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Rocco P. Yeargin
Mayor

Ms. Susan Taylor
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Dear Susan Taylor, District Manager,

As mayor of the City of Green and on behalf of the 27,475 residents, and 1,200+ businesses that call Green, Ohio home, I respectfully request the Post Office assign the single zip code 44232 to the City of Green. To review this request, I propose scheduling an in-person meeting with you at a mutually agreeable time.

To provide you with adequate background in preparation for our in-person meeting, the following is our rationale behind our request for assigning the entire City of Green the zip code 44232.

A. Background

Green is currently divided by six zip codes assigned over 60 years ago, when Green was a sparsely populated township. But times have changed. Green has become a center of commercial and residential growth and is now the largest community in southern Summit County. We have long outgrown the patchwork of zip codes borrowed from our neighbors who were at one time larger and more established communities than Green. We need a single code to identify our hometown because the use of multiple zip codes has increasingly caused many problems:

- We continue to expend funds to recover **lost tax revenue** paid to other cities because our new businesses and residents do not realize they live, and therefore should pay taxes, in Green.
- It is **difficult to administer utilities** such as electric, gas, and trash removal over the multiple zip codes, especially because none of the zip codes identify with physical addresses in Green, and two of the more widely used codes, 44685 and 44720, belong to cities in another county.
- Green real estate agents have great **difficulty marketing land in Green** because there is no zip code identifying parcels as belonging to our community.
- Residents frequently **miss benefits tied to residency** in Green because their addresses and zip codes say they live in a different city.

B. Support for 44232 for Green, Ohio

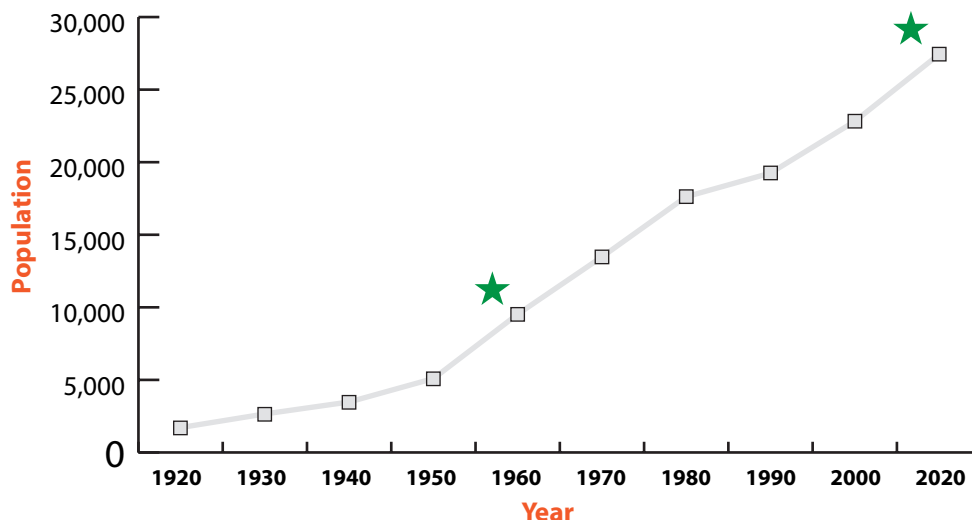
- In response to these persistent problems, **Green City Council** has unanimously supported a resolution requesting the Post Office assign a single zip code to our community. *(See resolution attached as Exhibit C).*
- **United States Congresswoman Emilia Sykes** also recognizes the benefits a unified zip code offers and has submitted a letter of support. *(See Congresswoman Sykes letter, attached as Exhibit D).*
- **Summit County Sheriff Kandy Fatheree** supports one zip code to eliminate delayed response times in emergencies due to uncertainty of jurisdiction. *(See Sheriff Fatheree letter, attached in Exhibit E).*
- **Social Service Agency Direction Home** who serves the elderly population adds that the multiple zip codes that cross counties make it increasingly difficult for those in need of elder services to find the resources available to them in their own community. *(See Direction Home letter of support, attached in Exhibit F).*
- **Leading Commercial and Residential Real Estate agents** support a unified zip code because of the challenge of advertising land, buildings or homes for sale in Green. *(See letters of support, attached in Exhibit G and H).*
- The **residents of Green** support this change. Since our first request for a unified zip code in 2005, our residents continue to solicit my office for assistance in changing to a Green, Ohio zip code.

