

RESOLUTION NO. _____ 26961

A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE NON-CLOSURE OF
LOCAL BRANCHES AND OFFICES OF THE UNITED
STATES POSTAL SERVICE.

WHEREAS, The United States Postal Service (USPS or Service), established in 1775, is best known for delivering mail and packages to every household and business in the United States; and

WHEREAS, The number of customers using post offices on a daily basis makes them an integral part of each community they serve and many local residents plan their trips around a visit to the post office; and

WHEREAS, having a post office in commercial districts and downtown generates economic activity for local businesses and serves as a gathering place for members of the community; and

WHEREAS, access to a local USPS Office or Branch has a significant impact on neighborhoods and communities; and

WHEREAS, abandoning USPS locations in city centers and neighborhoods can negatively affect economic activity and may contribute to urban sprawl if post offices are moved out of town; and

WHEREAS, USPS has adopted regulations that provide broader public notice and participation in any post office relocation project. In addition, the regulations require postal officials to consider community input, including alternative recommendations, and provide for limited appeal opportunities; and

WHEREAS, United States Postal Service regulations state that it is the policy of the United States Postal Service to comply with local planning and building codes if they are consistent with prudent business practices and unique postal requirements: and

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE, That the USPS should make all reasonable efforts to continue to operate all of its local branches and offices in the City of Chattanooga for the benefit of the Chattanooga communities and neighborhoods.

ADOPTED: _____ January 24 _____, 2012

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