



September 14, 2020

Mr. Timothy "Ted" Connors, Chairman  
Newington NH Board of Selectmen  
Town of Newington NH  
205 Nimble Hill Road  
Newington NH 03801-2797

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Dear Mr. Connors:

Your July 15, 2020 letter to Regina Bugbee, District Manager of the United States Postal Service (USPS) Northern New England (NNE) District, regarding a request for Newington, New Hampshire (NH) to have its own Zone Improvement Plan (ZIP) Code was forwarded to me to research. As the Manager of Consumer and Industry Contact for USPS NNE District, I handle concerns from customers who have requested assistance through a Congressional office, and the District Manager asked me to coordinate the USPS response to your written request to her office and to reply on her behalf.

In researching this matter, I met with NNE District's Delivery Growth Coordinator who is responsible for overseeing ZIP Code-related issues. That manager advised me that Newington, New Hampshire is not eligible for its own ZIP Code because the ZIP Code of 03801 is only 41 percent utilized at present, with over 5,800 Plus Four ZIP Codes still available. In order for a town to qualify for its own ZIP Code, a minimum qualification is that at least 70 percent of the available Plus Four ZIP Codes must be utilized. In addition, the Town of Newington already is allowed a Preferred Last Line (PLL), which means that all residents and businesses located there can use the word "Newington" to identify that town in the last line of mailing addresses. Using the word Newington (instead of Portsmouth) in the last line of a mailing address should eliminate any confusion on the part of mailers as to where mail is to be delivered. If you would like to send me a list of all street addresses from the town of Newington, we will check them against our National Address Database to make sure that all of the town's addresses are listed with the Preferred Last Line of Newington in that database.

After researching this matter, I determined that the Postmaster has received no reports of any delivery problems related to the town's ZIP Code from mail recipients in Newington, NH. Should any mail recipients in Newington, NH, have specific delivery concerns or problems, customers should bring those to the Postmaster's attention, to review and resolve them. Consequently, USPS NNE District has determined that there is no need or reason to issue a new, unique ZIP Code for the Town of Newington, New Hampshire. Should you choose to appeal this decision, you may put your appeal in writing within 45-days of the date of this letter and send it to:

Manager, Rural Delivery  
U.S. Postal Service  
475 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Room 7416  
Washington DC 20260-7340

If residents have supply chain issues with other, private carriers such as DHL, United Parcel Service, or Federal Express, any such concerns should be addressed with those shipping companies. Thank you for your business which we value and appreciate.

Sincerely,

Lesley Blethen  
Manager, Consumer and Industry Contact  
USPS Northern New England District

cc Honorable U.S. Senator Jeanne Shaheen  
Delivery Growth Coordinator, USPS NNE District