From a Postal Service perspective, the best news is that this commonsense request carries no downside and will benefit the postal service by increasing resident foot traffic to the Green post office.

C. Further Analysis

Green has long outgrown the current system of borrowing zip codes from other communities.

Green is the fourth largest community and the fastest growing city in Summit County. Due to our convenient location along I-77 equidistant to Akron and Canton, Green is now a thriving, growing city within our 36-square-mile boundary. This was not the case back in the early 1960s when zip codes were allocated. At that time, Green was a township clustered with farms and just beginning some suburban growth. Our neighboring cities in both Summit and Stark Counties were certainly more established at the time. However, the opposite is true today as we have tripled in residential population to 27,475 in 2020 from our 1960 census, which was 9,521.



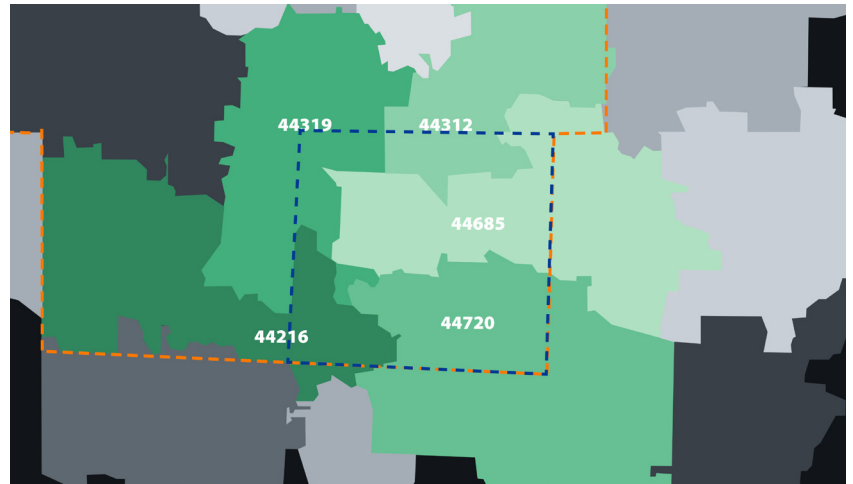
Green is a thriving community.

People visit Green for its location and convenience, they stay because of all it has to offer. Green is home to five golf courses, 1000+ acres of city, county, and state parkland, award-winning schools, MAPS Air Museum, the Akron-Canton Airport, and several destination restaurants. Green has invested millions of dollars in forward thinking infrastructure improvements like roundabouts to create a positive travel experience in town. All these features support a high quality of life for our residents. And where people want to live, commercial growth is following. Green is now home to over 1,200 businesses resulting in a daytime population of 45,000.

The multiple zip codes at play in our City obscure our identity.

There are six zip codes that carve through our city. All of the zip codes identify with other cities and two of the most widespread zip codes in our community identify with other counties. The zip codes are as follows:

44685, Uniontown, Stark County
44720, North Canton, Stark County
44319, Akron, Summit County
44312, Akron, Summit County
44216, Clinton, Summit County
44232, Green, Summit County
(currently only for PO Boxes at the Green Post Office)



