



Legislation Text

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Council Members Cherry and Moline

Joining the Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce in strongly urging the United States Postal Service (USPS) to consider returning mail processing operations to its sorting facility in Toledo, Ohio; and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, our residents and businesses rely on prompt mail for important everyday transactions like sending invoices, paying bills, receiving medications, and shipping of critical supplies; and

WHEREAS, complaints of untimely mail delivery have persisted in Northwest Ohio since USPS transferred sorting operations from the Toledo processing facility to the Michigan Metroplex Facility in 2012; and

WHEREAS, in a survey of its member businesses conducted in 2020 by the Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce, more than 70 percent of respondents indicated that delays in USPS mail delivery were negatively impacting them and their customers; and

WHEREAS, in a follow-up survey of its members conducted in March of 2021, that number increased to 100 percent, with respondents indicating the specific consequences of USPS mail delivery delays to their businesses; and

WHEREAS, in that most recent survey 94 percent of respondents cited late payment of bills or invoices, 12 percent experienced disruptions to supply chains, and 36 percent received unfavorable customer reviews; and

WHEREAS, businesses being negatively impacted are among our region's smallest employers, with nearly two-thirds of the survey respondents employing fewer than 50 employees, and 34 percent employing fewer than 10 employees; and

WHEREAS, our residents and businesses deserve confidence that their mail will be delivered reliably and consistently as our region continues on its path to economic recovery; NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the Council of the City of Toledo:

SECTION 1. That Toledo City Council strongly urges USPS to consider restoring mail sorting services to the Toledo processing facility as USPS evaluates operational changes to improve mail service for our residents and businesses.

SECTION 2. That the Clerk of Council is hereby directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the Postmaster General, USPS Board of Governors, U.S. Senators for Ohio, and our community's U.S. Representatives.

SECTION 3. That this Resolution is declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be enforced from and after its adoption. The reason for the emergency lies in the fact that this Resolution is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and property and for the further reason that the immediate action is necessary in order to urge the USPS to consider restoring mail sorting services to the Toledo processing facility.

Vote on emergency clause: yeas 11, nays 0.

Adopted: April 13, 2021 as an emergency measure: yeas 11, nays 0.

Attest:

Gerald E. Dendinger
Clerk of Council

Matt Cherry
President of Council

Approved:

April 14, 2021
Wade Kapszukiewicz
Mayor