

RESOLUTION 06-03

*passed 8-0
Mayor present*

TO REQUEST THAT THE U.S. CONGRESS PROHIBIT THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE FROM MOVING ITS FACILITY FOR PROCESSING MAIL ORIGINATING IN THE 474 ZIP CODE AREA FROM BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA TO INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA UNTIL THE EFFECT OF SUCH PROPOSAL ON COSTS AND DELIVERY STANDARDS IS FULLY INVESTIGATED

WHEREAS, The United States Postal Service is considering consolidation of the originating mail for the 474 ZIP codes into the Indianapolis, Indiana Processing and Distribution Center (P&DC); and

WHEREAS, This consolidation does not serve Monroe County's best interest because of the likely degradation of service; and

WHEREAS, The economy of the local communities would be negatively impacted as a result of the possible relaxation of overnight delivery standards for those communities in the 474 ZIP code area; and

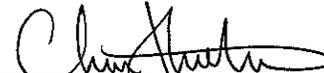
WHEREAS, The General Accounting Office (GAO), in its April 2005 report, set forth specific criteria that the Postal Service should follow when consolidating or closing facilities; and

WHEREAS, That process was not followed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MONROE COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT:

1. The Postal Service be directed by Congress to follow the recommendations set forth in the April 2005 GAO report which proposed that a set of criteria be established for evaluating decisions and keeping stakeholders informed, and that a process be developed to measure the results and the actual costs savings from those decisions.
2. The Bloomington Common Council urges that the GAO conduct a feasibility study concerning the cost of transportation and alteration of delivery standards for those communities now served by the Bloomington Indiana Processing and Distribution Center.
3. If the GAO investigation discloses increased costs in transportation and/or impaired processing and delayed delivery of originating mails or a reduction of the delivery standards for those communities now served by the Bloomington Processing and Distribution Center, then Congress shall intervene and suspend consolidation efforts for the 474 ZIP codes until such concerns are addressed and corrected.
4. The City Clerk shall distribute copies of this resolution to the Indiana Congressional delegation and the United States Postmaster General.

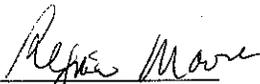
PASSED and ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 1st day of MARCH, 2006.


CHRIS STURBAUM, President
Bloomington Common Council

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this 2nd day of MARCH, 2006.


MARK KRUZAN, Mayor
City of Bloomington

ATTEST:


REGINA MOORE, Clerk
City of Bloomington

Postmaster General
Legislative

SYNOPSIS

This resolution calls upon the U.S. Congress to prohibit the consolidation of mail originating in the 474 ZIP code area from Bloomington, Indiana to Indianapolis, Indiana until a Government Accountability Office (GAO) investigation can be conducted. Should such study reveal increased transportation costs and/or impaired processing and delivery, the resolution calls for Congress to halt consolidation until such problems can be remedied. The resolution also directs the U.S Postal Service to follow the recommendations set forth in a 2005 GAO report calling for the establishment of concrete criteria to guide consolidation decisions, a system for keeping stakeholders informed and a system for measuring cost savings. Lastly, the resolution directs the City Clerk to distribute the resolution to the Indiana Congressional delegation and the U.S. Postmaster General.

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