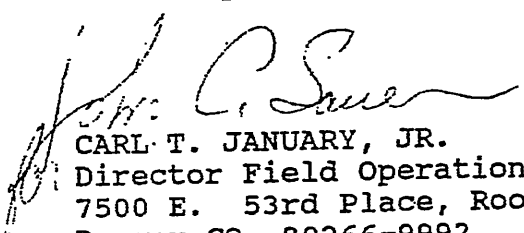
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Sincerely,


CARL T. JANUARY, JR.
Director Field Operations
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CTJ:cec

TO: Members of City Council

FROM: Freda J. Poundstone, Mayor 

DATE: June 13, 1989

SUBJECT: Post Office for Greenwood Village

For over three and one-half years I have fought for a Post Office for and in Greenwood Village.

After the November 1987 annexation the Post Office on Dayton Street, which is called Arapahoe East, became part of the City. I immediately met with the postal authorities to see if that could become the Greenwood Village Post Office and they stated that that post office would remain an Englewood Post Office and the only way we could get a Greenwood Village Post Office was if a new one was built in Greenwood Village.

The lack of a Greenwood Village Post Office has been the source of many complaints from the business community within the DTC. There is, in fact, no Post Office in that immediate area. It has been necessary to place numerous drop boxes throughout the area. Ray Bullock has stated to me that a great number of the property managers complain on a continuing basis because of not having a Post Office to meet their needs. These commercial properties send out large quantities of mail and make major mail drops and the outside mailboxes are not adequate.

Again I met with postal officials to inform them of this problem and they confirmed the fact that a Post Office will not materialize because there is absolutely no funding available. They confirmed the only way the City would get a Post Office would be for someone to come up with a creative approach to providing a Post Office for the City in the Town Center Zone District of the DTC.

Sometime later I mentioned my meeting with the postal authorities to Ray Bullock. I told him that since there was no federal funding available for a Post Office, the only way for Greenwood Village to get a Post Office was for someone to donate the land in the Town Center Zone District

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Re: Post Office
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of DTC. It was after that conversation that I found out that Tech Center owners would be willing to sell land at half its value to a developer for use as a Post Office. Upon hearing this, I felt it imperative that I inform Representative Brown of this unique opportunity.

- 1) Having a Post Office in the Town Center Zone District of DTC places it where it is most critically needed.
- 2) Having a Post Office will give the City its identity which we have all wanted.
- 3) This Post Office would be a major asset to the City.

I would be happy to discuss this further with any Council member.



CITY OF GREENWOOD VILLAGE • 6060 South Quebec Street
Greenwood Village, Colorado 80111-4591 • (303) 773-0252

Freda J. Poundstone
MAYOR

May 10, 1989

The Honorable Hank Brown
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 2015

RE: Post Office for Greenwood Village, Colorado

Dear Hank:

Pursuant to our recent conversation, please be informed of the legitimate and urgent need for a Post Office in Greenwood Village, Colorado.

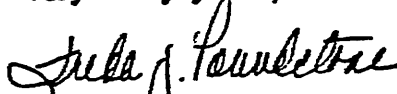
As Mayor of our city, I can no longer wait for the seemingly endless delays from the Postal Service decision makers. They have already determined the need for a 46,000 square foot facility in this area. Their chief concern appears to be funding.

Because of their financing concerns, a local developer has agreed to fund 100% of the project. The Post Office would simply pay rent, based on a 12% return of the cost of the facility. The land for the Post Office is located in the Denver Tech Center. It is extremely expensive and prime land. However, because it is for a Post Office, the Tech Center owners are selling the land to the developer at less than half its true value. The Post Office will not find cheaper land in the city, nor a better location for our citizens. The developer's option on the land, though, is only for a limited time. It is imperative, therefore, that some of the red tape be cut through quickly and that a postal lease be signed with haste.

From the information I have received, the project is now in the hands of Mr. De Biens (pronounced Bines) in Colorado. His superior in Chicago is Mr. Don Matson.

Anything you can do to speed up the postal process and get an affirmative response for this project is greatly appreciated by the Mayor and the citizens of our city.

Very truly yours,


Freda J. Poundstone
Mayor

TOWN OF SILVER CLIFF

E S T A B L I S H E D 1 8 7 9

Selwyn Epperson
USPS District Manager, CO/WY District
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Denver, CO 80266

Re: Silver Cliff, CO ZIP Code Reinstatement

Dear Mr. Epperson:


This letter is our request for the reinstatement of ZIP code 81249 for the Town of Silver Cliff, Colorado. In a move to theoretically simplify mail delivery, Silver Cliff lost its ZIP code and was combined with the ZIP code of Westcliffe, 81252. Since 1987, this has proven to be a huge mistake causing Silver Cliff's historical prominence to be marginalized and in the process costing an estimated \$10,000 a year in lost sales tax revenue.

Historically, Silver Cliff was founded in the late 1870s to house miners working the silver mines in the hills of Silver Cliff. The town incorporated in 1879 and had over 5,000 residents by the 1880 census, making it the third most populace town after Denver and Leadville. During this time, Silver Cliff was in the running to be the capitol of Colorado. Westcliffe on the other hand was incorporated nine years later in 1887. Truth of the matter, the only historical significance of Westcliffe is that it is the county seat and was once a rail terminal station long ago.

The Town has a total area of 15.5 square miles. As of 2014, there was 584 residences, an increase of 300 people since the loss of its original ZIP code. Comparatively, Westcliffe has a land area of only 1.2 square miles. The estimated 2014 population was 572 residences.

Between the two towns, there are many street name duplications. Silver Cliff has First, Second, Third and Fourth Streets.... Westcliffe has 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Streets.... Silver Cliff has Granada Court. Westcliffe has Granada Court. Silver Cliff has Rosita Road, Westcliffe has Rosita Road. Silver Cliff has Main Street. Westcliffe has Main Street. All these duplicate streets are within zip code 81252 which leads to all manner of missed deliveries unless one has local knowledge, which is usually lacking with out-of-town service. The widespread use of ZIP codes for non-postal purposes has exacerbated problems for those citizens whose mailing addresses do not match their actual town or city of residence, and frequently does for the municipalities as well.

The Postal Service has always contended that the ZIP Code system's only purpose is to facilitate the efficient and orderly delivery of the mail. Nevertheless, ZIP Code information is readily available to the public, and both private and governmental entities have found it a convenient and accessible tool for many purposes unrelated to mail delivery. Postal Service competitors like FedEx and UPS use the ZIP Code. The ZIP Code also has been adopted by non-delivery entities as a geographic locator providing a convenient if imperfect means of targeting populations for performing demographic research, setting insurance rates, estimating housing values, remitting state tax revenues back to localities, and directing



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convenient if imperfect means of targeting populations for performing demographic research, setting insurance rates, estimating housing values, remitting state tax revenues back to localities, and directing advertising messages. Silver Cliff has suffered these consequences, most notably, in the last ten years and it continues to get worse.

When the Postal Department dropped Silver Cliff's 81249 ZIP code, the Town Clerk at the time tried to find a communication from the postal service advising us of the decision. Finally, a Denver postal employee stated via a phone call that there was a public hearing to discuss this matter. There was no published notice of this hearing nor was anyone aware of such a meeting. It was further stated that a notice was put up at the post office or a notice put in all the post office boxes. No one that we have talked to remembers any such notices. Since the loss of a ZIP code would have been a hugely important issue to Silver Cliff residents, why wasn't an official and specific notice sent to the Town Board of Trustees of the town of Silver Cliff? The Denver post office alleges that one person attended this alleged meeting. Again, no Silver Cliff residents or local postal employee can remember such a meeting. Even as recently as this year, the postal service arbitrarily made a change to Silver Cliff's Main Street by designating and renaming it to be East Main Street. Again, the postal service did not think it necessary to inform the Town Board of this decision. We, the Board of Trustees, first became aware of this change when our residents and businesses came to us complaining about the change.

With regard to sales tax problems, any purchases made through the internet can be subject to Town sales tax if the merchant has a presence in Colorado. When the merchant pulls down 81252, Westcliffe is the default town. The merchant then has to determine if this a Westcliffe purchase or a Silver Cliff purchase. The only way that they can be sure is if the customer tells them that it is Silver Cliff. The Board of Trustees has personal knowledge that this is seldom performed by the merchant. Even local merchants can report sales tax collections for the wrong town, to the detriment of Silver Cliff. To further complicate the matters, the state remits some Silver Cliff tax collections to Westcliffe! The before mentioned annual loss of \$10,000 in sales tax revenue to Silver Cliff is a conservative estimate. To a Town whose entire annual budget is \$300,000; \$10,000 is a significant figure.

The Town Board has discussed various alternatives to resolve this problem, but the only permanent solution is for Silver Cliff to have its own zip code. Once we decided on the necessary course of action, we approached our local post office – to no avail. We also tried the Canon City Distribution Center and was again told they could do nothing to help. This request to you is the result of local assistance not being available. We feel that dropping the ZIP code was intended to somehow expedite mail delivery. We now know the unintended consequences have become a nightmare that our citizens have had to live with for over thirty years. It's time this problem be corrected and we call on you to that end.

Very truly yours,



Larry Weber, Mayor

Enclosures

cc: Senator Cory Gardner: w/enc.
354 Russell, Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20150
---and---
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DISTRICT MANAGER
COLORADO/WYOMING DISTRICT



January 15, 2016

The Honorable Larry Weber
Mayor of Silver Cliff
P.O. Box 154
Silver Cliff, CO 81252-0154

Dear Mayor Weber:

Thank you for your inquiry regarding the reinstatement of ZIP Code 81249 for the Town of Silver Cliff.

The Postal Service established ZIP Codes and delivery boundaries to ensure good service and the most economical use of resources. They do not always conform to official or traditional community boundaries and are not assigned solely to provide local community identity.

It may be helpful to clarify that the ZIP (zone improvement plan) Code system, in which the five-digit code identifies the individual Post Office, area delivery station and geographical area it serves, was created and designed to provide an efficient postal distribution and delivery network. Moreover, the boundary for each ZIP Code was established to form a pattern of delivery that makes the best possible use of postal resources and personnel. When determined that a geographical area no longer requires multiple ZIP Codes, a ZIP Code can be removed.