City of Green Boundary - - - - -
Summit County Boundary - - - - -

As a result, there is not a single home or business address in Green that belongs to Green. All those who live or operate in Green are divided up and assigned to neighboring communities. Even though Green is in Summit County, approximately 60% of our community is assigned a zip code and city label that is attached to Stark County, a neighboring county. Green residents and businesses are consistently mislabeled. This means that our community gets lost, literally and figuratively, in the zip code shuffle. I recently visited my physical therapist, who despite having a thriving office in the heart of Green for more than 18 months, believed he was located in Uniontown, Stark County, because the zip code and city address connected his business with a city located across county lines. (*See Exhibit A*)

D. The multiple zip codes create problems that run deep and wide.

In 1992 Green was incorporated as a city. Since this time, having six different zip codes has led to several challenges for our residents, businesses and the City. The top seven problems caused by multiple zip codes are as follows:

1. Lost Tax Revenue

Businesses and residents improperly file tax returns with neighboring communities. The City of Green Income Tax Division has identified \$614,000 in unpaid tax dollars for 2023 alone. Resident confusion concerning the proper destination for tax dollars is the primary reason for unpaid taxes. In addition, many employers within Green have withheld income tax dollars for the wrong city due to zip code confusion. Every year, Green expends considerable time and resources reversing these improper tax payments, which also result in a major inconvenience to taxpayers. In addition, for calendar year 2023 there were 55 motor vehicles registered in the wrong tax district. The City of Green pays an auditor to locate the incorrect

registrations. Once a report is generated, the City files with the State of Ohio to get reimbursed for these misfilings and their associated lost sales tax revenue. This can take up to a year to resolve. A similar problem has occurred with the payment of hotel bed tax.

2. Incorrectly Filed Zoning Permits

Zoning permits are required for structures like fences, sheds, and swimming pools and other improvements to real property. Because many Green residents believe they live in a neighboring city and/or county, they are seeking guidance from the wrong municipal authority. This is a problem because it constantly frustrates the City of Green's ability to enforce its own zoning code and surrounding cities don't apply the same zoning standards as Green.

3. Disruption to Commerce

Both commercial and residential real estate agents report that the lack of a unified zip code creates difficulty marketing real estate for sale. Because no building addresses identify with the City of Green and our zip codes attach to other cities and counties, every real estate listing in Green appears to belong to another city. This frustrates potential buyers who are specifically looking to buy in Green and means that many opportunities to complete sales within the City are lost.

4. Disruption to Utility Service

Besides residents being unsure about where their residency belongs, the multiple zip codes cause confusion with the utility companies resulting in the assignment of incorrect rates. For example, the City of Green periodically negotiates special energy rates for its residents through aggregation programs. In 2024, First Energy (Energy Harbor) incorrectly assigned over 1,500 accounts because it could not accurately identify residents living in Green because of their zip codes. As a result, these Green residents were mischarged for their electric service, which took several billing cycles to correct.

5. Inaccurate Safety Reporting Places Our First Responders and the Community at Risk

Green businesses are required to report the presence of hazardous materials to the Green Fire Department. That information is then placed in a database that is accessible to first responders in the event of a fire at any given location. Every year, the presence of some hazardous material is misreported to the wrong jurisdiction. This means our first responders sometimes don't have the information they need about the presence of combustibles when a fire breaks out, placing our firefighters and the community at risk. In addition, alarm companies sometimes call the wrong fire department when an alarm goes off, adversely affecting critical response times by safety services. Finally, EMS billing is disrupted when EMS runs are assigned to the wrong jurisdiction, creating additional hassle for collections.

6. Disruption of City Services Designed for Residents

Some City services are designed only for residents. Those programs are disrupted when residency cannot be easily determined. Residents who are confused about their residency simply don't participate. Our recycle center is one example of a resident only program. It's time consuming for staff to regulate use of the facility when residency is not attached to an identifiable City address. Residents who are unsure about their residency don't use the recycle center.

