

RESOLUTION NO. 21-XX

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FLORIDA, DECLARING THE NECESSITY FOR MODIFICATION OF THE ZIP CODE DESIGNATION BOUNDARY ASSIGNED FOR THE CITY OF BELLE ISLE AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PROCEED WITH THE PROCESS OF CHANGING THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE ("USPS") ZIP CODE BOUNDARIES AFFECTING THE CITY OF BELLE ISLE.

WHEREAS, the City of Belle Isle (the "City"), along with its residents and businesses, suffers from multiple detrimental consequences connected to the existing USPS ZIP Code Designations for the City; and

WHEREAS, the City, as has previously discussed by the City Council and been explained to the USPS, suffers multiple consequences for the inaccurate USPS ZIP Code designations for the City, including, but not limited to: 1) Threats to public safety; 2) Direct Financial Impacts; 3) Misleading Information; and 4) Degradation of Community Identity; and

WHEREAS, the current USPS ZIP Code Designations fail to recognize and support the reality of the City's operations and the needs of the City's residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council desire to officially request a modification of the boundaries for the City's ZIP Code Designations and desire to initiate the USPS ZIP Code Boundary Review Process by filing with the USPS Florida District Manager the "Request for Zip Code and Boundary Review Process" attached hereto and incorporated herein as **Exhibit A** .

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FLORIDA:

1. That the City of Belle Isle hereby declares that it is necessary for the USPS to modify the inaccurate ZIP Code Designation boundary currently assigned for the City of Belle Isle.
2. That the Mayor and City Manager may proceed with the process of changing the USPS Zip Code boundaries affecting the City of Belle Isle by pursuing the USPS ZIP Code Boundary Review Process by filing with the USPS Florida District Manager the "Request for Zip Code and Boundary Review Process" attached hereto and incorporated herein as **Exhibit A**, and by pursuing any administrative processes and remedies connected thereto.

3. That the City Manager, City Clerk and City Attorney are hereby authorized and directed to do all acts necessary for initiating and proceeding with the administrative ZIP Code Boundary Review Process of the United States Postal Service.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FLORIDA

Florida District Manager
United States Postal Service
ADDRESS

Subject: Request for Zip Code and Boundary Review Process

Dear District Manager (Name):

As the Mayor of the City of Belle Isle, Florida, I request that you, as the Florida District Manager of the USPS conduct a "ZIP CODE BOUNDARY REVIEW PROCESS" for the purpose of determining if the City of Belle Isle, Florida can be given its own Zip Code, separate from Orlando's Zip Codes of 32809 and 32812, to all property within the municipal limits of the City of Belle Isle.

It is our goal to solve the following non postal problems:

- Automotive, Homeowners Insurance rate, and Fire rating problems. We are not part of Orlando but because the Orlando zip codes of 32809 and 32812 are used, we may be being penalized.
- Medicare determinations for eligible residents.
- Crime Statics. (We are included in 32809 and 32812 Zip Code which covers Orlando. Statistics for Orlando for violent, property and drug related crimes committed in these zip codes are far more in Orlando than in Belle Isle.
- Housing values are not truly representing the City of Belle isle due to inclusion with Orlando. (Our housings values are being affected by the Banks not hiring licensed Appraisers to establish a home value but using their "VMS" program which uses their 32809 or 32812 foreclosure database and does not take in to account lot size or other important variables that set Belle Isle apart from the Orlando portion of these zip codes.)
- Sales tax revenues, communications services taxes, and other state shared revenues collected at the state level and rebated by states to the cities and towns where they are being collected being misdirected due to the ZIP Code with the City of Orlando receiving a portion of revenues that should come to Belle Isle.
- Other statistics that are collected by ZIP CODE that may skew the data for Belle Isle which is important when applying for state and federal funding.

To compound these problems and cause further confusion, many of the Realtors, who are not residents of the City of Belle Isle and Homeowners that have an Orlando Zip Code see that the Orange County Property Appraiser lists Orlando as the Postal City.

The solution to these issues is in the hands of the United States Postal Service through their control of Zip Code Boundaries. We will be following the USPS guidelines for requesting a Change in Postal Zip Code Boundaries and hope we can arrive at a WIN-WIN solution that meets the needs of the USPS and the Citizens of the City of Belle Isle, Florida.

It is not our intention to cause the USPS to expend funds in these hard economic times and we believe Belle Isle should have its own zip code.

We thank you for your time and consideration and look forward to receiving your written response within the required time period. If you see or have other options that benefit the citizens of the City of Belle Isle, please let us know.

Mayor Signature

CC: Belle Isle's Senate and Congressional Officials