The Postal Service database is a delivery database that was created for the purpose of mail delivery. It is unfortunate that many businesses, as well as other organizations and state agencies throughout the country, utilize the assigned ZIP Codes for purposes other than those originally designed. It can be an excellent resource for mailing addresses but not so much for tax calculations, address location, etc. The county Assessor's Office would be the entity for official information regarding an address.

The Colorado/Wyoming District declines your request to reinstate ZIP Code 81249 but will work with you in resolving some of the identity issues. Our Address Management Office will work with you in assigning a "preferred last line" to the street delivery addresses that reside in the Town of Silver Cliff. That means that deliveries in Silver Cliff will be assigned the preferred mailing and municipality name of Silver Cliff. Once this is completed when you access usps.com, the Silver Cliff street delivery addresses will default to Silver Cliff instead of Westcliffe. This information will go out to mailers; and as they update their data, you will notice mail being addressed with the name of Silver Cliff CO 81252.

Numerous ZIP Codes throughout the country cross over city, township, and county boundaries; and the preferred last line has been successfully utilized to resolve identity concerns.

If this is something you would like to pursue, please contact our Address Management Systems Office at 303-853-6694.

Sincerely,

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Selwyn D. Epperson
District Manager
Customer Service and Sales

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April 5, 2002

Honorable Scott McInnis
Member of Congress
134 West B Street
Pueblo, CO 81003-6401

Dear Congressman McInnis:

This is in response to your March 25 letter on behalf of Mr. Ivan Marrs of Silver Cliff, regarding his request for the re-establishment of a unique ZIP Code for Silver Cliff.

I recognize Mr. Marrs' strong desire for a unique ZIP Code to enhance Silver Cliff's community identity. However, the ZIP Code system was created and designed to provide an efficient postal distribution and delivery network. ZIP Codes direct mail to the appropriate delivering post office. Although delivery growth and changing demographics can necessitate adjustments to ZIP Code boundaries in order to achieve Postal Service objectives, the general stability of boundaries is essential to prompt and accurate distribution of mail.

We recognize that some customers might prefer a mailing address that reflects a specific community name or locally recognized area. However, we only alter delivery addresses when it will be of minimal adverse impact or it will improve our operations or services. I would like to note, however, that in order to provide Silver Cliff residents with a measure of community identity, our national data base recognizes Silver Cliff as an acceptable city name when used in association with ZIP Code 81252.

As you may know, the Silver Cliff Post Office was suspended in 1988 for safety reasons. The ZIP Code was discontinued in 1991 after the appropriate procedures were followed and there were no objections from the town's residents. In fact, only one person attended the public meeting to discuss the issue. Consequently, there are no plans to reinstate the Silver Cliff ZIP Code.

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I have noted that Mr. Marrs continues to use the discontinued Silver Cliff ZIP Code in his correspondence. When postal customers put a correct address on mail it can be handled efficiently and delivered promptly. Poorly addressed mail, on the other hand, is invariably delayed because it requires special handling. It also costs us significantly more to handle because it must be provided additional attention. It is our policy that if the employee handling the mail knows the correct delivery address for First-Class Mail, it will be delivered, unless there are mailer instructions to the contrary. Mr. Marrs may want to know that the mailer, who pays the postage, has the option of asking that mail be returned if it is undeliverable as addressed.

Thank you for writing. If I may assist you with other postal issues, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Renee A. Gadson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Renee A. Gadson
Government Relations Representative

cc: Honorable Scott McInnis
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0603

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

February 24, 2023

The Honorable Louis DeJoy
Postmaster General
United States Postal Service
475 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Room 10300
Washington, DC 20260-1000

Dear Postmaster General DeJoy,

I write requesting the United States Postal Service (USPS) restore the unique, individual ZIP Code of 81249 for the Town of Silver Cliff, Colorado. An unincorporated town in Custer County, Colorado, Silver Cliff lost its dedicated ZIP Code in 1991. In the years since, Silver Cliff has been sharing its ZIP Code with the town of Westcliffe, despite being slightly more populous than its neighbor. This move has cost Silver Cliff nearly \$750,000 in sales tax revenue over the past thirty years.

On January 24, 2023, I wrote to you regarding extensive delivery delays and subpar postal services in Buena Vista and Chaffee County. Since I sent that letter, hundreds of constituents have contacted my office with complaints about postal service in their area, including multiple residents of Silver Cliff. In addition to receiving mail at a reduced frequency, many Silver Cliff residents report constantly receiving mail meant for citizens who live at the same street address in Westcliffe, because the two towns share a ZIP Code.

Residents of the mountainous, rural southern region of my district rely on USPS for prescription drugs, billing notices, food, clothing, and other necessary items. USPS should be a lifeline to Silver Cliff, yet USPS leadership continues to fail them, as well as many other constituents throughout Colorado's 7th Congressional District. Restoring Silver Cliff's ZIP Code would be an important step for this small community.

Thank you for giving your full and fair consideration of this request in accordance with all applicable rules, regulations, laws, and guidelines.

Sincerely,



Brittany Pettersen
Member of Congress

Cc: United States Postal Service Board of Governors

City of Camargo

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May 1, 2025

The Honorable Andy Barr

U.S. House of Representatives
2430 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: Support for Federal Legislation to Establish a Unique ZIP Code for the City of Camargo

Dear Congressman Barr,

I hope this letter finds you well. As Mayor of the City of Camargo, Kentucky, I am writing to express my strong support for federal legislation that would grant our city a unique ZIP code. This issue is of critical importance to the citizens and businesses of Camargo, and I believe that establishing a distinct ZIP code will improve the efficiency of government services, enhance public safety, and contribute to our local economic development.

Currently, the City of Camargo shares a ZIP code with the City of Mount Sterling, and Montgomery County. This has led to significant challenges, including delays in mail delivery, confusion for emergency services, tax remittance issues, and difficulties with addressing and utility service verification. These issues create frustration for our residents and businesses and hinder the ability of local government and service providers to operate efficiently.

A unique ZIP code for Camargo would offer several tangible benefits:

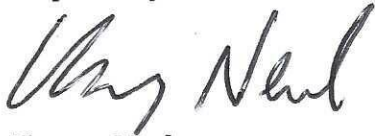
- **Improved Mail Delivery and Service Accuracy:** With a distinct ZIP code, we would see fewer instances of misdirected mail, ensuring our residents receive timely and accurate delivery of their letters, packages, and important communications.
- **Enhanced Emergency Response:** First responders would have a clearer understanding of locations, leading to faster, more efficient emergency services when they are needed most.
- **Economic Growth:** By establishing a unique geographic identity, Camargo would stand out as an individual community, making it more attractive to businesses and potential investors. A unique ZIP code could help Camargo tap into new opportunities for growth and development.
- **Better Resource Allocation and Data Accuracy:** A distinct ZIP code would improve the accuracy of data collection for federal, state, and local resource allocation, ensuring that Camargo receives its fair share of resources, grants, and infrastructure improvements.

Camargo incorporated as a city in 1969, 6 years after the introduction of zip codes in 1963. Camargo is a proud and vibrant city, and we believe that a unique ZIP code would help us meet the growing needs of our residents and foster continued progress. We respectfully urge your support in advancing this

important piece of legislation that would make a meaningful difference in the lives of the people of Camargo.

Thank you for your continued service and leadership on behalf of the citizens of Kentucky's Sixth Congressional District. I greatly appreciate your attention to this matter and your support in helping our city thrive.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Clayton Neal". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Clayton" written in a more stylized, connected manner and the last name "Neal" written in a simpler, more legible cursive.

Clayton Neal

Mayor

City of Camargo, Kentucky

Montgomery County Fiscal Court

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May 2, 2025

The Honorable Andy Barr
U.S. House of Representatives
2430 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: Support for Federal Legislation to Grant the City of Camargo a Unique ZIP Code

Dear Congressman Barr,

As the Judge Executive of Montgomery County, I am writing to express my full support for federal legislation that would assign the City of Camargo its own unique ZIP code. This is an important and necessary step toward ensuring more accurate public services, better data collection, and enhanced community identity for the residents of Camargo.

Currently, Camargo shares a ZIP code with surrounding areas, resulting in frequent issues such as misdirected mail, confusion for emergency responders, difficulties in voter registration, and problems with confirming addresses for utility and delivery services. These challenges directly impact residents' quality of life and create inefficiencies for local governments and service providers.

Granting Camargo its own ZIP code would:

- Streamline and improve mail delivery and address accuracy;
- Enhance emergency response coordination and service delivery;
- Provide clearer geographic distinction for economic development and investment;
- Improve the accuracy of demographic and statistical data used for funding and resource allocation.

Camargo is a proud and growing part of Montgomery County with a distinct identity and a strong sense of civic pride. It deserves recognition through a ZIP code that reflects its individuality and helps eliminate avoidable service delays and administrative confusion.

On behalf of our county government and the citizens of Camargo, I respectfully urge your support for this legislation. We deeply appreciate your leadership and continued dedication to the needs of our communities in Kentucky's Sixth Congressional District.

Sincerely,



Chris Haddix
Montgomery County Judge-Executive

Chris Haddix, County Judge/Executive
Keith Craycraft, County Attorney
Chris Cockrell, County Clerk



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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

STATE SENATE

May 5, 2025

The Honorable Andy Barr
U.S. House of Representatives
2430 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Barr:

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to express my full support for the federal legislation aimed at establishing a unique ZIP code for the City of Camargo. As the state senator for Kentucky's 28th District, which includes the City of Camargo, I understand the importance of this request and its potential to significantly improve the quality of life for Camargo's residents and enhance the efficiency of local government services.

Currently, Camargo shares a ZIP code with surrounding areas, which has led to various challenges. These issues include delays in mail delivery, confusion for emergency response teams, difficulties with utility services, and errors in address verification for vital community resources. These logistical challenges create inefficiencies that negatively impact both the residents and businesses of Camargo as well as the local government's ability to serve the community effectively.

Establishing a unique ZIP code for Camargo would provide several key benefits:

- **Improved Mail Delivery:** A distinct ZIP code would help ensure more accurate and timely mail delivery, reducing confusion and delays.
- **Enhanced Emergency Services:** Emergency responders would benefit from clearer, more precise location identification, which would reduce response times and improve public safety.
- **Economic Development:** A unique ZIP code would provide Camargo with a clearer geographic identity, potentially attracting new businesses and investors who seek a distinct, reliable community for growth.
- **Data Accuracy:** Accurate ZIP code data is essential for effective resource allocation, infrastructure planning, and eligibility for federal, state, and local funding. A unique ZIP code would ensure that Camargo receives its fair share of resources.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I am proud to recommend the City of Camargo in its request for a unique ZIP code and urge you to champion this important legislation in Congress. Your leadership in helping address this issue is deeply appreciated by me and the people of Kentucky's 28th District.

