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## AMENDMENT TO THE POSTAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS

### Increase in Rate of Postage on First-Class Mail

OFFICE OF THE POSTMASTER GENERAL,  
Washington, June 7, 1932.

ORDER No. 2562.

Effective July 6, 1932, the Postal Laws and Regulations are amended as follows:

"Section 384, Postal Laws and Regulations, is amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 384. On and after the thirtieth day after the date of the enactment of this act and until July 1, 1934, the rate of postage on all mail matter of the first class (except postal cards and private mailing or post cards, and except other first-class matter on which the rate of postage under existing law is 1 cent for each ounce or fraction thereof) shall be 1 cent for each ounce or fraction thereof in addition to the rate provided by existing law. (Act of June 6, 1932, sec. 1001.)

"2. Upon all matter of the first class \* \* \* postage shall be charged \* \* \* at the rate of 3 cents for each ounce or fraction thereof; and drop letters shall be mailed at the rate of 3 cents per ounce or fraction thereof, including delivery at letter-carrier offices, and 1 cent for each ounce or fraction thereof where free delivery by carrier is not established. (39 U. S. C., 280; Act of June 6, 1932, sec. 1001.)

"3. Postage on letters deposited in rural or star route boxes, or mailed to persons who are served by rural or star-route carriers, shall be charged at the rate of 3 cents for each ounce or fraction thereof.

"4. When persons or concerns of any city or place send their letters in bulk for mailing for local delivery at a post office at another place where the 1-cent drop-letter rate is applicable, such letters are not drop letters and are not entitled to the 1-cent drop-letter rate, but shall be charged with postage at the rate of 3 cents for each ounce or fraction of an ounce. (See par. 2, sec. 1256.)"

NOTE.—A drop letter is one addressed for delivery from the office at which it is posted. There is no drop rate on any matter except letters.

See section 390 as to rates of postage on ship and steamboat letters; section 452 as to payment of postage in money.

Paragraph 2, section 384½, Postal Laws and Regulations, is amended to read as follows:

"2. The postage on business reply cards when collected on delivery as provided in this section shall be 2 cents each, and the postage on letters in business reply envelopes shall be 3 cents an ounce or fraction thereof plus 1 cent additional for each letter, these rates being the regular rates plus 1 cent additional."

Section 387, Postal Laws and Regulations, is amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 387. All mail matter of the first class upon which one full rate of postage has been prepaid shall be forwarded to its destination, charged with the unpaid rate, to be collected on delivery. If the postage is short paid one rate, the additional charge shall be 3 cents, or the deficient postage. If it is short more than one rate, the deficient postage and an additional charge of 1 cent for each ounce or fraction thereof shall be collected. (39 U. S. C. 275a, Supp. V; act of June 6, 1932, sec. 1001.)"

Paragraphs 3 and 5, section 835, Postal Laws and Regulations, are amended to read as follows:

"3. Mail matter of the first class other than letters, when prepaid one full rate (3 cents) by stamps affixed in addition to the special-delivery stamp, shall be dispatched with the deficient postage rated thereon; but such matter with postage wholly unpaid, although bearing a special-delivery stamp, shall be held for postage."

"5. Three cents postage due shall be required of the addressee on special-delivery letters weighing 1 ounce or less transmitted without any prepayment of postage. On special delivery letters exceeding 1 ounce in weight transmitted without any prepayment of postage the deficient postage at the single rate and an additional charge of 1 cent for each ounce or fraction thereof, computed on the unpaid weight, shall be collected on delivery. All other special-delivery matter which through inadvertance reaches its destination with no prepayment of postage shall be charged with postage due at double rates. (See secs. 379, 387, 569, 573, and 574.)"

WALTER F. BROWN,  
Postmaster General.

THIRD ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL,  
Washington, June 7, 1932.

