



November 7, 2016

Selwyn D. Epperson
District Manager
Colorado/Wyoming USPS District Office
7500 E. 53rd Place, Rm 1131
Denver, CO 80266-9998

Dear Mr. Epperson:

On behalf of Commerce City, Colo., City Council is writing the U.S. Postal Service to request a single Zip Code of 80022 for the City, which includes the community of Henderson, Colo. (currently Zip Code 80460).

Commerce City is the third fastest growing city in Colorado and is expected to be a city of 100,000 residents in the next 20 years. Established in 1952, the City grew by incorporating smaller surrounding communities – including the community of Henderson – and is continuing to rapidly develop as unincorporated areas annex into the municipality. As a result of community growth, Commerce City is currently divided amongst multiple Zip Codes.

The current division of Zip Codes within the City has proved problematic. Based on projected growth, issues presented by this problem will only exacerbate. Zip Code inconsistency within Commerce City has led to complications for the Commerce City Police Department and the South Adams County Fire Protection District and their collective ability to locate and respond to emergency situations. Residents have confusion about municipal services and operations. There are complications for businesses filing taxes accurately and data collection problems documented during the decennial census. Difficulties caused by our zip codes are more than an inconvenience; they pose critical safety and economic concerns for Commerce City.

A single Zip Code of 80022 for Commerce City would solve the several safety and technical concerns addressed above. Henderson is a part of Commerce City, and a single Zip Code would represent the unified area.

Thank you for your attention to this matter; we would welcome an opportunity to meet and discuss the issue further.

Sincerely,

Mayor Sean Ford