Sincerely,

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Greg Elkins
State Senator, 28th District

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Commonwealth of Kentucky

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May 2, 2025

The Honorable Andy Barr
United States House of Representatives
2430 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Barr:

I am writing to express my support for federal legislation that would grant Camargo, Kentucky, its own unique ZIP code. This important change will significantly benefit the residents and businesses in Camargo and contribute to the overall improvement of services and infrastructure within our region.

The City of Camargo currently shares a ZIP code with surrounding communities, which has caused a range of challenges. These issues include delays in mail delivery, confusion for emergency response teams, and complications with service providers. A distinct ZIP code would help eliminate these barriers, streamline operations, and improve the quality of life for Camargo residents.

This is a matter that directly impacts the daily lives of our citizens and enhances the ability of local governments to serve their communities effectively. This would be beneficial not just for Camargo, but for the broader Montgomery County area.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Hale".

David Hale
State Representative
District 74

Dh/ht

Rep. Lauren Boebert (R-CO)
Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

My name is Charles O. Sayles Jr. and I am a Pershing County Commissioner, Seat A.

Grass Valley is an area in Pershing County that is 70 miles from the county seat. Grass Valley contains a large percentage of our county residents. They are fairly land-locked in that area since there is not a direct route to I-80 due to the geographics and lack of roads. Through necessity they buy most of their goods from Humboldt County, but they also have a Humboldt County Zip Code 89445, or 89446 with the 89446 being a P O Box. Everything they buy online or where their zip code determines which county gets the sales tax, goes to Humboldt County, where they already spend a large portion of their money for supplies. Humboldt County is a much larger county in terms of population and revenue. Humboldt County gets at least 10 times the revenue we get in Pershing County.

The loss of revenue due to our county from the incorrect zip code has a very negative affect on our budget. We need the zip code change very badly. As a county our expenses continue to rise, and our revenue stays flat. We have just finished with the major part of our county budget and it is not looking good for our future.

Pershing County has two zip Codes, 89419 for the Lovelock area, and 89418 for the Imlay area. Zip Code 89417 is not being used at this time and makes sense to assign to the Pershing County area currently listed as 89446. The Grass Valley residents go to the Winnemucca Post Office to pick up their mail, so the post office would only need to add that new zip code to their sorting software. We provide all of the services to that part of Pershing County as well as some Humboldt County residents using our landfill since it is closer to them than going the extra miles to use theirs.

I ask that you correct this injustice and allow Pershing County residents to benefit from their sales tax dollars.

Thank you for your attention to this issue.

Chuck Sayles, Commissioner
Pershing County Board of Commissioners
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Congresswoman Mikie Sherrill
1427 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 20515

May 15, 2025

Dear Congresswomen Sherril

As you know, Kinnelon is a thriving borough in Morris County, New Jersey. Kinnelon is known for its rich history, scenic landscapes, and close-knit community. Spanning approximately 19 square miles, Kinnelon is home to around 10,000 residents who take pride in their town's unique character. The borough is known for its top-rated schools, beautiful parks, and historic landmarks, including Smoke Rise, one of the oldest gated communities in the country, and St. Hubert's Chapel, a stunning 19th-century chapel on an island in Lake Kinnelon. Despite its distinct identity, Kinnelon continues to struggle with a critical logistical issue—sharing the 07405 ZIP code with neighboring Butler, New Jersey.

For over four decades, Kinnelon has fought to secure its own ZIP code, but the issue remains unresolved, leading to public safety risks, financial complications, and operational inefficiencies that demand immediate correction. In Emergency response failures have put lives at risk, with ambulances mistakenly dispatched to the wrong town, delaying life-saving care. Additionally, mail and package mis-deliveries are a constant source of frustration, as Kinnelon has nine streets with identical names and numbers to those in Butler, causing confusion for postal services. Beyond these daily inconveniences, residents have faced loan denials and credit issues due to ZIP code misclassification, further disrupting their financial stability. In 2017 we had all New Jersey politicians write letters to help Kinnelon on its quest to get its own Zip code. Senator Booker, Senator Menendez and Congressman Frelinghuysen to name a few that said "We strongly believe that Kinnelon's existing delivery concerns, public safety concerns, coupled with the unique makeup of the Borough merits a new, unique zip code."

The continued failure to grant Kinnelon its own ZIP code is not a minor inconvenience—it is a direct threat to public safety, financial security, and essential services. After more than 40 years of advocating for this necessary change, it is time for action. We urge the establishment of a dedicated ZIP code to eliminate these dangerous errors and safeguard our community.

Respectfully,

Mayor, James Freda



TOWN OF WHEATFIELD NIAGARA COUNTY

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Kathleen Harrington-McDonell
Town Clerk
Registrar of Vital Statistics
Records Management Officer
Marriage Officer

AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION

I, Kathleen Harrington-McDonell, elected Town Clerk of The Town of Wheatfield, 2800 Church Road, North Tonawanda, NY 14120, do hereby certify that the following resolution was adopted at the regular meeting of the Town of Wheatfield held on July 7, 2025 at 7:00 pm, and is incorporated in the original minutes of said meeting and that said resolution has not been altered.

Moved by Councilman Doucet and seconded by Councilman Helwig;

RESOLVED,

To make a minor amendment to the Town Board resolution of June 2, 2025, wherein the Town of Wheatfield supports legislation in the United States Congress to obtain one Zip Code for the entire Town of Wheatfield. The Town's original motion referenced HR-3095 and we are now modifying it to mention HR-2938. The amended resolution is as follows:

WHEREAS, the Town of Wheatfield has been actively and diligently working to obtain its own Zip Code for more than 20 years, and

WHEREAS, currently, the Town of Wheatfield has four different zip codes,

1. 14094 (Lockport)
2. 14132 (Sanborn)
3. 14120 (North Tonawanda)
4. 14304 (Niagara Falls), and

WHEREAS, the Town of Wheatfield is one of the fastest growing Towns in Western New York with a population of approximately 20,000, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Wheatfield needs its own identity and having one Zip Code would help our community in this regard, and

WHEREAS, the following is a list of problems with multiple Zip Codes in the Town of Wheatfield.

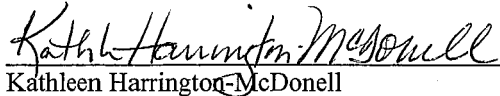
1. Causes confusion in filing death certificates — funeral directors have difficult time trying to determine the correct municipality. Death certificates must be filed in the municipality where death occurred. Errors are made because the mailing address of North Tonawanda, Niagara Falls, or Sanborn at times are filed with the wrong municipality which then require corrections to the death certificates.
2. Using a Garmin or GPS Maps for directions is difficult as these products do not always give proper directions to the user.
3. There are several streets and homes that have the same address in Niagara Falls and North Tonawanda and Wheatfield, which causes confusion.
4. There are also several street names in common to all four Zip Codes.
5. A new home builder had their National Grid electric service delayed over 2 months with the request listed as 14120 (North Tonawanda) instead of 14304 (Niagara Falls).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatfield completely supports legislation in the United States Congress,

HR-2938, to obtain one Zip Code for the entire Town of Wheatfield. Over the past twenty (20) years we have requested Congressman LaFalce, Congressman Reynolds, Congressman Lee, Congressman Collins, Congress Higgins and now Congressman Kennedy. Wheatfield's population has doubled in the last 30 years from 10,000 to approximately 20,000, and the Town urges Congress to pass this much needed legislation.

This motion was CARRIED: AYES 5 - NAYS 0.



Kathleen Harrington-McDonell
Town Clerk

Seal of Municipality



May 7, 2025

The Honorable Lauren Boebert
1713 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Boebert,

On behalf of the Town of Weddington and the Town Council, I am writing to respectfully request your support in obtaining a unique zip code designation for the boundaries of our municipality through your legislation H.R. 3095.

Weddington, which borders Charlotte, NC, is in one of the fastest-growing regions in the United States—currently ranked third in growth by the U.S. Department of Transportation. As our town continues to grow, the challenges associated with sharing zip codes with neighboring municipalities—namely Matthews (located in a different county) and Waxhaw—have become increasingly problematic.

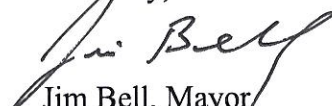
The overlap in zip codes has led to numerous ongoing issues for our residents, including:

- **Conflicting Address Information:** Residents often find discrepancies between the city listed on official identification (such as driver's licenses) and the jurisdiction in which they live and pay taxes.
- **Tax Confusion:** Some residents mistakenly attempt to pay property taxes to the wrong municipality, and sales tax revenue is at times misdirected due to incorrect city designations.
- **Voter Disruption:** During elections, constituents are frequently sent to the wrong precincts and must be redirected, causing unnecessary confusion and delays.
- **Emergency Response Delays:** First responders face challenges when 911 callers misreport their city of residence, potentially delaying vital emergency services.

These ongoing issues not only complicate day-to-day life for our residents but also undermine efficient government operations, fiscal accuracy, and public safety. A single, clearly defined zip code and postal city name for Weddington would help resolve these problems and foster a greater sense of community identity and pride.

We have previously reached out to the United States Postal Service to request a unique zip code and boundary review but have been unsuccessful in obtaining one up to this time. Your advocacy and support in helping us move this effort forward would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Jim Bell, Mayor
Town of Weddington



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May 13, 2025

**U.S. House Oversight Committee
Chairman James Comer
2157 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515**

Dear Chairman Comer and Committee Members:

HR 3095 would end nearly 20 years of frustration by designating unique zip codes for 72 communities and cities, including the area of Carnes Crossroads in Goose Creek, SC.

I strongly urge you to support this crucial legislation.

The City of Goose Creek annexed Carnes Crossroads in 2006; an expansion to our north that consisted of 2,500 acres of undeveloped land. Since that annexation, Carnes Crossroads has grown into an economic and residential hub. And while it is an important part of our success story, the inability to change its postal designation to Goose Creek has caused major problems and confusion.