7. Erodes Sense of Place and Frustrates Community Pride

Perhaps the most challenging impact to quantify is that the lack of a single Green, Ohio, address and zip code undermines our community sense of place. Moving from the patchwork of City Zip Codes to a single, unifying address would clearly identify all residents and businesses that belong to Green. To know where one belongs is not only a practical necessity, but it is also a fundamental emotional need for our residents. A uniform address with a unified zip code would create a geographic identifier that connects everyone within our City. It would not only help create a sense of place, but also solve all of the problems indicated above.

The U.S. Postal Service Office of Inspector General has long recognized the benefits of a single identifiable ZIP code to a growing community. "The ZIP code became a social tool for organizing and displaying demographic information, a support structure for entire industries such as insurance and real estate, and even a representation of social identities. . . . [t]oday, the ZIP code is much more than a tool for moving mail efficiently, and its positive spillover effects are enormously beneficial to society." [1] Therefore, the Postal Service's willingness to maintain ZIP codes to reflect changing circumstances is critically important to the communities shaped by them.

[1] The Untold Story of the ZIP Code, U.S. Postal Service Office of Inspector General, Report Number: RARC-WP-13-006, Executive Summary at Pg i (April 1, 2013).

In summary, obtaining a unified zip Code for Green would have no negative impact on the post office.

In our research, a zip code change would not change the current operations of delivering mail in Green, since it does not require a change in existing delivery routes or administration costs. We have also analyzed all addresses in Green and a change to 44232 as a zip code does not create any duplicate addresses. (*See Exhibit B*). And finally, the City of Green is fully committed to assisting in notifying the community of the change to a unified zip code.

A unified zip code will benefit the postal service by raising its profile in our community. Because the current zip codes are borrowed from other communities, new residents tend to go to those other communities to service their postal needs. By assigning a single code to Green, the Postal Service will steer more resident business back home.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of unifying Green under the single 44232 zip code. I will follow up directly with your office in a few days to schedule a meeting to discuss this matter in greater detail in person.

Warmest regards,



Rocco P. Yeargin, Mayor

This letter has been sent via email and USPS mail.



Counties that share zip codes with the City of Green

- City of Green Border
- Summit County Border
- Stark County Border

Addresses Affected
Commercial: 1,326
Residential: 12,351

Percentages of Totals

	Commercial	Residential
44216	2%	5%
44312	22%	15%
44319	13%	17%
44685	43%	50%
44720	20%	13%
44232	USPS Green Office	

