

1 **RESOLUTION NO. 21-17**

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

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

10 WHEREAS, the City, as has previously discussed by the City Council and been explained to the USPS,
11 suffers multiple consequences for the inaccurate USPS ZIP Code designations for the City, including, but not
12 limited to 1) Threats to public safety; 2) Direct Financial Impacts; 3) Misleading Information, and 4)
13 Unreliable data collection and reporting; and

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

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

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

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23 1. That the City of Belle Isle hereby declares that it is necessary for the USPS to modify the ZIP Code
24 Designation boundaries currently assigned for the City of Belle Isle.

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1 2. That the Mayor and City Manager may proceed with the process of changing the USPS Zip Code
2 boundaries affecting the City of Belle Isle by pursuing the USPS ZIP Code Boundary Review Process by filing
3 with the USPS Florida District Manager the "Request for Zip Code and Boundary Review Process" attached
4 hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit A, and by pursuing any administrative processes and remedies
5 connected thereto.

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

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11 PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLE ISLE THIS _____ DAY OF
12 _____, 2021.

13 CITY OF BELLE ISLE

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15 Mayor Nicholas Fouraker

16 ATTEST: _____

17 YOLANDA QUICENO, CITY CLERK

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19 _____
20 APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

21 CITY ATTORNEY
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1 STATE OF FLORIDA

2 COUNTY OF ORANGE

3 I, YOLANDA QUICENO, CITY CLERK OF BELLE ISLE, FLORIDA, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing

4 Resolution _____ was duly and legally passed and adopted by the Belle Isle City Council in session

5 assembled, at which session a quorum of its members were present on the ____ day of _____ 2021.

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8 Yolanda Quiceno, City Clerk

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EXHIBIT A

Suncoast District Manager
United States Postal Service
ATTN: Stephen Hardin, District Manager
3501 Bessie Coleman Blvd.
Tampa, FL 33630-9101

Subject: Request for Zip Code and Boundary Review Process

Dear Mr. Hardin:

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" to determine if the City of Belle Isle, Florida can be given its 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 nonpostal 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 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 into

1 account lot size or other important variables that set Belle Isle apart from the Orlando portion of these zip
2 codes.)

3 Sales tax revenues, communications services taxes, and other state shared revenues collected at the
4 state level and rebated by states to the cities where they are being collected being misdirected due to the
5 ZIP Code with the City of Orlando receiving a portion of revenues that should come to Belle Isle.

6 Other statistics collected by ZIP CODE may skew the data for Belle Isle, which is essential when applying for
7 state and federal funding.

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

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

15 We do not intend to cause the USPS to expend funds in these challenging economic times, and we
16 believe Belle Isle should have its zip code.

17 Thank you for your time and consideration, and I look forward to receiving your written response
18 within the required period. Please let us know if you see or have other options that benefit the City of Belle
19 Isle citizens.

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21 **Mayor Signature**

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23 **CC: Belle Isle's Senate and Congressional Officials**

24 **Orlando Postmaster**

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