Carnes Crossroads is currently designated as “Summerville” in its postal address. Not only is Summerville the incorrect City to which Carnes Crossroads belongs, it does not even share the same county. As you can imagine, this is an almost comically confusing situation for residents to navigate.

For 18 years, the City of Goose Creek has attempted to change this incorrect designation. We have submitted multiple requests to the USPS; each request has been met with resistance.

To be clear, maintaining an incorrect postal designation is more than just a nuisance: It causes real problems that are only worsening as our population increases.

Perhaps most alarmingly, the lack of a clear and correct city designation complicates our residents’ efforts to seek – and our efforts to dispatch – emergency services, including critical and lifesaving Fire and Police calls.

Residents are understandably confused about who their elected representatives are – confusion that has led to miscast ballots and a decrease in civic participation. This confusion creates challenges in tax collection, fee administration, and the dispensation of water, sewer and recreation services. It delays development projects, as services areas are often misaligned. These delays hamper economic growth and cause promising projects to be delayed.

Finally, this issue creates a real disconnect for a large portion of our residents who feel isolated, alone and confused. These residents do not know that special sense of civic pride and belonging that a thriving municipality provides. The fact that their government has been unable to fix this seemingly solvable problem is baffling and disheartening.

If enacted, HR 3095 would create a new zip code for Carnes Crossroads that correctly identifies its location as Goose Creek. It would solve the many problems I've mentioned. And it would mark a new beginning for one of our most important communities.

As Mayor of Goose Creek, on behalf of thousands of current and future residents, I ask you to support this commonsense legislation, and solve this issue once and for all.

Thank you for your consideration, and for your service to our Country.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'G. Habib', with a stylized, flowing script.

Gregory Habib
Mayor, Goose Creek, SC



372 Town Place • Fairview, TX 75069 • Town Hall 972-562-0522

May 12, 2025

The Honorable Lauren Boebert
1713 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 20515

RE: DESIGNATE A SINGLE UNIQUE ZIP CODE FOR THE TOWN OF FAIRVIEW, TX

Congresswoman Boebert,

On behalf of Fairview residents, businesses and the Town of Fairview, Texas (located in Collin County), as a local government entity ("Fairview"), I am respectfully requesting your assistance in resolving long-standing issues that stem from the 75069 ZIP Code that Fairview shares with the City of McKinney, Texas ("McKinney"). I am asking that you please include Fairview in H.R. 3095, which is a bill you have sponsored in the 119th Congress (2025-2026) that directs the United States Postal Service ("USPS") to designate single, unique ZIP Codes for certain communities, and for other purposes.

In this request for assistance (the "RFA") I have highlighted several examples of mail delivery and non-mail delivery related issues that Fairview has experienced due to the 75069 ZIP Code it shares with McKinney. USPS mail delivery services are provided to Fairview by the McKinney Post Office located at 550 North Central Expressway in McKinney. Issues caused by the shared 75069 ZIP Code that Fairview has experienced, includes, but is not limited to:

- personal mail and deliveries not arriving on time, or at all, to the intended Fairview address;
- official time sensitive communications from the Town or other governmental entities not arriving on time, or at all, to the intended Fairview address;
- numerous complaints made relating to letters and packages indicating that the recipient address is located in McKinney rather than Fairview;
- complaints stating that recipients received advertisements indicating that certain services were available to them when in fact they were not, which was a result of ZIP Code based advertising;
- complaints made to town staff by individuals stating that their sales taxes for certain online purchases are being remitted to McKinney because their sales receipt/invoice shows their home address as being in McKinney rather than Fairview;
- State of Texas Comptroller's Office has mistakenly remitted sales tax revenue to McKinney instead of Fairview because of the shared ZIP Code; and
- Fairview only having McKinney as an option when completing address information on

important electronic documents that have to be filled out and submitted online. Many companies and governmental entities match their addresses to the USPS.

The mail delivery and non-mail delivery ZIP Code related issues provided above occurred even though USPS customers had already previously been authorized by USPS to use Fairview as the town name in the last line of an address located within Fairview's municipal boundaries and to use a ZIP Code expanded to nine digits (ZIP +4) that is specific to Fairview.

These ZIP Code related issues have increased over the last fourteen years because of the rapid population growth that has occurred in Fairview, Collin County, North Texas, and the 75069 ZIP Code. The U.S. Census Bureau's 2024 population estimates indicate that Collin County is the second fastest growing county in Texas and the sixth most populous at 1,254,658, which is a 60% increase from 2010 U.S. Census Bureau data. From 2010 to 2024 the Town's population increased by 52%. According to the North Central Texas Council of Governments, Fairview and McKinney, which share the 75069 ZIP Code, accounted for 20% of the population growth in Collin County between 2010 and 2024.

Since 2010, Fairview has taken multiple actions to attempt to address the issues created by the 75069 ZIP Code it shares with McKinney. Below is a summary of Fairview's past efforts.

November 2010: *Fairview submitted a formal request to USPS District Manager, Victor Benavides, that a ZIP Code boundary adjustment be made and that USPS designate a single unique ZIP Code for Fairview.*

December 2010: *USPS District Manager, Victor Benavides, denied Fairview's request that a single unique ZIP Code be designated for Fairview. Mr. Benavides stated that the denial was based on the following criteria not being met:*

- *Over 75% of the current ZIP Code must be utilized. The utilization of the 75069 ZIP Code was at 51% in December 2010;*
- *Over 55 routes must be established in the delivery area. In December 2010 there were 24 carrier routes in the delivery area; and*
- *Delivery points have to exceed 25,000. In December 2010 there were between 15,000 and 16,000 delivery points.*

November 2017: *Fairview engaged Rep. Sam Johnson's office about the ongoing mail delivery and non-mail delivery related issues that were the basis for the Town's 2010 request that USPS designate a single unique ZIP Code for Fairview.*

January 2018: *Rep. Sam Johnson's office made a formal inquiry to the USPS Office of Inspector General (OIG) regarding the ongoing mail delivery and non-mail delivery related issues in Fairview. The audit team for the USPS OIG began a review of the reported problems and indicated that it would present its findings in writing.*

April 2018: *The USPS OIG's findings indicated that the number of complaints at the McKinney Post Office had increased and attributed it to inadequate staffing. The USPS OIG stated that postal service management was working to address*

deficiencies at the McKinney Post Office by filling staff vacancies and that the USPS OIG's office would continue to monitor these operations. Unfortunately, the USPS OIG's investigation of the mail delivery and non-mail delivery related problems occurring in Fairview were not looked into as a ZIP Code related issue. Fairview continued to receive complaints and experience mail delivery and non-mail delivery related issues following the release of the USPS OIG's findings.

November 2018: Fairview learned that the USPS was relocating retail services that were provided from the Allen Post Office located at 304 W. Boyd Drive. Fairview submitted a formal written request to the USPS asking that Fairview be considered as the potential location for the new postal facility and that the USPS meet with the Town to discuss this possibility. The USPS never responded to the Town's written request or emails about the retail services relocation.

July 2021: Fairview began working with Rep. Van Taylor's office regarding its ongoing mail delivery and non-mail delivery related issues and its continued desire for the USPS to designate a single unique ZIP Code for Fairview. Rep. Taylor's office stated that it was fully supportive of Fairview's efforts and provided information about the best path forward regarding the request process and stated that it would work closely with the Town throughout the process.

August 2021: On August 31, 2021, Fairview mailed its request for a ZIP Code boundary adjustment and that the USPS designate a single unique ZIP Code for Fairview to USPS District Manager for Texas 1 District, Scott Hooper, via USPS Certified Mail.

September 2021: The USPS online package tracking tool indicated that Fairview's request that was mailed via USPS Certified Mail on August 31, 2021, had been delivered to its destination and was available for pickup at 8:34 a.m. on September 3, 2021.

Texas 1 District Manager, Scott Hooper, called Fairview within one hour of its request being delivered to its destination at 8:34 a.m. on September 3, 2021. Mr. Hooper spoke with then Assistant to the Town Manager, Adam Wilbourn, about Fairview's request. Mr. Hooper stated that he would provide Fairview with a formal written response to its request, but wanted to call and speak with Fairview about what his written response will be. He stated that he would be denying Fairview's request. The timing of when Mr. Hooper received Fairview's request and when he called stating that he would be denying the request, along with his reasoning, left Fairview with the impression that its request was not given careful and objective consideration.

Mr. Hooper indicated that there were two problems that prevented him from being able to approve Fairview's request. The first problem stated by Mr. Hooper was that Fairview doesn't have its own post office within its municipal boundaries and is served by the McKinney Post Office. He stated that if the McKinney Post Office grew too large and needed to look for alternate quarters due to space constraints, Fairview should make a request to the USPS that they construct a

new location in Fairview. Mr. Wilbourn asked how Fairview would know that the McKinney Post Office had grown to the level that the USPS needed to construct a new location, and who Fairview would need to submit the request to. Mr. Hooper stated that Fairview should contact him annually to express interest in having its own post office. Mr. Hooper stated that the second problem that prevented him from approving Fairview's request was that there are only nine ZIP Codes left in "750". The "750" number is the first three digits of Fairview's current ZIP Code. Mr. Hooper indicated that he could not validate assigning one of those nine unused ZIP Codes to Fairview.

Mr. Wilbourn expressed his disappointment that the two "problems" stated by Mr. Hooper appeared to be the main criteria Mr. Hooper used when making his decision to deny Fairview's request. Mr. Wilbourn had hoped that the ongoing ZIP Code related issues and rapid population growth that had occurred over the last 10+ years, as outlined in Fairview's request, would have carried more weight in Mr. Hooper's decision. When Mr. Wilbourn asked Mr. Hooper what percentage of the 75069 ZIP Code was currently being utilized and the current numbers for the other criteria that were the basis for the denial of Fairview's 2010 request for a single unique ZIP Code, Mr. Hooper responded that he did not have that information.

