

Dear City Planner Clint Spencer,

I am writing to you today regarding the change of the name of E. Airport Rd. My family and I have lived on and operated a Machine Shop on Airport Rd. since 1972, and we were the first business established on this road. We have always promoted the growth of the city and the growth of the neighborhood. This road has been named Airport Road from around 1959 to 1961. We went through an address change about 40 years ago, and I remember it well. Airport Rd. was originally on a Stanfield Rural Route. The change was very difficult and I remember it well. Things have become a little more complicated since then. I have my machine shop business along with a secondary business that I manufacture and sell differential tool kits nationally. I also own and rent my folks house on the property with a different address. With both businesses and owning a residence on this property, we receive a lot of mail. An address change for us would be an absolute nightmare. I also believe that not one person would argue that we will have to deal with years of misdirected and lost mail that may never be delivered to my shop. I have counted 9 businesses on our road, and that does not include EOTEC, the Umatilla County Fair Office, and OSU Extension Umatilla County Office, which has an address of 1740 E. Airport. When I contacted both these offices, neither office had any idea any of this had been proposed. I would hate to imagine what EOTEC, who has been there for 9 years (established) and the other two offices that have just recently been located to their new address (now another change), would have to go through. Here is a list of changes that my wife and I would have to deal with for our business.

### **Customer & Vendors**

- Notify between 400 to 500 customers
- Notify between 50 to 100 vendors
- Update vendor payment records
- Update customer billing records

### **Banking & Financial**

- 2 business checking accounts
- 2 business credit cards
- Merchant services/credit card machine
- 2 fuel card accounts
- UPS account
- Rental payment account
- Rental checking account

### **Insurance**

- Business Liability insurance

Business Vehicle Insurance

**Rental Insurance**

Utilities and Facility

Phone & Internet

Power

Natural Gas

Garbage Service

Landry Service

Sign Rental

**Government & Compliance**

IRS

State Department of Revenue

Secretary of State Business Registry

County Personal Property Tax

Pressure & Vessel Certification

**Mail, Shipping & Public Listings**

USPS Business Change of Address

Business Mailbox

Rental Mailbox

UPS/Fed Ex/ Amazon

Google Business Profile

**Printed Material**

Job Work Orders

Statements & Invoices

Business Cards

Packing Labels

Product Labels

Toolbox Labels

Bookkeeping Stamps

Yellow Pages/DEX Listings

On the subject of Lost Packages. My business receives around 3 packages per day. I cannot remember the last time I had any mix-up with an Airport Way address (15 years maybe). If the Airport has been receiving all these wrong packages, why has this not been taken care of through UPS, FED-EX, USPS and Amazon? I would not put up with this in my business. Make the parcel companies do their job. After all, it is their job. Require a signature, and don't let them throw packages in front of the door and leave.

Why should 9 to 12 businesses and 35 to 40 people have to go through all of this because someone is not doing a job that they are being paid very well to do...

I drive by the Hermiston Airport 2 to 4 times daily. There really isn't much of a sign there. When it is dark, there is not a sign at all. During the day, it is below the Welcome to Hermiston sign and is hard to notice. I urge the Council members to drive up to the airport and look for themselves. You are also very welcome to visit my business along with the people living and working in our neighborhood. I know that the display was recently re-landscaped, but nothing was done to advertise the location of the Airport, and the street name is not that noticeable. This does add to some confusion. I watch some very large planes landing and taking off from the airport every day. Our great city is growing amazingly fast, and air traffic will increase dramatically. I would urge the City Counsel to install a large well lighted sign. This would also help with street confusion. I have always been happy to allow temporary speed limit signs on my property during fair time and also any weekend signs for promoting a weekend event at EOTEC. I am very happy to help. I have had some conversations with EOTEC and the city about installing a permanent reader board sign on the corner of my property. At this time, I am not opposed to that. This would also help to separate EOTEC from the Hermiston Airport. Nine years ago, when it was under the county jurisdiction, this issue went before the County Commissioners, and they ruled in our favor. I am submitting a petition that has been signed by every single person and business owner that does not willingly want their address to be changed.

I love this town. I was raised here. I appreciate your time and the work you do for the City of Hermiston. I look forward to hearing your thoughts.

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