

Resolution 2019-26

Resolution Regarding Confusion among the General Public in Distinguishing between the City of New Castle and the New Castle Postal Address

WHEREAS, there is confusion among the public concerning the difference between the City of New Castle (population 5,200) and the entire New Castle 19720 ZIP Code address (population 62,000); and

WHEREAS, police departments report incidents that occur within the 19720 ZIP Code area as happening in “New Castle” and report offenders who reside in the 19720 ZIP Code as residing in “New Castle” and these reports, when repeated by the media give the public the impression that such incidents occur in the City of New Castle; and

WHEREAS, the City of New Castle depends on its good reputation for its economic health in attracting businesses, new residents, and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the confusion in distinguishing between the City of New Castle and the New Castle area defined by the Postal Service causes confusion among the public about political divisions regarding eligibility to vote, assistance on government-related problems, police reporting, duplicate addresses, etc.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the City Council of New Castle will exert every effort to clear up the confusion in the public mind regarding the City of New Castle and the New Castle postal address, including pursuing the establishment of a separate ZIP Code.

Passed this 9th day of July, 2019

Linda Ratchford, City Council President

Valarie W. Leary, Councilperson

Michael M. Platt, Councilperson

Russell P. Smith, Councilperson

Suzanne M. Souder, Councilperson

Attest:

Brian G. Whitaker, City Clerk.