January 2022: *Fairview received a written response, dated January 6, 2022, from Texas 1 District Manager, Scott Hooper, denying its request for a ZIP Code boundary adjustment that would allow Fairview to have its own single unique ZIP Code. In that denial response, Mr. Hooper stated that a 5-digit ZIP Code can only be authorized by the USPS in the following instances:*

- *"When there is an operational need that supports our mission of providing the best possible universal service for our customers";*
- *"When an existing ZIP Code structure impedes quality service"; and*
- *"When there is an opportunity to reduce our distribution and delivery costs significantly".*

Mr. Hooper stated that the ZIP Code boundary review that took place during this process emphasized comprehensive and long-term planning in order to avoid frequent and disruptive changes to USPS services. The denial response indicated that Fairview did not meet the criteria to split its delivery ZIP Code, which would have resulted in being assigned a single unique ZIP Code. The following are the four criteria Mr. Hooper provided in his denial response and the current data he provided relating to those four criteria:

- ***Sector (ZIP+4) usage more than 70% in the existing ZIP Code***
 - *75069 has only 48% of +4 used (referring to the four extra identifying numbers that follow a ZIP Code)*
- ***Scheme items approaching 800 items (ranges of addresses within a ZIP Code)***
 - *75069 has 811 scheme items*

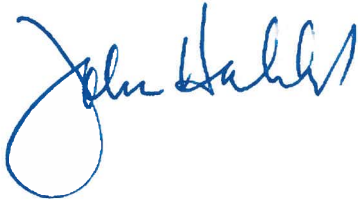
- ***When the number of regular routes exceeds 55***
 - *75069 has 26 routes*
- ***Delivery points more than 25,000***
 - *75069 currently has 18,110 active deliveries*

The above data provided by Mr. Hooper indicated that the 75069 ZIP Code had only met one of four criteria for splitting. Other USPS data Mr. Hooper provided with his response indicated that the 75069 ZIP Code will only meet three of the four above criteria by 2042.

The two "problems" Mr. Hooper mentioned in his September 3, 2021 phone call to the Town that he said prevented him from approving the Town's request were not mentioned in his formal written response.

Congresswoman Boebert, Fairview greatly appreciates your consideration of its request to be included in H.R. 3095, which would direct the USPS to designate a single unique ZIP Code for Fairview. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or would like to discuss this further.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Hubbard", with a large circular flourish at the bottom left.

Dr. John Hubbard, Mayor
Town of Fairview, Texas

Cc: Representative Keith Self, Texas, District 3



May 15, 2025

The Honorable Pat Fallon
Congressman
U.S. House of Representatives
2416 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-4304
Via: E-mail

Re: Congresswoman Boebert's Zip Code Designator Bill, H.R. 3095

Dear Congressman Fallon,

I am writing to express our support for H.R. 3095, filed by Congresswoman Boebert. This bill proposes to consolidate zip codes for a number of communities around the country, including the City of Fate.

Our city first attempted to consolidate its zip codes more than a decade ago by working through our local Postmaster, but we were unsuccessful. Many of our citizens have trouble receiving their mail, have different mailing and physical addresses, or must be served via PO boxes. Additionally, we are served on the west side of our city by the Rockwall Post Office and on the east side by the Royse City Post Office. As the City is still set to nearly double in size over the next 20 years, we see this effort to consolidate zip codes as one that has great timing and something that could improve mail service over the long run for our current and future citizens.

Thank you for your thoughtful leadership and your continued advocacy for your district's cities. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or if I can provide further input on this issue.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew Greenberg". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Andrew" and last name "Greenberg" clearly visible.

Andrew Greenberg
Mayor
City of Fate



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May 13, 2025

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House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
2157 Rayburn House Office Building
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Ranking Member Gerald Connolly
House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
2106 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC, 20515

The Town of Northlake seeks a single, unique ZIP Code.

Northlake is split by four postal ZIP codes: Argyle 76226, Justin 76247, Roanoke 76262, and sliver of Ponder 76259. Northlake's population of over 20,000 is greater than any of the four communities represented by these ZIP Codes. At buildout Northlake's population will exceed 50,000 and will be greater than all four communities combined.

A single, unique ZIP Code is important in establishing the Town's identity among her residents. A single, unique ZIP Code offers convenience and simplicity in tracking sales tax generators and capturing sales tax legally due the Town of Northlake.

Finally, a 2020 Northlake Town Council strategic goal and objective was to define and strengthen our identity by securing a Northlake post office. We understand that a separate post office may not be economically feasible, but a single, unique ZIP Code would meet many of the needs stated above.

The Town of Northlake has applied through the United States Postal Service for our own unique zip code, but at this point, our request has not been granted. Please let me know if you require additional information from the Town or any other way that I may assist you in considering this request.

Sincerely,

Mayor Brian G. Montini

C: Congressman Brandon Gill



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MATAGORDA COUNTY
BOBBY SEIFERMAN
COUNTY JUDGE

May 15, 2025

To Whom It May Concern

I write regarding the inclusion of Sargent, TX again in this reintroduced postal zip code bill. My office encourages this inclusion as to designating Sargent TX with a stand alone zip code. The community of Sargent is 20 plus miles from the Matagorda County seat of Bay City, TX. Sargent is currently included into the zip code for the county seat creating some inconvenience for the good citizens of Sargent, TX. Thank you for your consideration given this matter.

Respectfully,

Bobby Seiferman
Matagorda County Judge

May 14, 2025

The Honorable Representative Bryan Steil
United States House of Representatives
1526 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Support for HR 3095 — Legislation for Unique ZIP Code Designation for Caledonia, Wisconsin

Dear Congressman Steil,

On behalf of the Village of Caledonia, we are writing to express our support for HR 3095, legislation that directs the United States Postal Service to assign unique ZIP Codes to certain communities. This bill would address long-standing challenges experienced by municipalities like ours, which currently lack a singular, distinct ZIP Code identity.

The Village of Caledonia is currently impacted by **six** ZIP Codes, only one of which (53108) is directly associated with the Village. The others are linked to surrounding communities, often causing confusion and misidentification. These ZIP Codes are:

- **53108** – Caledonia
- **53126** – Franksville
- **53402** – Racine (*Other Recognized Names: Wind Point, Caledonia**)
- **53404** – Racine (*Other Recognized Names: Mount Pleasant, Caledonia**)
- **53405** – Racine (*Other Recognized Names: Elmwood Park, Mount Pleasant, Caledonia**)
- **53406** – Racine (*Other Recognized Names: Mount Pleasant, Caledonia**)

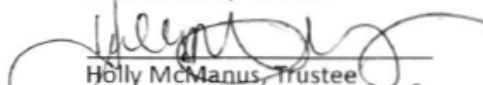

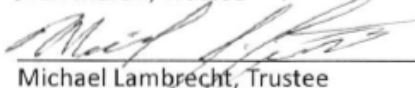
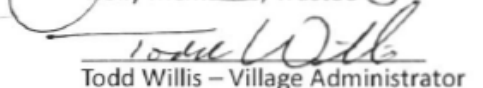
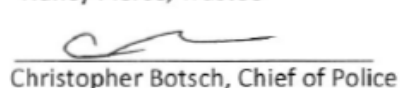
*Other Recognized Names approved in 2022

Since 2016, the Village has been engaged in ongoing efforts with the United States Postal Service to secure a unique ZIP Code designation. We were initially informed that such a request would not be approved (see Attachment 1). As an alternative, the Village requested a "Boundary Review" and succeeded in gaining "Other Recognized Name" status for Caledonia on the above ZIP Codes.

While this was a step forward, it fell short of solving the broader issues related to identity, service delivery, emergency response, and data accuracy. A unique ZIP Code designation would provide clarity, improve municipal operations, and foster a stronger community identity.

The Village of Caledonia was among the first municipalities to join the current coalition advocating for this necessary change. We are grateful for your continued support of this initiative and urge you to champion HR 3095 on behalf of our residents and similarly affected communities.

Sincerely,


Tom Weatherston, Village President
Dale Stilman, Trustee
Lee Wishau, Trustee
Fran Martin, Trustee
Holly McManus, Trustee
Nancy Pierce, Trustee
Michael Lambrecht, Trustee
Todd Willis – Village Administrator
Christopher Botsch, Chief of Police
Walter Leininger – Fire Chief

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-020
VILLAGE OF CALEDONIA**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SINGLE, UNIQUE ZIP CODE
FOR CERTAIN COMMUNITIES**

The Village Board for the Village of Caledonia, Racine County, WI do resolve as follows:

WHEREAS, There are currently over 41,000 ZIP Codes in the United States;

WHEREAS, While ZIP Codes are usually aligned with local boundaries, this is sometimes not the case;

WHEREAS, Communities, including the Village of Caledonia, throughout America are being negatively impacted by not having their own unique ZIP Code;

WHEREAS, These municipalities deserve consistent mail service, their fair share of tax revenue, and the other economic benefits associated with having their own ZIP Code;

WHEREAS, the Village of Caledonia currently has six zip codes that impact the Village, but only one that is directly linked to the Village;

WHEREAS, Representatives of the 119th Congress are looking for support from impacted communities to create unique zip codes;

WHEREAS, the Village of Caledonia would benefit from Consolidation of its multiple ZIP codes into a single, unique ZIP code;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Village Board of the Village of Caledonia, that it supports legislation by the 119th Congress of the United States of America to create single, unique zip codes for certain communities.

Adopted by the Village Board of the Village of Caledonia, Racine County, Wisconsin, this 11 day of March, 2025.

VILLAGE OF CALEDONIA

By: Thomas R Weatherston
Thomas Weatherston
Village President

Attest: Jennifer Bass
Jennifer Bass
Village Clerk

May 20, 2025

The Honorable Bryan Steil
U.S. House of Representatives
Congressman for Wisconsin's 1st District
100 N. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Suite 60
Janesville, WI 53545

Re: Support for ZIP Code Designation for the City of Franklin

Dear Representative Steil,

On behalf of the City of Franklin, I am writing to express our full support for legislation that would allow our community to obtain a unique ZIP Code designation.

Currently, Franklin is divided across multiple ZIP Codes, most of which are associated with neighboring municipalities, particularly the City of Milwaukee. This has created a wide range of recurring issues for Franklin residents and businesses, including:

- **Sales tax misapplication:** Franklin's total sales tax rate is 5.9%, while the City of Milwaukee's rate is 7.9%—a full two percentage points higher due to Milwaukee's recently enacted 2% city tax. However, Franklin addresses are often mistakenly coded under Milwaukee's jurisdiction, causing residents and businesses to be charged the higher tax rate despite residing outside Milwaukee's taxing authority.
- **Higher insurance costs:** Several insurance carriers associate ZIP Codes tied to Milwaukee with higher urban risk profiles. As a result, Franklin residents, who live in a lower-risk suburban environment, face elevated auto and homeowners insurance premiums due solely to their ZIP Code association.
- **Service delivery and address confusion:** Mixed ZIP Codes lead to delays and errors in package delivery, utility service setup, and verification of residence-based eligibility for programs and benefits.
- **Emergency response confusion:** Misidentification of jurisdiction complicates emergency dispatch, particularly when response times depend on knowing which municipality is responsible.
- **Community identity and representation:** Sharing ZIP Codes with other municipalities weakens Franklin's visibility, dilutes civic pride, and creates challenges in communicating and enforcing local policy.