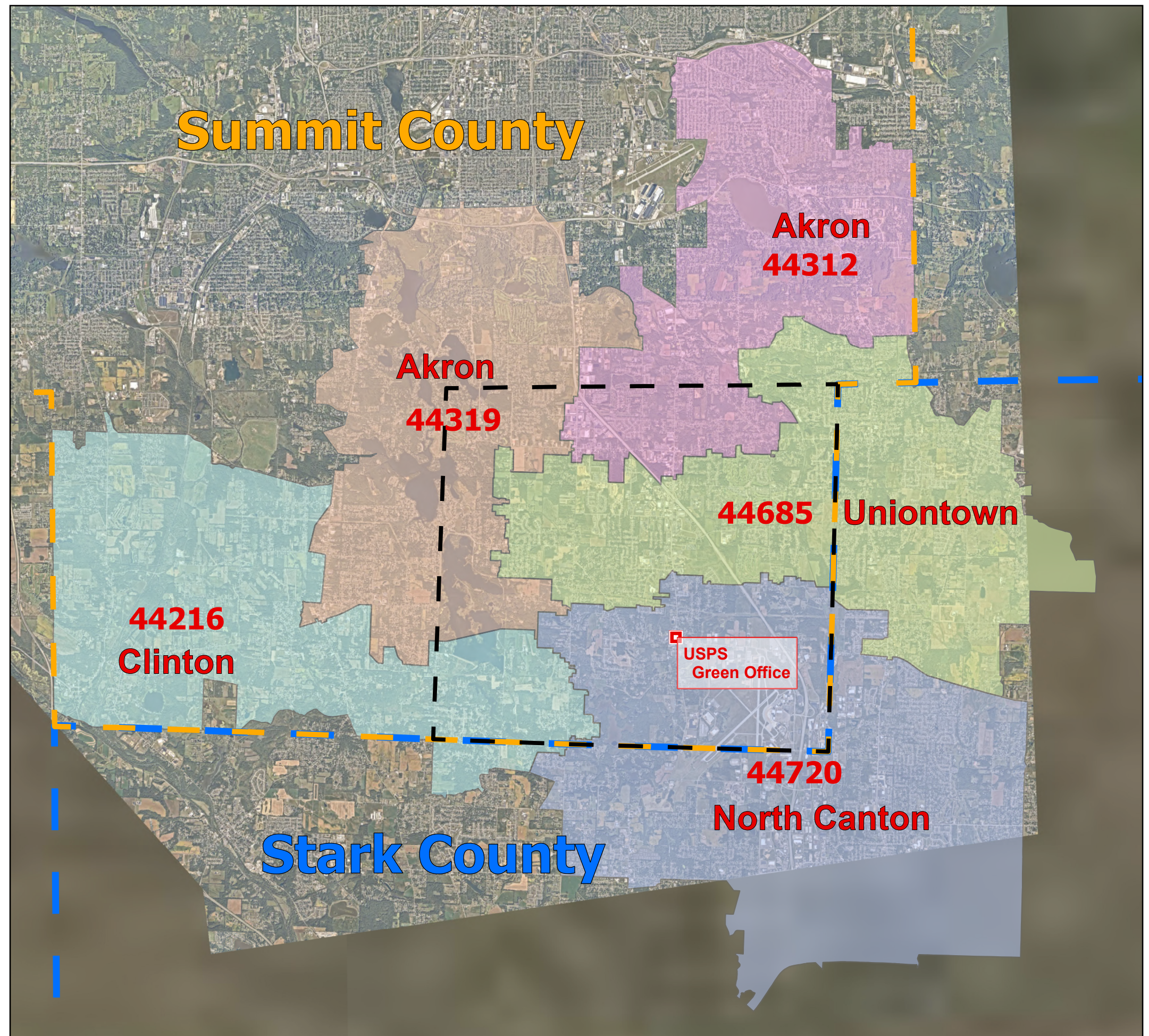
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Map created by Dave Woodrum February 19, 2025

Base data provided by Summit County GIS Department

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Roads Bisected by Zip Codes in the City of Green

Road Name	Road Type	From Address Number	To Address Number	Zip Code
Arlington S	Road	3150	3637	44312
Arlington S	Road	3661	4824	44685
Arlington S	Road	4815	5315	44720
Bonna	Drive	2353	2420	44685
Bonna	Drive	2430	2500	44312
Caston E	Road	5	502	44319
Caston E	Road	520	1021	44685
Christman	Road	4897	5977	44319
Christman	Road	6194	7000	44216
Cottage Grove	Road	3426	3881	44319
Cottage Grove	Road	3912	4624	44685
Fortuna	Drive	3000	3529	44312
Fortuna	Drive	3731	3813	44685
Greensburg	Road	1075	1570	44685
Greensburg	Road	1609	3511	44720
Long	Road	2830	3057	44312
Long	Road	2743	2803	44685
Main S	Street	3628	5531	44319
Main S	Street	5809	6553	44216
Massillon	Road	2695	3433	44312
Massillon	Road	3458	4199	44685
Massillon	Road	4200	5660	44720
Mayfair	Road	2762	3549	44312
Mayfair	Road	3597	4607	44685
Mayfair	Road	4620	5995	44720
Moore	Road	32	728	44319
Moore	Road	748	758	44312
Mt Pleasant	Road	4305	7989	44720
Mt Pleasant	Road	23	949	44216
Neptune	Drive	386	405	44319
Neptune	Drive	463	565	44685
Nimisila E	Road	539	1071	44319
Nimisila E	Road	1117	1440	44720
Pressler	Road	2800	2800	44312
Pressler	Road	2848	2990	44685
Sawgrass	Drive	1525	1525	44312
Sawgrass	Drive	1528	1927	44685
Shriver	Road	4255	4544	44685
Shriver	Road	4556	4781	44720
Skyview	Drive	275	376	44319
Skyview	Drive	475	585	44685
Turkeyfoot Lake E	Road	33	816	44319
Turkeyfoot Lake E	Road	880	2497	44312
Turkeyfoot Lake E	Road	2500	2959	44685

