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City of South Fulton Government

U.S. Postal Service Recognizes South Fulton Zip Codes

(CITY OF SOUTH FULTON, GA – February 19, 2021) – Some residents who were listed as living in neighboring cities because of their assigned zip codes now can use the City of South Fulton in their addresses when ordering packages, sending mail or registering for various services.

This week, the city received notice that the United States Postal Service (USPS) has recognized five out of nine zip codes as being in the City of South Fulton: 30311, 30331, 30336, 30337 and 30349. The remaining zip codes – 30213, 30268, 30291 and 30296 – have not been transferred because of duplicate post office box numbers and street names, both of which could cause sorting or delivery efforts, according to the postal service.

“Starting March 16, citizens will have the option of using South Fulton, GA or Atlanta, GA in the last line of their addresses,” said Mayor William “Bill” Edwards. “This is great news because it solidifies our identity and moves us forward as a city.”

Prior to the change, many residents were listed as living in neighboring cities instead of the City of South Fulton. Those people now can officially use City of South Fulton when listing their home addresses.

Postal officials stressed the importance of residents ensuring they use the proper codes when sending or receiving mail. Providing a correct postal code helps couriers speed up delivery and ensures they are able to deliver mail to the right addresses. For example, there may be similar street names in different parts of a city and a parcel which is addressed through a central post office zip code could be incorrectly routed.

“It is very important that customers use the zip code that is presently assigned to them to prevent mail from being returned to sender,” said Lisse Garrett, USPS acting Atlanta district manager.



South Fulton Zip Codes FAQs

- 1. Why is being recognized by the USPS as a postal city so important?**
 - a. Being recognized as postal city is much more than just mailing purposes. This achievement assists with community identity, which is extremely important to our Elected officials, City leaders, and constituents. Postal city recognition will also address our residents' concerns around higher insurance rates, confusion in voter registration, misdirected property and sales tax revenues, and changes in property values.

- 2. What Zip codes are included in this change?**
 - a. 30311, 30331, 30336, 30337, 30349

- 3. When can residents begin using South Fulton as their mailing address?**
 - a. Effective March 16, 2021, residents may begin using South Fulton as their mailing address in the areas that currently utilize Zip codes 30311, 30331, 30336, 30337, and 30349.
 - b. Residents may also continue to use Atlanta as their mailing address if they please. So long as the Zip code is correct there will not be an interruption with delivery.

- 4. Why was 302__ Zip codes not included in the city recognition by the USPS?**
 - a. The USPS conducted a Zip Code Boundary Review process which is a formal and thorough review to determine if the city's request to be recognized as a postal city can be granted. Upon completion, the following was determined:
 - i. 30213, 30268 and 30291 was removed from consideration because of duplicate PO Box Numbers
 - ii. 30296 was removed from consideration because of duplicate street names. These reasons could negatively affect delivery or cause sorting errors with Zip Codes beginning on 303__.

- 5. Is there a reconsideration process to include the remaining Zip codes that begin with 302__ for postal city recognition by the USPS?**
 - a. The USPS made very reasonable effort during its review to ensure the best outcome for the residents of South Fulton. Unfortunately, because of duplicate addresses and PO Box numbers there is no reconsideration currently. However, the City is working diligently to explore other options to be able to provide all our citizens the option to use South Fulton as a postal city name for mailing purposes soon.

- 6. Where I can find the official list of Zip Codes recognized by the USPS for South Fulton, Georgia?**
 - a. You can visit https://tools.usps.com/go/ZipLookupAction_input and lookup the official acknowledgement by city name, address, or zip code.



7. Can residents use South Fulton on their Driver's License now?

- a. Effective March 16, 2021, the USPS will begin recognizing South Fulton as a postal city for multiple Zip codes. At that time, the DMV may or may not update their systems immediately, but we are confident that they will.

8. How does this impact the Census Count?

- a. There is no impact to the Census count. The Census Bureau recognizes that the Post Office "city" name associated with a particular ZIP Code in the mailing address for a residence may differ from the legal municipality or district in which the housing unit is located. In addition, the "city" name(s) used by the USPS to identify a specific ZIP Code or Post Office may not be the name that residents serviced by the Post Office consider themselves to reside in. For that reason, Census data is tabulated to the jurisdiction where the housing unit is physically located, not based on the city name used for the mailing address.

9. Was there a fee for the City to make this change?

- a. No. There was no cost associated with this change.

10. What does this mean for the potential name changing of the City of South Fulton?

- a. The city appointed a committee tasked with developing a process that would allow residents to suggest names as well as a process for determining four names that would be placed on the ballot last November. The committee met regularly until the pandemic hit. To ensure safety at every point possible, the council stopped work on several efforts, including the name change process. The council will revisit that effort when it deems it is safe to do so.

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