

A RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
TO CONTINUE OPERATING MAIL PROCESSING SERVICES
IN FORT SMITH

WHEREAS, timely delivery of mail is essential for business operations and for resident communications; and

WHEREAS, Fort Smith has prospered from the well-established service of one-day delivery for mail originating in the 729 zip codes; and

WHEREAS, the United States Postal Service is studying the possibility of relocating the mail processing services conducted in Fort Smith to northwest Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, said relocation would result in the loss of mail processing jobs in Fort Smith and could result in earlier mailing deadlines and delivery delays for mail originating in the 729 zip codes; and

WHEREAS, other cost saving options such as not overfunding pension and retiree health coverage programs, thereby saving an estimated \$140 billion, are more desirable than closing mail processing facilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the City of Fort Smith, Arkansas that:

The City of Fort Smith opposes the relocation of mail sorting and processing services from Fort Smith to northwest Arkansas, and the loss of jobs at the Fort Smith postal processing facility.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that:

The Acting City Administrator is hereby directed to send a copy of this Resolution to the United States Postal Service and to the congressional delegation representing Fort Smith.

This Resolution passed this _____ day of January, 2011.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM

JEC

No Publication Required