RESOLUTION NO.: 2025-R03
SPONSOR: MAYOR YEARGIN
INTRODUCED: JANUARY 14, 2025

ASSIGNED TO: Intgov't & Util

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CITY OF GREEN MAYOR'S REQUEST TO THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO ASSIGN A SINGLE UNIFIED ZIP CODE FOR THE ENTIRE CITY OF GREEN, THAT IS IDENTIFIED EXCLUSIVELY WITH THE CITY OF GREEN FOR POSTAL DELIVERY PURPOSES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City of Green is currently served by six different postal zip codes which include: 44319, 44685, 44270, 44312, 44216, and 44232; and

WHEREAS, each of the six zip codes identifies for building address purposes with a City other than the City of Green and there is no zip code that identifies for such purposes as belonging exclusively to the City of Green; and

WHEREAS, Green was assigned multiple zip codes in the early 1960's when it was a township surrounded by more populated communities; and

WHEREAS, the population of Green has tripled since 1960; it now has more residents than any of its direct neighbors and is the fastest growing city in Summit County among cities with a population of more than 15,000; and

WHEREAS, the old allocation of multiple zip codes to what was formerly Green Township has created a number of challenges for the modern City of Green including, but not limited to:

- The loss of tax dollars due to resident and employer confusion as to which municipality should receive tax payments;
- The mistaken failure by residents to properly seek zoning permits for structures such as swimming pools, fences, and sheds due to resident confusion as to the governing municipality;
- The disruption in commercial activity such as listing real estate for sale when no part of the address identifies the property as being located in Green;
- The mistaken filing with the incorrect municipality of "hazardous materials notifications" required by businesses, causing the hazardous material information to not be available in the City of Green's data base for use by our emergency personnel when they respond to a fire or similar emergency causing potential additional dangers to the community and first responders;
- The disruption to utility services and mischarging residents by utility companies because the companies fail to accurately identify Green residents that belong in the Green aggregation programs due to misassigned accounts from multiple zip codes;
- The missed opportunities for Green residents to take advantage of City benefits that are based on residency because they do not realize they live within the City limits.

WHEREAS, Green City Council finds that a unified zip code unique to Green would promote a sense of place and civic pride and would serve a public interest, including but not limited to the health, safety, and welfare of residents; and

WHEREAS, the Administration is requesting second reading passage so that they may move forward with their request to the Post Office as soon as possible.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREEN, COUNTY OF SUMMIT, STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

SECTION ONE:

Green City Council supports the City of Green Mayor's request to the United States Postal Service to create a single unified zip code for the entire City of Green that is identified exclusively with the City of Green for postal delivery purposes.

SECTION TWO:

The City of Green finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Council and any deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements.

SECTION THREE:

Council declares this to be an emergency immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Green. Provided that this legislation receives the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the members elected or appointed to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force at the earliest time allowed by law.

