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Re: House Joint Memorial 1

I strongly urge that the US Postal Service Board of Governors recognize zip codes 97223 and 97224 as Tigard zip codes that are separate and distinct from Portland zip codes. As a business owner within the city limits of Tigard, Oregon I understand I may list my business mailing address within either Tigard or Portland. I understand that is because we are a substation of Portland instead of having our own post office. While some may see a slight value in this, I believe this is a detriment to Tigard's business community, and the city of Tigard as a whole.

I equate the health of a community to a three legged stool. Obviously one leg is based on the residents within the community, one leg is having an active city government but also the last leg is the business community. The businesses have the ability to support the schools, the different organizations that do charitable work for the community, but they also assist the residents and city by taking an active role within the community.



Tigard has a harder time receiving support from the business community when businesses don't realize that they are within Tigard's community. Many businesses with 97223 and 97224 zip codes don't recognize Tigard's even though they reside within the city's limits; they believe they are in Portland and therefore give support to our neighboring city of Portland instead of Tigard. In fact if you call up a Tigard business during various online searches you will be corrected to a Portland mailing address even though the business is actually within the Tigard city limits.

With over 50,000 residents living within our community as well as having a large business population, it is my opinion that the United States Postal Service Board of Governors are urged to recognize those addresses within the borders of the city of Tigard as being within Tigard in United States Postal Service documentation instead of being within Portland. For the above reasons I recommend the Postmaster General and the United States Postal Service Board of Governors are respectfully urged to recognize zip codes 97223 and 97224 as Tigard zip codes that are separate and distinct from Portland zip codes.

Thank you for listening.

*Michael Stevenson*