

**Resolution No. 2020-17**

**A Resolution to Request that the United States Postal Service City Designate “Historic New Castle” as an Optional Preferred Mailing Address for Properties in the City of New Castle**

**WHEREAS**, there is confusion in the public mind in distinguishing between properties lying within the municipal boundaries of the City of New Castle and using the Postal ZIP Code “19720” for mailing purposes, versus those lying outside the City limits but also utilizing the “19720” ZIP Code, and

**WHEREAS**, U.S. Postal authorities have declined to designate a different ZIP Code for properties lying within the municipal boundaries of the City of New Castle so as to avoid this confusion; and

**WHEREAS**, the U. S. Postal Service has offered the option of establishing an optional “preferred postal address” for residents of the City of New Castle to use that would distinguish their properties from those lying outside the City’s municipal boundaries; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of New Castle has been incorporated since 1672 and is widely known as “Historic New Castle,” and

**WHEREAS**, if “Historic New Castle” were designated by the Postal authorities as a preferred mailing address for City properties, the use of “New Castle” alone in mailing addresses would still be permitted, and use of “Historic New Castle” in its place would be entirely optional for City residents.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Council of the City of New Castle hereby requests the U. S. Postal Service designate “Historic New Castle” as this City’s “preferred mailing address.”

**Passed this 14th day of July, 2020**

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Attest:

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Brian G. Whitaker, City Clerk.