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In April of 2012 the USPS revised regulations to clarify options for delivery and to provide the USPS greater autonomy in determining how deliveries are added to the Postal Service network. While curbside and sidewalk delivery remain viable and approved modes of delivery, the USPS will determine how and when to approve these modes of delivery consistent with existing Postal Operations Manual (POM) regulations regarding in-growth and both establishment and extension of delivery.

This outlines the commitments made by the USPS towards builders/developers for the establishment of delivery. The USPS and its representatives will meet with and discuss establishment of delivery with the builders’ representative or construction site manager as currently described in the POM.

At a minimum, the USPS will work with builders and developers to determine what the best mode of delivery is for the area prior to establishing or extending delivery service. This will include review of site plans and consideration of lot size and locations of housing relative to existing delivery infrastructure and to customer travel. The USPS recognizes the interest builders have in controlling site plans, and just as with other public services, the USPS will work to meet the requests and requirements of the builders and local planning administrators. However, as a national agency, the USPS reserves the right to establish delivery in the most consistent and cost effective means viable to meet our federal mandate of providing a free form of service that best meets the need to establish and maintain a safe, reliable and efficient national Postal Service.

Delivery will begin in newly developed areas only upon approval from a responsible USPS representative and only to locations and equipment approved by the USPS. Street delivery may be withheld until such time as approved site location(s) are agreed upon and the required delivery equipment has been installed.

If you have any questions, please contact San Matthews, Growth Coordinator, at 919-420-5183. Thank you for helping us serve you better.

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