Pursuant to Order No. 2562 dated June 7, 1932, amending the Postal Laws and Regulations, postmasters shall, on and after July 6, 1932, see that postage is paid at the rate of 3 cents an ounce or fraction thereof on letters and other first-class matter, except postal cards and private mailing or post cards; and also except drop letters mailed at offices where letter-carrier service is not established and the addressees are not served by rural or star-route carrier.

Drop letters, that is, letters mailed for delivery from the office at which posted, are required to have postage paid on them at the rate of 3 cents an ounce or fraction thereof when mailed at letter-carrier post offices, including offices where village delivery service by carrier has been established, or at offices which are not letter-carrier offices if the persons addressed are served by rural or star-route carrier; and 1 cent for each ounce or fraction thereof when mailed at offices where letter-carrier service is not established, provided the addressees are not served by rural or star-route carriers. There is no drop rate on mail other than letters. When any persons or concerns of any city or place send their letters in bulk for mailing for local delivery at a post office in another place where the 1-cent drop-letter rate is applicable, such letters are not drop letters and are not entitled to the 1-cent drop-letter

rate, but are subject to postage at the rate of 3 cents an ounce or fraction thereof.

Letters mailed at a post office for delivery to patrons thereof by rural or star-route carrier and those deposited in boxes along a rural or star route are subject to postage at the rate of 3 cents an ounce or fraction thereof.

Letters in business reply envelopes are subject to postage at the rate of 3 cents for each ounce or fraction thereof plus 1 cent additional for each letter.

When a letter or other first-class matter subject to the rate of 3 cents an ounce or fraction of an ounce is prepaid less than 3 cents, the letter or other matter shall be returned to the sender, if known, for the deficient postage. If the sender is not known, it shall, if prepaid at least 2 cents, be rated with the deficient postage and dispatched to its destination for collection of the amount due upon delivery to the addressee. Letters and other first-class matter prepaid less than 2 cents shall be treated as prescribed by section 529, Postal Laws and Regulations.

Postmasters at offices of address shall be careful to rate up with the proper amount of postage due all mail reaching their offices with the postage insufficiently prepaid.

The failure of any postmaster to observe the foregoing shall be reported to the Third Assistant Postmaster General, Division of Classification.

It is of the utmost importance that every patron of the postal service become familiar with the increased rate of postage on first-class matter as above set forth. Failure to prepay the proper amount of postage will delay the dispatch and delivery of mail, cause confusion, annoyance and inconvenience and impose upon the Postal Service unnecessary labor and expense. Therefore, postmasters are requested to give the foregoing the widest possible publicity in every practicable manner.

F. A. TILTON,  
Third Assistant Postmaster General.

## AMENDMENT TO THE POSTAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS

### NEW RATES OF POSTAGE ON ADVERTISING PORTIONS OF PUBLICATIONS OF THE SECOND CLASS

OFFICE OF THE POSTMASTER GENERAL,  
Washington, June 7, 1932.

ORDER No. 2563.

Effective July 1, 1932, subparagraph (b) of paragraph 1, section 412, Postal Laws and Regulations, is amended to read as follows:

"(b) On and after July 1, 1932, and until July 1, 1934, on the advertising portion of any publication entered as second-class matter subject to the zone rates of postage under existing law, the rates per pound or fraction thereof for delivery within the eight postal zones established for fourth-class matter shall be as follows:

	Cents
For the first and second zones.....	2
For the third zone.....	3
For the fourth zone.....	5
For the fifth zone.....	6
For the sixth zone.....	7
For the seventh zone.....	9
For the eighth zone, and between the Philippine Islands and any portion of the United States, including the District of Columbia and the several Territories and possessions.....	10

(Act of June 6, 1932, sec. 1001.)

WALTER F. BROWN,  
Postmaster General.

THIRD ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL,  
Washington, June 7, 1932.

In connection with Order 2563 of June 7, 1932, amending subparagraph (b) of paragraph 1, section 412, Postal Laws and Regulations, effective July 1, 1932, in accordance with the provision of the act of June 6, 1932, modifying the rates of postage on the advertising portions of publications entered as second-class matter when mailed by publishers or registered news agents, postmasters are informed that care must be taken to collect the full amount of postage chargeable at the new rates.

