



October 29, 2021

Councilman Bob Fisher
St. Charles Parish
District 6
P.O. Box 302
Hahnville, LA 70057-0302

Dear Councilman Fisher:

This responds to your October 20 letter to Postmaster General Louis DeJoy, transmitting a copy of Resolution No. 6588, regarding local mailing addresses for the residents of Montz.

I appreciate your interest in assisting your constituents with their concerns. Mailing addresses are a critical part of our mail distribution and delivery network. Although many mailing addresses and ZIP Code boundaries roughly coincide with local municipal boundaries, there are often instances where individual delivery areas overlap formal or informal community boundaries. The U.S. Postal Service is aware of the growing use of mailing addresses and ZIP Codes by municipalities and businesses for various non-postal purposes. We also recognize the problems resulting from this practice when there is not an exact fit of ZIP Code and municipal boundaries. However, ZIP Code assignments are not based on telephone listings, municipal tax collections, real estate values, insurance rates, mail order payments, or other non-postal uses. ZIP Codes are long-term assets, which are critical to the Postal Service's obligation to provide quality mail service to the American public at reasonable prices. We have no control over private industries or local jurisdictions adapting and using the ZIP Code system for other, non-postal uses.

In response to increasing requests for ZIP Code and place name changes, the Postal Service has a uniform review process in which requests received from municipal or community representatives are forwarded to the local district manager. The manager then conducts a careful analysis of the cost and service implications of the change and determines whether or not it can be implemented. If the request cannot be implemented, the manager will explain why. If the request is feasible, then the customers who would be affected are surveyed to determine if there is sufficient support to proceed with the change.

We contacted Louisiana District officials, who report that they have no record of a ZIP Code boundary review request from your office. Nevertheless, they will review your current request and provide a response. Should you have any further questions or concerns, you may contact Louisiana District Address Management Systems Manager Savannah Temple at (504) 589-1678.

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Thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michael J. Gordon".

Michael J. Gordon
Manager, Government Relations Correspondence