



**CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FLORIDA
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET**

Meeting Date: August 3, 2021

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

From: B. Francis, City Manager

Subject: Zip Code Change

Background: The City Council directed that the City staff look into changing zip codes to try to get a zip code that is unique to the City. Currently the City has two zip codes (32809 and 32812). The areas assigned these zip codes are large and could be affecting several issues that may be affecting some finances of our residents such as auto insurance, home insurance, and Medicare. The process is for the City to write to the District Manager of the Post Office and ask to have a study done to see if a zip code change is warranted. This is a fairly long process and although it could have advantages for Belle Isle residents, it can also have disadvantages for them.

It is recommended by the USPS that if a municipality wants to consider a zip code change, that a public meeting(s) be held prior to submitting the request. It was also suggested that since this would affect every household in Belle Isle, that the Council consider placing a question on the next election ballot asking if residents want the City to pursue a zip code change.

Staff Recommendation: Consider holding one or two public meetings to explain the advantages and disadvantages to residents. Council may also want to consider sending out a survey to determine what residents may want to do.

Suggested Motion: There is no suggested motion for this issue.

Alternatives: Leave the same zip codes in place.

Fiscal Impact: TBD

Attachments: Draft Resolution
Draft Letter