

## RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ - 2020

**URGING** Ohio Congressional members Senator Sherrod Brown, Senator Rob Portman, Representative Steve Chabot, and Representative Brad Wenstrup to reverse the decision of the United States Postmaster General to reduce services provided in post office branches.

WHEREAS, the United States Postal Service ("Postal Service") has recently announced drastic reductions in hours of operation for numerous post office branches in the City of Cincinnati; and

WHEREAS, the following post office branches are located in the City of Cincinnati: Avondale; Burnet Woods; Cincinnati (Main Branch); College Hill; Corryville; Donald L. Marrs; Hyde Park; Lockland; Main Office Finance Station; Mount Healthy; Mount Washington; Murray; Oakley; Price Hill; Queen City; Roselawn; Saylor Park; Walnut Hills; Western Hills; and Westwood; and

WHEREAS, these reductions in hours greatly inconvenience the use of the Postal Service by the City's citizens and businesses, resulting in the self-fulfilling prophecy that post offices lack sufficient business volume; and

WHEREAS, the City is also affected as many citizens use the Postal Service to transact business with the City, and satisfy their financial obligations; and

WHEREAS, local post office branches report that they are not being adequately supplied to meet service needs, resulting in customers avoiding use of the branches and thus creating the self-fulfilling prophecy that post office branches lack sufficient business to remain open; and

WHEREAS, voting by mail is a safe method for exercise of the duty to vote, especially during a time of pandemic when the City's elderly citizens are at greatest risk of contracting COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, in times of isolation, the City's elderly citizens have limited options for communication, and local post office branches fulfill essential social and well-being functions; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the Mayor and this Council urge Ohio Congressional members Senator Sherrod Brown, Senator Rob Portman, Representative Steve Chabot, and Representative Brad

Wenstrup to reverse the decision of the United States Postmaster General to reduce services in post office branches.

Section 2. That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and that a copy be delivered to Senator Sherrod Brown, 425 Walnut Street, Suite 2310, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202; Senator Rob Portman, 312 Walnut Street, Suite 3425, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202; Representative Steve Chabot, 441 Vine Street, Suite 3003, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202; and Representative Brad Wenstrup, 7954 Beechmont Avenue, Suite 200, Cincinnati, Ohio 45255.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2020

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Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

Submitted by Councilmember David Mann