The receipt books, Form 3539, now on hand shall be used for such mailings on and after July 1, 1932, such receipts to be modified by inserting the new rates of postage applicable to the advertising portions in lieu of the rates now shown on this form.

The rates prescribed in subparagraphs (a) and (c) of paragraph 1, and paragraphs 2, 3, 4, and 4½, section 412, Postal Laws and Regulations, continue in force. However, where the number of individually addressed copies or packages to the pound is more than 32, the rates of postage on the advertising portions set forth in paragraph 1 (b), section 412, Postal Laws and Regulations, as amended by the order above referred to, shall be doubled, trebled, etc., in the manner prescribed by paragraph 4½, section 412, Postal Laws and Regulations.

F. A. TILTON,  
Third Assistant Postmaster General.

## AMENDMENT TO THE POSTAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS

### MODIFICATION OF RATES OF POSTAGE ON AIR MAIL

OFFICE OF THE POSTMASTER GENERAL,  
Washington, June 7, 1932.

ORDER No. 2564.

Effective July 6, 1932, paragraphs 3 and 5, section 385, Postal Laws and Regulations, are amended to read as follows:

3. The rate of postage on mail carried by airplane shall be 8 cents for the first ounce or fraction thereof and 13 cents for each additional ounce or

fraction thereof, regardless of distance. Such postage includes the transportation of mail to and from the air-mail route.

5. The postage on all air mail should be fully prepaid in order to expedite its handling, and postmasters shall make every effort to have patrons prepay the full amount on such matter. Nevertheless, short-paid mail intended to be carried by airplane shall, if it bears at least 8 cents postage, be rated with the deficiency and dispatched as intended by the sender, the amount due to be collected on delivery of the matter.

WALTER F. BROWN,  
Postmaster General.

THIRD ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL,  
Washington, June 7, 1932.

In accordance with Order No. 2564 dated June 7, 1932, amending paragraphs 3 and 5, section 385, Postal Laws and Regulations, the rates of postage, effective July 6, 1932, on matter carried by airplane will be 8 cents for the first ounce or fraction of an ounce and 13 cents for each additional ounce or fraction thereof, regardless of distance, except when sent to Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands of the United States, or the Canal Zone, for which the rates now in force will continue.

The rate between Puerto Rico or Virgin Islands of the United States and the United States is 10 cents for each half ounce or fraction of a half ounce, and between the United States, Puerto Rico, or Virgin Islands of the United States, and the Canal Zone, it is 20 cents for each half ounce or fraction of a half ounce.

For a reasonable time, while the public is becoming acquainted with the new rates, short-paid air mail having at least 5 cents postage prepaid thereon which can not be returned to the sender without delaying its dispatch shall be rated with the deficient postage and dispatched.

F. A. TILTON,  
Third Assistant Postmaster General.

**3-CENT STAMPS AND STAMPED ENVELOPES**

THIRD ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL,  
Washington, June 7, 1932.

The attention of postmasters is called to the increase in postage rate on first-class letter mail, effective July 6, 1932, and the necessity of providing ample post-office stocks of 3-cent stamps and stamped envelopes to meet the public requirements. No new postal card will be required.

To meet the increased demand, in addition to the 3-cent Washington Bicentennial issue, the current 3-cent Lincoln stamp of the regular series will be supplemented by a new 3-cent stamp bearing the portrait of Washington, identical in size and design with the 2-cent stamp of the Washington Bicentennial series except for the change of denomination numerals and the omission of the dates. The new stamp will be printed in purple ink. Post-office requisitions for 3-cent stamps will be filled with one or more of these varieties, depending on the manufactured stock available.

For use in vending and affixing machines 3-cent stamps will be issued in coils of 500, 1,000, and 3,000, sidewise perforated, to be sold at the rate of 3 cents for coils of 500, 6 cents for coils of 1,000, and 18 cents for coils of 3,000, in addition to postage value. Endwise coils of five hundred 3-cent stamps will be available later.