ADOPTED: January 14, 2025

Nichole Messner
Nichole Messner, Clerk of Council

Jeff R Noble
Jeff Noble, Council President

APPROVED: January 14, 2025

Rocco P. Yeargin
Rocco P. Yeargin, Mayor

ENACTED EFFECTIVE: Jan 14, 2025

ON ROLL CALL: Babbitt Absent DeVitis yes Miller yes Neugebauer yes

Noble yes Meager yes Speight yes

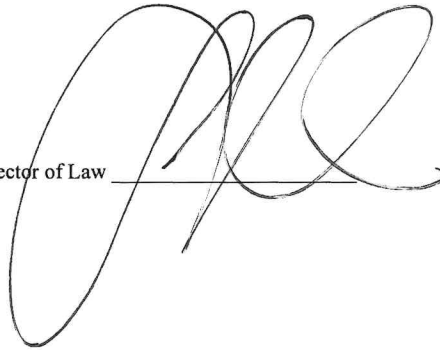
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PUBLICATION CERTIFICATION

I, Nichole Messner, Clerk of Council of the City of Green, County of Summit and State of Ohio, whose custody the original files and records of said council are required to be kept by the laws of the State of Ohio, do hereby certify that the above legislation was duly published in the *Southside Leader* on Jan 24 and Jan 31, 2025.

Nichole Messner
Nichole Messner, Clerk of Council

1/7/2025 Approved as to form and content by Lisa Carey Dean, Director of Law

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February 10, 2025

Ms. Susan Taylor
District Manager, Ohio District 1
United States Postal Service
2200 Orange Ave
Cleveland, OH 44104-9005

Dear Ms. Taylor,

I am writing to express my support for the proposal to consolidate the ZIP codes serving the city of Green, Ohio. As the congressional representative of this vibrant community, I understand the importance of fostering a strong sense of identity and pride among its residents, and a single ZIP code for this growing city is essential for continued economic development.

The city of Green currently operates under five different ZIP codes, none of which bear the city's name. This situation has led to confusion and a diminished sense of unity among residents and businesses. By aligning the ZIP code designation with the city's name, we aim to enhance community cohesion and promote a stronger civic identity.

When zip codes were first assigned for this area, Green was a township with farmland, a few businesses, and fewer than 10,000 residents. In the 1960s, Green began its growth in residential housing and business development. In 1992, Green was incorporated as a city, further propelling its growth. Today, Green is a community of 27,475 residents, more than 1,200 businesses, and is the fastest growing city in Summit County.

Community feedback shows overwhelming support for this change, as it will reinforce local pride and identity. Local businesses also want a ZIP code reflecting the city's name. The current multitude of ZIP codes creates obstacles for businesses, including confusion for customers and suppliers about their location, and challenges in daily transactions like assigning sales tax due to a ZIP code with a name designated to a separate county.

I respectfully urge the United States Postal Service to consider this request favorably. The change will serve the best interests of the residents and businesses of Green by removing the challenges and obstacles inherent in having multiple zip codes, while enhancing community engagement and economic vitality.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. We look forward to collaborating with the USPS to ensure a smooth and successful transition.

Yours in Service,



Emilia Strong Sykes
Member of Congress
13th Congressional District of Ohio



Sheriff Kandy Fatheree

County of Summit • State of Ohio

February 11, 2025

Rocco Yeargin
1755 Town Park Blvd.
Green, OH 44685

Dear Mayor Yeargin,

It has come to my attention that the City of Green requests that the United States Post Office assign one zip code for the entire city. From a logistical standpoint, over the years, the 911 dispatch center has faced challenges with addresses with zip codes in Stark County. Parts of the City of Green have a Uniontown address and zip code, a North Canton city address and zip code, a Clinton /New Franklin city address and zip code, and an Akron City address and zip code. During Emergencies, time is of the essence. Dispatchers would not have to look the address up on the map to determine whether it is, in fact, a Summit County jurisdiction or Stark County jurisdiction.

I strongly support the safety and security of the citizens of Green, OH, who should have one zip code.

Sincerely,

Kandy Fatheree, Sheriff
Summit County, Ohio



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January 9, 2025

Mayor Rocco P. Yeargin
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Dear Mayor Yeargin,

I am writing today with an issue we have discussed previously, the zip code assigned to Green as "Uniontown." As you know Direction Home Akron Canton Area Agency on Aging and Disabilities is a private, non-profit that serves older adults and people with disabilities in Portage, Stark, Summit, and Wayne Counties. We are proud to call Green "home" however and have had our headquarters in the city for over 25 years.

