# CITY OF GEARHART

## RESOLUTION NO. 965

**THE CITY OF GEARHART MAKES THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:**

**WHEREAS,** the City of Gearhart is a growing independent municipality in Clatsop County Oregon, with an estimated population of 1,800;

**WHEREAS,** the City of Gearhart has its own US Postal Service (USPS) Contract Office, it shares its 97138 zip code with the City of Seaside, its neighbor to the south containing a population of approximately 6,700;

**WHEREAS,** many online sites utilize the USPS national zip code database and do not allow overriding the default city name based on the zip code;

**WHEREAS,** Gearhart and Seaside have many street names that are identical or similar, mail is frequently misdirected to the wrong city, requiring costly research, redirection, and delays. Some of these delays could impact mail-order prescriptions and other necessary medical supplies;

**WHEREAS,** some delivery companies such as FedEx and Amazon incorrectly notify purchasers that their package may be picked up at the Seaside Post Office, causing needless trips and phone calls;

**WHEREAS,** some of the more economical insurance companies use zip code as part of their underwriting process, some Gearhart homeowners have been denied homeowners insurance or may have paid higher premiums because the distance to Seaside was mistakenly considered too far from their residence;

**WHEREAS,** many nearby coastal cities and communities have populations considerably smaller than Gearhart, they have been assigned their own unique and individual zip code (See attached Exhibit A);

**NOW, THEREFORE** the City of Gearhart requests the United States Postal Service (USPS) to review assignment of zip code 97139 or another zip code unique to our city.

This Resolution was passed by the City Council of the City of Gearhart this ___1st___ day of ___December___ 2021.

YEAS: __4__

NAYS: __1__

ABSENT: __0__

ABSTAIN: __0__

Signed and approved by the Mayor of the City of Gearhart this __7__ day of __Dec__ 2021.

Paulina Cockrum, Mayor


ATTESTED BY:

Chad Sweet, City Administrator


# EXHIBIT A

Coastal Cities within 25 miles of Seaside

| Zip ∨ ∧ | City ∨ ∧ | County ∨ ∧ | St ∨ ∧ | Population |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 97016 | CLATSKANIE | COLUMBIA | OR | 1,750 |
| 97064 | VERNONIA | COLUMBIA | OR | 1,850 |
| 97102 | ARCH CAPE | CLATSOP | OR | 205 |
| 97103 | ASTORIA | CLATSOP | OR | 9,900 |
| 97110 | CANNON BEACH | CLATSOP | OR | 1,500 |
| 97121 | HAMMOND | CLATSOP | OR | 1,400 |
| 97130 | MANZANITA | TILLAMOOK | OR | 393 |
| 97131 | NEHALEM | TILLAMOOK | OR | 355 |
| 97138 | SEASIDE | CLATSOP | OR | 6,700 |
| 97144 | TIMBER | WASHINGTON | OR | 131 |
| 97145 | TOLOVANA PARK | CLATSOP | OR | 1,490 |
| 97146 | WARRENTON | CLATSOP | OR | 5,000 |
| 97147 | WHEELER | TILLAMOOK | OR | 357 |
| 98643 | ROSBURG | WAHKIAKUM | WA | 320 |