Provision will be made at an early date for the issuance of books of 3-cent stamps, but such stock will not be available until later, concerning which postmasters will be further advised. Postmasters are directed not to submit requisitions for 3-cent stamp books until notified by the department to do so. Until 3-cent stamp books are available postmasters should endeavor to dispose of as much as possible of their remaining stock of 2-cent books.

The new 3-cent envelopes will be available in both extra and standard quality, and in white, blue, and amber paper. The stamp will be printed in purple ink and will be the same as used on 2-cent envelopes except for the change of denomination numerals. There will also be available, until further notice, 3-cent envelopes of the Washington Bicentennial design in white extra quality paper only, in sizes Nos. 5, 8, and 13. Requisitions for 3-cent bicentennial envelopes must be appropriately indorsed. Postmasters are advised, however, that in the filling of requisitions substitutions will be made between bicentennial and regular extra quality envelopes when necessary to conform to stock on hand.

In accordance with the rule, now in force, extra quality 3-cent envelopes, either office request or plain, will be sold at stamp windows in connection

with all purchases of less than 250 envelopes at a time, while the sale of 3-cent standard quality envelopes will be restricted to lots of 250 or multiples thereof.

The new 3-cent stamp and stamped envelopes will be first placed on sale at the post office in Washington, D. C., on June 16, 1932, but facilities will not be available for the preparation of first day covers.

The following condensed list will supplement the current price list, Form 3200, dated January 1, 1931, until a revised schedule containing 3-cent envelopes is printed.

**REQUISITIONS**

Postmasters at direct and central-accounting post offices are directed to submit requisitions to the department on the proper forms for an initial supply of 3-cent stamps in sheets and coils and 3-cent office request and unprinted envelopes, the quantity of each called for to be on the basis of an estimated three months' demand. Orders for 3-cent special request envelopes may now be accepted from local patrons and requisitions therefor transmitted to the Department. **POSTMASTERS SHALL NOT INCLUDE 3-CENT STAMP BOOKS IN INITIAL REQUISITION.** (See paragraph 4 of these instructions.)

Postmasters at district-accounting post offices will obtain needed supplies of 3-cent stamps and stamped envelopes by requisition to the central-accounting postmaster, using Form 3338 for stamps and unprinted envelopes and Form 3202-D for special request and office request envelopes. Postmasters at such post offices may defer the submitting of requisitions for unprinted and office request 3-cent envelopes until the supply of 2-cent envelopes with 1-cent stamps affixed is about exhausted.

**DISPOSITION OF 2-CENT STOCK ON HAND**

Because of the difficulties experienced heretofore in disposing of overprinted envelopes, the department will not authorize the revaluing to 3 cents of the stocks of 2-cent envelopes held as unsalable under the new rate. Therefore, so far as practicable, 2-cent envelopes on hand in post offices when the new rate becomes effective should be disposed of by affixing 1-cent stamps. The same procedure may be followed by post-office patrons who have 2-cent envelopes left on hand. Postmasters are directed to provide an ample supply of 1-cent adhesive stamps for affixing to 2-cent envelopes in post-office stock and in the hands of the public. Unused 2-cent envelopes will be redeemable from the public at postage value only.

Postmasters at district post offices will not return surplus 2-cent stamps to the central accounting postmaster for redemption unless authorized to do so. Postmasters at such offices will affix 1-cent stamps to their remaining stocks of 2-cent envelopes and dispose of same at the rates prescribed for 3-cent envelopes.

The department can not undertake at this time the redemption of surplus 2-cent stamps and stamped envelopes in post-office stock. Postmasters shall not make reports of such stock to the department until so directed unless it is impracticable to store and protect the supplies.

F. A. TILTON,  
Third Assistant Postmaster General.

**CARD NOTICES CONCERNING MAIL SUBJECT TO 3-CENT RATE WHEN RETURNED UNDER COVER TO ISSUING POST OFFICE**

THIRD ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL,  
Washington, June 7, 1932.