Many times, we are visited by our consumers or others seeking help and guidance as they explore options to remain independent and, in the community, where they want to call home. These older adults are targeted by scammers more than ever and have been taught to stay vigilant regarding anything that doesn't "look" right. Sadly, our address fits that description! It is hard to explain why our building is in the City of Green with a Uniontown mailing address. While GPS would help with this issue many people do not have access to or regularly use this service.

We feel it would be beneficial for our mailing address to match our location, namely Green, Ohio. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to help this cause.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Abigail Morgan
President & CEO



January 9, 2025

Dear Mayor Yeargin:

Thank you for your commitment to improving the City of Green by advocating for a single zip code. As a commercial real estate broker working closely with local businesses and investors, I see firsthand how this issue impacts both current businesses and companies considering a move to our city.

From a business perspective, having five zip codes creates unnecessary confusion and makes Green appear fragmented. For companies evaluating locations, demographics and market data tied to zip codes are critical factors in decision-making. When data is split across multiple zip codes, it distorts the true picture of our city.

For existing businesses, multiple zip codes complicate operations. It creates inefficiencies in marketing efforts, as businesses struggle to define their target audience. A single zip code would simplify logistics, reduce costs, and create a more business-friendly environment.

Additionally, a single zip code strengthens the City of Greens brand. For companies considering relocation, a cohesive identity is appealing—it demonstrates organization, unity, and opportunity. I have seen first hand how Green is overlooked because multiple zip codes make it harder to market our community as a unified, thriving destination.

Lastly, accurate data is essential for economic development. Businesses looking for incentives will rely on population and economic data tied to the city. The five zip codes that currently make up our city's footprint create inconsistencies, potentially leading to missed opportunities for growth and investment.

Unifying our city under one zip code is an investment in the future of the City of Greens economy. It sends a clear message that we're committed to fostering growth, improving operations, and building a stronger community for businesses and residents alike.

Thank you for taking on this important initiative. I'm happy to assist in any way as we work to make this a reality for our city.

Sincerely,

Tim Bishman
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Dear Postmaster Susan Taylor,

As an established real estate agent with located in the city of Green, Ohio, I am writing to express my strong support for the establishment of a single, unified ZIP code for Green. The current division into multiple ZIP codes has created numerous challenges for our business and the broader community, which I believe can be resolved with this change.

For my business specifically, having multiple ZIP codes has caused challenges such as:

- Real estate professionals AND potential home buyer that don't know that the City of Green as 7 zip codes. Some buyers prefer to use a zip code when looking for a home. Having one unified zip code would streamline their efforts and help prospective buyers locate properties more efficiently. As it is right now, its just too confusing.
- Having a distinct zip code could also simplify tax-related matters for newcomers. For example, when I first moved here, I was initially linked to an address in Uniontown, leading to confusion about local taxes. A dedicated zip code for Green would help ensure that new residents are properly assigned for tax purposes, including the local tax and the Green Local Schools tax.
- It would also help clear up confusion for customers trying to find businesses in the City of Green, as very few businesses actually use a "City of Green" mailing address. Instead, most are listed under Akron, Uniontown, or North Canton.

Beyond these operational issues, the current ZIP code system dilutes the identity and cohesion of Green as a single, unified community. A shared ZIP code would foster a stronger sense of belonging among residents and businesses, while also simplifying communication, emergency response, and local collaborations.

I understand that changing ZIP code boundaries requires careful consideration and planning, but I am confident that the long-term benefits to the residents and businesses of Green far outweigh the temporary adjustments. I urge the United States Postal Service to consider our request for a single ZIP code and help our city continue to grow and thrive.

Sincerely,

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REALTOR, and Green resident
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