

June 14, 2016

City of Forest Grove Attn: Mayor Peter B. Truax PO Box 326 Forest Grove, OR 97116-0326

RE: Final Decision Regarding Forest Grove, OR Post Office ("Post Office") located at 1822 21st Ave

Dear Mayor Peter B. Truax:

In accordance with 39 C.F.R. 241.4, this is the United States Postal Service's final decision with respect to the Postal Service's proposal to relocate retail services from the above referenced Post Office to 2214 Pacific Ave (Napa Building).

The Postal Service discussed the proposal with you on April 7, 2016 and at a May 11, 2016 public meeting. The Postal Service has carefully considered all of the concerns expressed in those discussions, as well as in appeals and comments received after the public meeting. For the reasons set forth below, the Postal Service has decided to proceed with the relocation.

Relocation of this facility was made necessary by maintenance issues of the present facility and the loss of its leasehold. During the meeting and from letters sent to the Postal Service, the majority of the citizens were concerned about the location of the new facility being too far from the downtown area, having insufficient parking, being too far from the University and being in poor condition like the current Post Office. The Postal Service only considered relocation sites that tried to meet the needs above and are convenient and otherwise suitable for our customers and that will meet all postal operational needs. The Postal Service anticipates providing the same services at the new location as are currently provided to our customers at the existing location. Additionally, the Postal Service plans to continue services at the existing Post Office until the replacement facility is open and operating as a Post Office.

While the Postal Service is sensitive to the impact of this decision on its customers and the Forest Grove community, the Postal Service properly considered community input and this decision is consistent with Postal Service objectives. Postal Service operations are not supported by tax dollars. To be self-sustaining, the Postal Service must make decisions that ensure it provides adequate and affordable postal services in a manner that is as efficient and economical as possible.

This is the final decision of the Postal Service with respect to this matter, and there is no right to further administrative or judicial review of this decision.

Sincerely,

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