Although we have previously requested a ZIP Code boundary review through the United States Postal Service, our efforts have not been successful. We believe that a distinct, unified ZIP Code would resolve these challenges and ensure fairer treatment of our residents while reinforcing the City's identity and service autonomy.



**Department of
Administration**

We appreciate your attention to this issue and respectfully request your continued support in keeping Franklin included in any pending or future ZIP Code legislation. Please let us know if you need additional documentation or would like to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

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Kelly Hersh
Director of Administration
City of Franklin
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Franklin, WI 53132
Phone: (414) 427-7504
Email: khersh@franklinwi.gov



Office of the Mayor

City of Glendale, Wisconsin
5909 North Milwaukee River Parkway
Glendale, WI 53209
May 8, 2025

The Honorable Lauren Boebert
U.S. House of Representatives
2715 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: Support for HR 3095 – Request for a Unique ZIP Code for Glendale, Wisconsin

Dear Representative Boebert,

On behalf of the City of Glendale, Wisconsin, I write to express our strong support for HR 3095, your bipartisan legislation directing the U.S. Postal Service to establish a single, unique ZIP Code for municipalities that have petitioned for correction and clarification. Glendale is one such community, and we are grateful for your leadership in addressing this long-standing issue. Our Congresswoman, Gwen Moore, is a co-sponsor of your bill.

Glendale is a well-established municipality in Milwaukee County with a population of approximately 13,500 residents. Despite being an incorporated city since 1950, we are currently divided among three ZIP Codes—53209, 53212, and 53217—none of which are designated as “Glendale” in standard postal addressing systems. All three default to “Milwaukee” as the municipality, causing confusion for residents, businesses, delivery services, and government agencies alike.

In June 2024, the Glendale Common Council passed a formal resolution requesting that the United States Postal Service conduct a comprehensive review of the delivery inefficiencies and systemic issues associated with our ZIP Code situation. This resolution was submitted to Postmaster General Louis DeJoy shortly thereafter. In our request, we chose an unassigned ZIP Code and actually requested that it be assigned to Glendale—53250. There is an existing Post Office in Glendale for 53217. That Post Office location services 1/3 of Glendale and four additional North Shore villages—River Hills, Bayside, Fox Point, and Whitefish Bay. We argued in our letter to the US Postmaster that 53217 and 53250 could be operated out of that building. 53250 would be for all of Glendale and 53217 could serve the remaining four villages.

In August 2024, the USPS requested additional data and documentation, which the City promptly provided in early September. Since that time, we have received no further communication or update from the Postal Service regarding the status of our request.

The lack of a unique ZIP Code for Glendale presents not only logistical and delivery problems, but also significant challenges related to identity, emergency services, business operations, and accurate demographic reporting. The situation hampers economic development and causes unnecessary complications for thousands of residents and stakeholders.

One of the biggest issues we faced is an ancillary effect of ZIP Codes. It is the primary reason our business community has enthusiastically endorsed this request for a single unique ZIP Code for our city. On January 1, 2024, the City of Milwaukee initiated a 2% city sales tax that goes only to the City of Milwaukee. No other Wisconsin municipality is permitted to have a city sales tax. Because point-of-sale terminals are programmed by third party vendors, and the state simply implemented the sales tax by ZIP Code, we had hundreds of Glendale businesses charging the Milwaukee City sales tax, money that would never see its way to Glendale. We spent several months working with our Chamber of Commerce and the Wisconsin Department of Revenue to alert businesses and assist them in reformatting their software. In the meantime, tens of thousands of transactions occurred with the incorrect sales tax being charged to consumers.

We wholeheartedly support HR 3095 as a much-needed solution to the delivery errors and ancillary problems of multiple ZIP Codes in a city of 13,500 people—not only for Glendale, but for many communities across the country facing similar circumstances. We thank you for advancing this critical issue and welcome any opportunity to assist in advocating for its passage.

Sincerely,

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Bryan Kennedy, Ph.D.

Mayor, City of Glendale, Wisconsin



May 7, 2025

The Honorable Lauren Boebert
U.S. House of Representatives
1713 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: Support for HR 3095 and Glendale, Wisconsin's Request for a Unique ZIP Code

Dear Representative Boebert,

On behalf of the North Shore Chamber of Commerce, I write to express our strong support for HR 3095 and to specifically highlight the importance of this bipartisan legislation to the City of Glendale, Wisconsin—a vibrant community of approximately 13,500 residents in Milwaukee County.

Currently, Glendale is divided among three separate ZIP Codes: 53209, 53217, and 53212. Each of these ZIP Codes defaults to “Milwaukee” as the city of record in standard postal and commercial databases. This creates ongoing and unnecessary confusion for residents, businesses, service providers, and even emergency responders. For a city with a clearly defined municipal identity, this situation results in significant administrative burdens, lost deliveries, misdirected marketing efforts, and inaccurate data reporting.

The business community, in particular, faces daily complications. Companies attempting to establish a local presence or serve customers in Glendale often find their mail and shipments mislabeled or delayed due to the default city name being “Milwaukee.” Local entrepreneurs, real estate developers, and service providers regularly report that customers and clients are unclear about where their business is actually located. This has a measurable impact on visibility, branding, and consumer trust.

A unique ZIP Code for Glendale would not only resolve these logistical and branding issues—it would honor the city's identity and streamline services for the residents and businesses who live and work here. It would also align Glendale with best practices seen in municipalities of similar size and distinction across the country.

We commend you for your leadership on HR 3095 and urge your colleagues to support this critical bill. Glendale's request is modest, reasonable, and long overdue—and it has the full backing of our Chamber and business community.

Sincerely,

Becca Petrillo
Executive Director
North Shore Chamber of Commerce/Discover the North Shore MKE



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Honorable Congressman Scott Fitzgerald (WI-05)
2444 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

May 15, 2025

RE: Greenfield, Wisconsin Unique Zip Code(s)
H.R. 672 (2025)

Dear Congressman Fitzgerald:

As the locally elected municipal Mayor of the City of Greenfield, Wisconsin, please accept this letter as complete and enthusiastic support of the proposed House Bill 3095 which would create a unique zip code (or codes) for our community. I, and the members of our Common Council, want to thank you for keeping us closely informed not only as this Bill moves forward. We also want to thank you for your efforts in 2024 with HR8753 which made it to the President's desk, but was not signed, and HR 672 this year, which is being 'rolled into' HR 3095. Your commitment to do "what's right" is greatly appreciated at the local level.

Greenfield is Wisconsin's 20th largest community located in Milwaukee County, where it is the 3rd largest suburb. Yet, to the world it does not exist. Greenfield has seven zip codes, three which are predominant. The three predominant codes default to the city of "Milwaukee." The Post Office located next to the Greenfield City Hall is identified (on its door) as "Greenfield Branch, Milwaukee, Wisconsin." To the outside world, Greenfield is "Milwaukee, Wisconsin."

I would like to briefly outline a few of the major reasons (there are many more) that our own unique postal zip code (or codes) is important:

In an increasing digital world, where zip code data use for mapping is so prevalent, our Greenfield's identity is even more thoroughly displaced. Apps, digital payment methods, search functions, and all the rest, not only fail to recognize the existence of Greenfield, but usually provide no recourse to correct the errors.

Recently, the City of Milwaukee initiated an increased sales tax. Those taxes were improperly assessed upon many of our residents simply because they adorned a Milwaukee postal zip code. The improper collection of sales tax revenue ranged from small business owners whose software was ill-equipped to recognize the geographic distinctions, to regional utility providers and national financial institutions that should have been

able to calculate and collect the appropriate tax. A unique zip code (or codes) would have eliminated this problem and others.

Finally, the Federal government does not seem to recognize that our community exists. Official Census communications, correspondence from federal agencies, correspondence from elected officials, federal data, and even Presidential stimulus checks almost always all use the improper municipality mailing address when corresponding with our community and our residents. None of this invokes confidence at the most basic level.

Greenfield has tried for decades to be recognized as a community by the USPS. You may recall during the last legislative session that we provided a substantial packet of documents showing our efforts along with actual materials showing the need. We also provided a Resolution adopted by our Common Council requesting relief.

It has recently been asked whether Greenfield has formally petitioned USPS for zip code relief. Greenfield has done essentially everything we could just short of the petition. We did not formally petition the USPS because, if rejected, it would have foreclosed our ability to continue to seek our own zip code for 10 years. Every communication and outreach to USPS and federally elected official (going back to Congressman Paul Ryan) suggested that the petition would be rejected.

Again, here at the local level, we offer our complete support to your efforts to provide that recognition. We recognize that efficient delivery of mail is important to the USPS. But equally important is the uniqueness of our community, and the recognition that it exists. We think that both goals can co-exist, and we urge your continual support to make this a reality.

Very truly yours,

/s/

Michael J. Neitzke
Mayor
City of Greenfield, Wisconsin

Original letter sent by US Mail

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May 16, 2025

The Honorable Bryan Steil
1526 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Representative Steil:

I am Chris Bennett, Administrator for the Village of Rochester. I write to register formal support from the Village of Rochester Board of Trustees for any initiative to allow for consolidation of ZIP codes.

Rochester is served by three ZIP codes — 53167 for Rochester, 53105 for Burlington and 53185 for Waterford. This fracturing works for the United States Postal Service, but does Rochester no favors.

The Village lacks a cohesive identity, and uniting under one ZIP code might help. Residents struggle with package delivery, voter registration, public safety concerns and myriad other issues dependent upon location.

A resolution from the Village is included. On behalf of the Village, I respectfully request you support any legislative efforts to compel the USPS to ease the process that leads to combining ZIP codes.

