



January 31, 2019

Mr. William G. Thiess, Mayor
Town of St. Lucie Village
P.O. BOX 3878
Fort Pierce FL 34948-3878

Dear Mr. Thiess:

This follows-up to your December 26, 2019 correspondence requesting that a "St. Lucie Village" be an approved and authorized last-line for Zip Code 34946.

Mailing addresses are a critical part of our mail distribution and delivery network. Although many mailing addresses and ZIP Code boundaries roughly coincide with local municipal boundaries, there are often instances where individual delivery areas overlap formal or informal community boundaries. The U.S. Postal Service is aware of the growing use of mailing addresses and ZIP Codes by municipalities and businesses for various non-postal purposes. We also recognize the problems resulting from this practice when there is not an exact fit of ZIP Code and municipal boundaries.

In response to increasing requests for ZIP Code and place name changes, the Postal Service has developed a uniform review process. When a request is received from municipal or community representatives, it is forwarded to the local district manager. The manager then conducts a careful analysis of the cost and service implications of the change and determines whether or not it can be implemented. If the request cannot be implemented, the manager will explain why. The manager can take another exceptional action to formally define the city/municipality in our system by designating an alternate last line that would allow the customers to utilize their municipality name with the existing ZIP Code of 34946.

In this instance, we were asked to determine if "St. Lucie Village" can be an approved and authorized as a last-line for residents within ZIP Code 34946 where the majority of the deliveries for the St. Lucie Village reside.

After careful consideration and review, the South Florida District determined that it was feasible to include "St. Lucie Village" as an approved and authorized last-line for ZIP Code 34946. You will be able to see the addition of the acceptable city name on our website, www.usps.com, approximately two weeks from Monday, February 3, 2019 and will be included in 2019 AIS Product release and available for the mailers on March 15, 2019.

Please let me know if I can assist you with other postal issues.

Sincerely;

Timothy R. Costello
District Manager, South Florida District

CC: Postmaster, Fort Pierce
Manager, Operations Program Support
Manager, Address Management System