Owing to the increase effective July 6, 1932, in the rate of postage on first-class matter from 2 cents to 3 cents for each ounce or fraction thereof, the card notices concerning mail held for forwarding or return postage, and undelivered matter, namely, Forms 1517 and 3540 (Notice to Sender of Undelivered Mail), Form 3540-A (Notice to Sender of Mail Held for Postage), Form 3548 (Notice to Addressee of Mail Held for Postage) and Form 3849-d (Notice to Sender of Undelivered C. O. D. Mail) and other card notices partly in writing returned under cover, when returned to the issuing post office with instructions as to the disposition of the mail, will require three cents postage.

In preparing the notices postmasters shall therefore modify, either by means of a hand stamp or with pen and ink, the instructions thereon with respect to the amount of postage required for their return so as to show that 3 cents instead of 2 cents will be required for this purpose, on and after July 6, 1932.

F. A. TILTON,  
Third Assistant Postmaster General.

**PRICE LIST OF 3-CENT ENVELOPES**

Special request and office request														Size No.	Quality	Unprinted														
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	25	250	500	1,000			1,000	500	250	25	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
\$.04	\$.07	\$.10	\$.13	\$.17	\$.20	\$.23	\$.26	\$.30	\$.33	\$.37	\$.40	\$.44	\$.48	5	Extra	\$32.24	\$16.12	\$8.06	\$.81	\$.33	\$.30	\$.26	\$.23	\$.20	\$.17	\$.13	\$.10	\$.07	\$.04	
.04	.07	.10	.13	.16	.20	.23	.26	.29	.32	.36	.39	.42	.45	5	Stand	31.72	15.86	7.93												
														5	Window	32.00	16.00	8.00												
.04	.07	.10	.14	.17	.20	.23	.27	.30	.33	.37	.40	.44	.48	13	Extra	32.52	16.26	8.13	.82	.33	.30	.27	.23	.20	.17	.14	.10	.07	.04	
.04	.07	.10	.13	.17	.20	.23	.26	.29	.33	.37	.40	.44	.48	13	Stand	31.92	15.96	7.98												
														13	Window	32.24	16.12	8.06												
.04	.07	.10	.14	.17	.20	.24	.27	.30	.34	.38	.41	.45	.49	6	Window	(1)														
.04	.07	.10	.13	.17	.20	.23	.26	.30	.33	.37	.40	.44	.48	7½	Extra	(1)														
														7½	Stand	(1)														
.04	.07	.11	.14	.17	.21	.24	.27	.31	.34	.38	.41	.45	.49	7	Extra	33.20	16.60	8.30	.83	.34	.30	.27	.24	.20	.17	.14	.10	.07	.04	
.04	.07	.10	.14	.17	.20	.23	.27	.30	.33	.37	.40	.44	.48	7	Stand	32.36	16.18	8.09												
														7	Window	32.80	16.40	8.20												
.04	.07	.11	.14	.17	.21	.24	.28	.31	.34	.38	.41	.45	.49	8	Extra	33.60	16.80	8.40	.84	.34	.31	.27	.24	.21	.17	.14	.11	.07	.04	
.04	.07	.10	.14	.17	.20	.24	.27	.30	.33	.37	.40	.44	.48	8	Stand	32.64	16.32	8.16												
														8	Window	33.16	16.58	8.29												
.04	.07	.11	.14	.18	.21	.24	.28	.31	.35	.38	.42	.46	.50	9	Extra	34.00	17.00	8.50	.85	.34	.31	.28	.24	.21	.17	.14	.11	.07	.04	
.04	.07	.10	.14	.17	.20	.24	.27	.30	.34	.38	.41	.45	.49	9	Stand	32.92	16.46	8.23												

<sup>1</sup> Due to the very limited public demand, the manufacture of unprinted No. 6 and No. 7½ envelopes has been discontinued and postmasters will not requisition supplies of 3-cent envelopes in these sizes for placing in post office stock. Postmasters will, however, continue to accept orders from patrons for 3-cent special request envelopes in these sizes.