In addition to your efforts, earlier this spring the Village requested a review of its unique ZIP code boundary. We initiated the request through Nancy Borst in Milwaukee. We are unclear if Ms. Borst is the proper contact. Finding the correct outlet for such a request is difficult.

Your support in this matter, and the service you and your staff offer the residents of Rochester, is appreciated. Please contact my office with any questions or concerns.

All the best,

Chris Bennett, MSM Administrator, Village of Rochester
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STATE OF WISCONSIN

VILLAGE OF ROCHESTER

RACINE COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-3

A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT AND BE INCLUDED IN LEGISLATION
CONSOLIDATING ZONING IMPROVEMENT PLAN (ZIP) CODES

WHEREAS, the Village of Rochester exists under three Zoning Improvement Plan (ZIP) Codes: 53167 for Rochester; 53105 for Burlington; and 53185 for Waterford; and,

WHEREAS, communities that exist under split ZIP codes potentially experience issues ranging from a lack of cohesive identity; business attraction; voter registration; emergency management and public safety; residents obtaining cable television and other services dependent upon location; residents getting packages delivered; and more, and

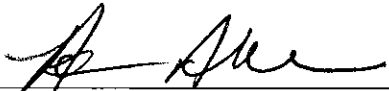
WHEREAS, dealing with the United States Postal Service to combine a community's ZIP codes through the boundary review process is a cumbersome and often fruitless endeavor; and,

WHEREAS, Rochester's Post Office is a centrally located within village limits, and serves the entirety of the village's population;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Rochester supports, and requests inclusion, in all legislative efforts on the Federal level that compel the United States Postal Service to designate a single and unique ZIP Code for Rochester, Wisconsin.


Adopted this January 27, 2025

APPROVED:



Nick Ahlers
President

Attest:



Chris Bennett
Administrator

May 12, 2025

Dear Congressman Wied:

I am writing to follow-up on the Village's request to have a separate zip code established for Harrison.

A little background about the Village of Harrison. Harrison is incorporated into a Village under Wis State Statutes in 2013 from the Town of Harrison. The Village is located in the Appleton, WI Metro area and at the northern tip of Lake Winnebago. Harrison grew nearly 100% from 2015 to 2024. The population when the incorporation occurred in 2013 was around 7,300 people. The 2024 population is 15,464. Currently the Village limits are made up of the five zip codes; Appleton, Menasha, Kaukauna, Sherwood, and Hilbert.

The Village Board is requesting consideration of the Harrison Zip Code for the following reasons:

- Identification issues for the Harrison residents not knowing where they live.
- Voting issues and ballot distribution issues. Absentee ballots ending up a wrong polling location and need to be transferred securely adding costs.
- Emergency response issues. Assist emergency responders in locating addresses swiftly.
- Data Collection. Zip codes are used in demographic and economic data collection, aiding in city planning and allocation of grant funds.
- Business Operations. Businesses use zip codes for market analysis, delivery logistics, and customer service.
- Navigation and mapping. Zip codes improve the accuracy of GPS and mapping services, making it easier for residents and visitors to find locations.

The Village Board of the Village of Harrison has approved Resolution V2025-04 in support of the assignment of the zip code for Harrison, WI. (see attached).

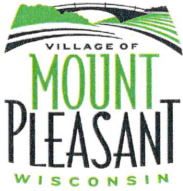
Also on January 23, 2025, the Village sent a certified mail with return request to Ms. Wanda Prater, Wisconsin District Manager of the U.S. Postal Service and have not received any response (see attached)

I appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to your response. If you require any further information or documentation to support this request, please do not hesitate to contact me at 920-989-1062 ext. 109 or by email at cpelishek@harrison-wi.org Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chad Pelishek". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "C" and a stylized "P".

Chad Pelishek
Village Manager/Planner



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May 15, 2025

Rep. Bryan Steil
1526 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Steil,

The Village of Mount Pleasant respectfully requests your support for H.R. 3095 that would give us and more than 70 other communities the benefit of our own U.S. Postal Service ZIP (Zone Improvement Plan) Codes.

Village officials appreciate your work on previous federal bills that were also intended to give Mount Pleasant and other communities unique ZIP Codes. The Village has taken several actions this year toward accomplishing this goal. The Mount Pleasant Village Board in March approved a resolution in support of federal legislation to give the Village a single ZIP Code. That signed resolution is attached. Village officials also petitioned the U.S. Postal Service to conduct a ZIP Code boundary review, and await the agency's response to that request. The Village's request for a boundary review is also attached to this letter.

A new ZIP Code with an area matching our Village borders would result in practical improvements to the daily lives of our citizens and businesses. It would reinforce Mount Pleasant's identity as the Village seeks to attract more residents and jobs. This bill, if approved, would confer the same benefits to six other communities in Wisconsin, including two with which Mount Pleasant shares a border.

The Village of Mount Pleasant appreciates any support you can provide to advance H.R. 3095 toward a committee review, and eventual votes by the House and Senate.

Mount Pleasant is currently divided among five or more active ZIP Codes, and is served by multiple physical post offices. This creates real-world and symbolic challenges for our community.

Businesses located in Mount Pleasant have applied for building permits from neighboring municipalities. Residents contend with mailing addresses that are different from their legal addresses. Village officials have received reports of packages and mail being delivered to the wrong place because a ZIP Code was associated with a neighboring municipality, rather than Mount Pleasant.

ZIP Codes are used to define the geographic areas for multiple sets of data. Local officials would have more specific and valuable information to guide policy decisions if Mount Pleasant was under a distinct

ZIP Code, rather than mingling public health and economic data with neighboring communities that have different needs and challenges.

Communities with divided ZIP Codes across the country have encountered other challenges. ZIP Codes have prompted faulty assumptions as companies set insurance rates. Voters have had trouble identifying their correct polling place. Emergency responders were directed to incorrect locations.

The lack of a unified ZIP Code also erodes Mount Pleasant's identity. There is continued confusion between the Village of Mount Pleasant and its neighboring municipalities, the town of Mount Pleasant in Green County, and other communities with the same name in other states.

Village officials have sought a stand-alone ZIP Code for more than three decades. During that time, the Village's assessed real estate value has more than doubled, and its population has grown by more than 34%. Village officials hope to maintain that growth thanks to landmark projects including an at least \$3.3 billion data center development by Microsoft Corp., and a steady pace of new housing construction.

Mount Pleasant faces an uphill battle to build upon this momentum if the data center is commonly recognized as being located in Racine, or the new homes are associated with other neighboring communities. It is more difficult for Village officials to make the value argument in favor of what Mount Pleasant offers if there is ongoing confusion over where Mount Pleasant is located.

Granting Mount Pleasant a new and independent ZIP Code would benefit our ongoing economic development initiatives, and fend off existing and potential challenges that affect our residents' and business owners' financial wellbeing, and physical and mental health.

For these reasons, the Village of Mount Pleasant sincerely requests your support for adoption of the policies found in H.R. 3095. Passage of this proposal would generate recognizable benefits for Mount Pleasant, and the other U.S. communities that would gain new ZIP Codes if the bill gains final approval. Please reach out to me with any questions regarding this important topic.

Sincerely,



Tamara L. Simons
Village Administrator
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Resolution 4-2025

**A Resolution Supporting Federal Legislation to Designate a
Single, Unique ZIP Code for the Village of Mount Pleasant**

March 24, 2025

WHEREAS, the Village of Mount Pleasant faces real-world and public perception challenges because it has at least five U.S Postal Service ZIP Codes that are served by multiple physical post offices; and

WHEREAS, the lack of a single, unique ZIP Code erodes Mount Pleasant's identity, creating confusion over whether properties are located within the Village, its neighboring municipalities, the Town of Mount Pleasant in Green County, or other communities with the same name in other states; and

WHEREAS, that confusion has resulted in businesses seeking building permits from neighboring municipalities, mail being delivered to incorrect addresses, and uncertainty for residents who are registering to vote; and

WHEREAS, a single, unique ZIP Code with an area matching the Village's borders would improve the daily lives of citizens and businesses, while reinforcing Mount Pleasant's identity as it seeks to be the Midwest's most welcoming, forward-thinking, and dynamic community to call home; and


WHEREAS, Village of Mount Pleasant officials have sought a stand-alone ZIP Code for more than 30 years;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board of Mount Pleasant supports current or future federal legislation to compel the U.S. Postal Service to designate a single, unique ZIP Code for the Village of Mount Pleasant.

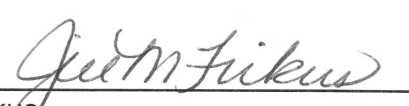
Adopted by the Village Board of the Village of Mount Pleasant, Racine County, Wisconsin, this 24th day of March, 2025.

VILLAGE OF MOUNT PLEASANT

By


David DeGroot
Village President

Attest


Jill Firkus
Village Clerk



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May 14, 2025

U.S. Postal Service Wisconsin District Manager
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To Whom it May Concern,

The Village of Mount Pleasant petitions the U.S. Postal Service to begin a ZIP Code boundary review in the interest of establishing a single, unique ZIP Code encompassing the entire Village.

Mount Pleasant is currently served by at least five different ZIP Codes that also cross over into neighboring municipalities. Within those ZIP Codes are numerous postal routes that include properties in Mount Pleasant and its neighboring communities. At least two of those neighboring municipalities are also expressing interest in establishing their own single, unique ZIP Codes.

The current arrangement creates a range of identity issues and practical concerns for the Village of Mount Pleasant. Those will likely worsen as the community grows and attracts more residents through new development.

In the attached Exhibit A, you will find a resolution approved by the Mount Pleasant Village Board of Trustees on March 24, 2025, expressing support for a single, unique ZIP Code for the community.

Current ZIP Code Boundaries

The attached map in Exhibit B shows the Village of Mount Pleasant's municipal boundary in red, and the ZIP Codes that currently cross into the community in blue. Those ZIP Codes include 53403 and 53405 that include large sections of the City of Racine, 53406 and 53126 that cross into the Village of Caledonia, and 53177 that extends into three neighboring communities, including the Village of Somers. A quick look at the map reveals that the current network of ZIP Codes is complicated and confusing.

Identity Challenges

The Village of Mount Pleasant, like all communities seeking to grow, is working to reinforce its identity both locally and nationally as a good place for people to live, and for businesses to invest. This effort is hampered by a patchwork of ZIP Codes that cross into neighboring communities. There is continued confusion, even locally, between Mount Pleasant and its neighbors like Racine and Caledonia.

