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Legislation Text

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Council Member Scott Berna recommends a resolution to request that the United States Postal Service maintain all current mail processing operations in Fayetteville.

A RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE MAINTAIN ALL CURRENT MAIL PROCESSING OPERATIONS IN FAYETTEVILLE

WHEREAS, the United States Postal Service recently announced it is considering moving some important mail processing operations out of Fayetteville and relocating them to Oklahoma City; and

WHEREAS, such a potential move would cause the loss of many permanent, good paying jobs from Fayetteville's highly efficient mail processing facility; and

WHEREAS, the United States Postal System's proposed removal of some mail processing operations from Fayetteville is supposedly to establish "new or reimagined facilities" in Oklahoma City, but its hope that this would result in more efficient and better service for our postal service needs is speculative at best and more likely to cause slower and less efficient postal service for Northwest Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, with our increasing economic, industrial and technology growth, the University of Arkansas and its research and technology incubator, the world's largest retailer and its many national suppliers, Northwest Arkansas as long one of the fastest growing regions in the country needs more, not less, mail and parcel processing capacity; and

WHEREAS, Fayetteville is advantageously located closer than Oklahoma City to Kansas City, Springfield, St. Louis, Memphis, Little Rock, Fort Smith and areas between Fayetteville and those cities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS:

Section 1: That the City Council of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas hereby respectfully requests that the United States Postal Service reconsider and reject its proposal to move any mail processing operations or personnel out of Fayetteville.



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FROM: **Kit Williams, City Attorney**

DATE: **December 5, 2023**

RE: **U.S. Postal Service proposed transfer of some of the operations and employee positions from the Northwest Arkansas Processing and Distribution Center in Fayetteville to Oklahoma City**

In a surprise move, the U.S. Postal Service announced its plan to evaluate moving some of the mail processing operations and employee positions from the Northwest Arkansas Processing and Distribution Center located in Fayetteville to Oklahoma City. Their move can only damage or delay postal operations that have been accomplished in Fayetteville to an out of state distribution center over 220 miles away. Fayetteville would also lose an unannounced number of quality, well paid, permanent jobs so the U.S.P.S. can try to establish "new or reimagined facilities... and networks."

It is difficult to know whether this U.S. Postal Service plan can produce any beneficial effects on efficiency of mail service nationwide. It is clear, however, that Northwest Arkansas will not benefit and will likely see less efficient and speedy delivery of letters and parcels in our area if this proposal is approved.

Council Member Scott Berna has therefore decided to sponsor this Resolution so that the City of Fayetteville can express its concerns and opposition to moving good jobs, equipment and operations out of state.