

DISTRICT MANAGER
NORTHERN NEW JERSEY DISTRICT



December 22, 2014

Honorable Michael Giordano Jr.
Mayor
Borough Hall
263 Somerset St
North Plainfield NJ 07060-4895

Dear Mayor Giordano:

This responds to your recent inquiry on behalf of North Plainfield constituents detailing their experience with the shared ZIP Code with Plainfield NJ. Thank you for your patience while I investigated your concerns.

In a letter dated December 6, 2004, the Postal Service denied the appeal for a separate zip code for North Plainfield including relevant rationale for the denial (attached).

It should be noted that addressing within their communities is created by the townships, not the Postal Service. As such, addressing conflicts, particularly duplicate addresses, are the responsibility of North Plainfield and Plainfield. We recognize that problems can arise when businesses, as well as local and state governments, attempt to use ZIP Codes for reasons other than postal purposes. 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 U.S. 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.

The realignment of addresses or modification of ZIP Codes can adversely affect mail service and add considerable administrative and operational costs for the Postal Service. Consequently, we generally only alter delivery addresses when these changes improve our operations or services, not for purposes unrelated to the delivery of mail.

Regretfully we are unable to accommodate your request for a Unique ZIP Code for North Plainfield. However, the United States Postal Service is incurring additional cost to manually process the 37 duplicate addresses. We are certain this extra cost is advantageous to our customers as well as the Postal Service as manual sortation will ensure more accuracy of delivery to our customers.

Appeals must be made within forty-five days of the issuance of the District Manager's final decision and submitted to:

MANAGER, DELIVERY
U.S. POSTAL SERVICE
475 L'ENFANT PLAZA SW RM 7142
WASHINGTON, DC 20260-2802

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to address the concerns of your constituents. If you or your constituents have any additional questions, please contact Crayson Cheung, Manager, Operations Support at (732) 819-3820. Mr. Cheung or a member of his staff will be pleased to assist you.

Sincerely,


Steven Hernandez

21 KILMER RD
EDISON NJ 08899-9998
1-800-ASK-USPS
www.usps.com

RECEIVED

DEC 29 2014

BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD
ADMINISTRATION