Business owners can be unsure whether to file permit applications with Mount Pleasant or another municipality, and residents face more uncertainty when trying to identify their local elected official or polling place. The prevalence of postal routes and ZIP Codes that cross borders also erodes the ability of businesses or civic organizations to mail information specifically to residents of Mount Pleasant.

A single ZIP Code firmly associated with Mount Pleasant would alleviate these day-to-day concerns, and help Village officials spend more time explaining the community's strengths, rather than addressing uncertainty over the location of its borders.

Community Growth

Mount Pleasant has faced these challenges for 35 years or more, as evidenced by the attached article from January 1990 in Exhibit C that refers to the community as an "invisible town." In the three decades following publication of that article, the community's population grew by more than 34%, according to U.S. Census data. That growth is expected to continue.

In the past five years, building permits have been issued for nearly 900 housing units in the Village of Mount Pleasant, with hundreds more under development. Housing supply studies, including a 2024 report by the Racine County Economic Development Corp., have demonstrated a need for thousands of additional housing units in the region by 2050.

This ongoing growth reinforces the need to review and change the region's current ZIP Code boundaries, especially as neighboring municipalities such as Caledonia and Somers also express interest in having their own unique ZIP Codes.

Next Steps

Village officials look forward to discussing these topics with the U.S. Postal Service in more detail through a ZIP Code boundary review. Please address your responses or questions directly to myself as Mount Pleasant Village Administrator. If you are not the appropriate USPS official to review this request, please forward it to the correct individual.

Sincerely,



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Exhibit A



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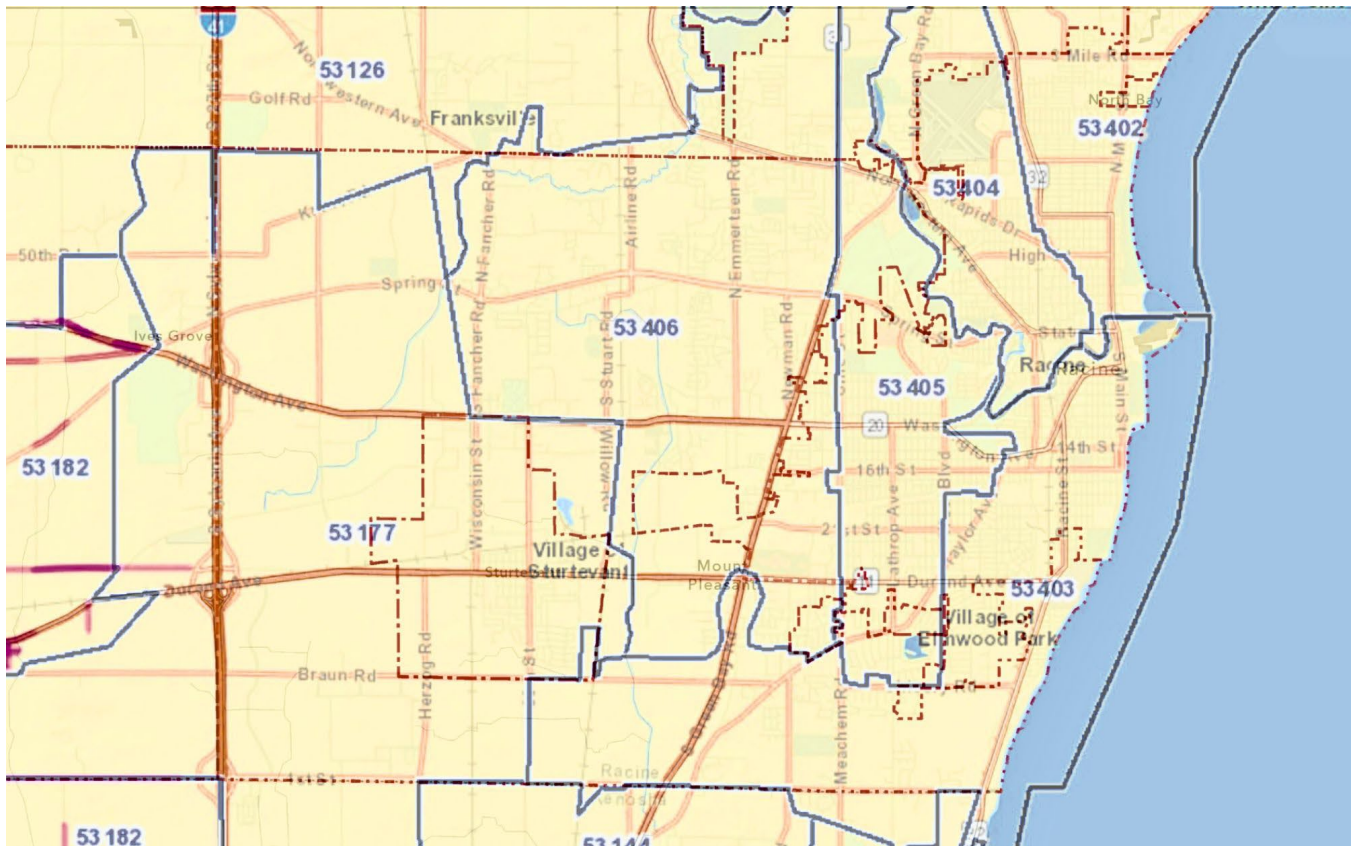
By 
David DeGroot
Village President

Attest 
Jill Firkus
Village Clerk



Mount Pleasant Municipal and ZIP Code Boundaries

Exhibit B



This map shows the municipal borders of the Village of Mount Pleasant as a red dashed line, and the borders of the ZIP Codes that currently cross into the community in blue. This tangle of intersecting boundary lines reinforces the need to establish a single, unique ZIP Code for the community.

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MOUNT PLEASANT

Racine County's Invisible Town

By Catherine Ann Velasco
Journal Times

Where is Mount Pleasant?
It is not on a Wisconsin state map.
Call 411 — Mount Pleasant doesn't exist.
Some residents may live in the town and don't know it.
Mount Pleasant has an identity problem because the town is unincorporated, which doesn't put it on the map, said Town Administrator Robert Beezat.
The 148-year-old town with a population of 20,687 doesn't have a zip code, which causes Beezat financial frustrations.
Beezat said he believed some residents didn't know they lived in Mount Pleasant, which has caused the town to lose state money.

The town doesn't get its fair share of state money because when it comes to accounting for its residents, about 500 people who have different mailing addresses seem to get lost in the translation.

Take Town Chairman Mary Carrington, for example. She has a Racine mailing address and a Sturtevant phone number. Where does she live?

Mount Pleasant, of course.

Most residents do know they live in Mount Pleasant, but newcomers and renters may not know until they try to vote in Racine, but get sent to Mount Pleasant, Beezat said.

Residents need to write down Mount Pleasant on income tax forms and motor vehicle registrations, in order for the town to get the correct amount of state shared revenues, he said.

Municipalities receive money from the state through state shared revenues, which is partly determined by the town's population, said Keith Seeley, auditor for the Department of Revenue in Madison.

Beezat said Mount Pleasant isn't getting its fair share of the state shared revenues because people write down their mailing addresses on government forms instead of Mount Pleasant.

The Department of Revenue gives municipalities \$29.31 per person in state shared revenues, Seeley said.

If Mount Pleasant is short 500 people, then the town loses about \$15,000 in state money, Seeley said.

The town's population has increased by 907 people in the last five years, according to the Demographic Bureau in the state Department of Administration. But there has been more than 1,000 new dwellings built in the town during that time, Beezat said.

"I find that (population figure) questionable," he said.

The demographic bureau determines the town's population by using a formula, called a symptom population ratio, said Bob Naylor, research analyst for the department in Madison.

"The method uses symptoms to indicate shift in population," Naylor said.

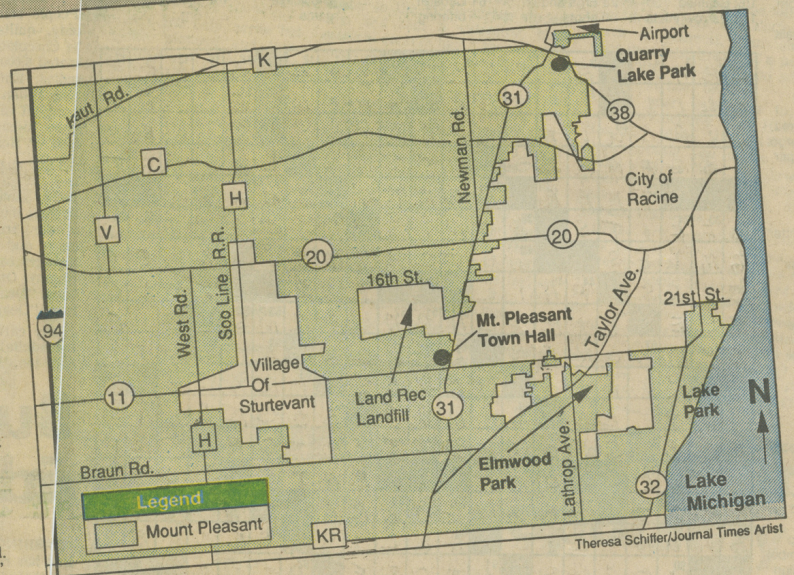
The formula uses motor vehicle registrations, income tax forms, dollar value of exemptions and data on building permits to estimate population, Naylor said.

"The survey is not 100 percent accurate," he said.

"Each of these things have problems. Data on the income tax forms are gathered only once a year, if a person doesn't know where they live — it's a data problem," he said.

If a town believes the population count is wrong, then the town can conduct a special census, he said.

Beezat said the town board would like to perform a survey after the 1990 census to see if a special census would be worth the money.



A survey of about 500 income tax forms belonging to residents in Racine, Caledonia, Sturtevant, Franksville and Union Grove would be studied to see how many of the forms actually belong to Mount Pleasant, Beezat said.

Naylor suggested that Mount Pleasant officials remind residents that they live in Mount Pleasant.

Mount Pleasant town board plans to put

up "Welcome to Mount Pleasant" signs at the town's borders to help identify the town.

"It's not the biggest issue in the world, but we try to pay attention because dollars are tight for everyone."

"We'll try to take a better look to get our fair share," Beezat said.

Image Held by the Racine Heritage Museum