PERMANENT-WAVING PREPARATIONS CONTAINING AMMONIA SOLUTIONS OF 5 PER CENT OR MORE IN STRENGTH NOT MAILABLE

SECOND ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL, Washington, June 7, 1932.

Complaints continue to reach the department that postmasters are accepting for transmission in the mails from manufacturers of or jobbers in permanent-waving preparations...

Persons presenting such articles for mailing should have their attention called to paragraph 1, section 460 of the Postal Laws and Regulations.

W. IRVING GLOVER, Second Assistant Postmaster General.

CUSTOMS DECLARATIONS AND DISPATCH NOTES TO BE PREPARED IN INK OR ON THE TYPEWRITER

SECOND ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL, Washington, June 7, 1932.

Postmasters at offices of mailing should urge senders to prepare customs declarations and dispatch notes either with ink or on the typewriter.

W. IRVING GLOVER, Second Assistant Postmaster General.

CARD NOTICES FORMS 3802, 3849-d AND 3858, REQUIRE THREE CENTS POSTAGE ON AND AFTER JULY 6, 1932, WHEN RETURNED UNDER COVER BY THE PUBLIC

THIRD ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL, Washington, June 8, 1932.

Owing to advance in the first-class postage rate from 2 cents to 3 cents per ounce or fraction thereof, effective July 6, 1932...

Patrons of the Postal Service concerned should be advised of the change in the amount of postage required for returning these cards.

F. A. TILTON, Third Assistant Postmaster General.

STOLEN MONEY-ORDER FORMS

THIRD ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL, Washington, June 8, 1932.

Blank domestic money-order forms printed for the use of the offices named below have been reported stolen since May 1, 1932.

- CARBONDALE, COLO., Nos. 100056 to 100200, June 7, 1932. Chicago, Ill., Station 63, Nos. 198356 to 198600, June 3, 1932.

On receipt of this notice, the postmaster will carefully examine his record to ascertain whether any of the forms in question have already been paid at his office.

F. A. TILTON, Third Assistant Postmaster General.

POST-OFFICE CHANGES Discontinued—Fourth Class MISSISSIPPI Russell, Lauderdale County, 104765, 104808, and 226252. Effective June 15, 1932. Mail to Meridian.

POST-OFFICE CHANGES Sites Changed COLORADO Rescind Vilas, Baca County. The order appearing in Bulletin 15913, changing the site of this office one-half block west on route 65335 has been rescinded.

POST-OFFICE CHANGES

Sites Changed MISSOURI Thompson, Audrain County, 250 feet north on routes 106715, 107724, and 245399. Order of June 6, 1932.

ACTING POSTMASTERS APPOINTED

Fourth Class Lauratown, Ark., Jewell G. Neece. June 1, 1932. Odell, Ark., Robert E. Richey. June 1, 1932.

MAIL-MESSENGER SERVICE

Established INDIANA 233127. Seymour to 105761, 0.2 mile; 105749, 0.2 mile; including direct transfer service between depots...

NEW YORK 207911 (E) Jamestown to 105755 and 102786, 0.27 mile; 102714, at Chautauqua terminal, 0.5 mile; 302166, 0.04 mile; between main post office and Station A...

MAIL-MESSENGER SERVICE

Changed TEXAS 250970. Troup to 111765, 0.1 mile. Distance is restated as 0.13 mile.

RAILROAD SERVICE

Discontinued 101724. From Apr. 23, 1932, service over that part of route 101724 of the Boston & Maine Railroad between Oakdale and Northampton, Mass., 63.20 miles, is terminated.

STAR-ROUTE SERVICE

Established—Modified INDIANA 33976. La Fayette to Colburn: Order of May 23, 1932, authorizing employment of temporary service is modified so as to omit service on national holidays (7) unless specifically directed.

