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To Whom It May Concern:

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As a former Postmaster of Morgan City for 16 years and as a current patron, I feel that the citizens in the town and surrounding area deserve a full time Post Office and a Postmaster. I would like to respond to the "Final Determination to Close the Morgan City, MS, Post Office and Establish Service by Rural Route Service" Docket Number 1373772-38946, Posted 10/04/2011.

I believe there has been ample time to appoint a Postmaster since the last person resigned July 19, 2009, and not appointing a Postmaster in this time period is one of my concerns.

The Itta Bena Post Office is actually 10 miles away from Morgan City, not 8 as stated in the above referenced document.

Residents who currently live within walking distance of the Morgan City Post Office and **utilize not only the Post Office Boxes, but the window service**, would after **the closing of this office** have to travel either to Belzoni, MS, which is 17 miles away; or to Moorhead, MS, which is 17 miles away; or to Itta Bena, MS, which is 10 miles away. The incorporated town of Morgan City plus the surrounding area would have to be served by three (3) separate rural routes and three (3) separate Post Offices. Patrons who do not live in the incorporated city limits but are eligible for delivery currently from Belzoni or from Moorhead rural routes use the Morgan City Post Office Boxes for security and for safety and convenience. Rural Route boxes are subject to theft and vandalism.

Currently, accountable mail is available at approximately 9:40 a.m. at Morgan City. If it is delivered by rural carrier, and customer is not available, it would be after 1:00 p.m. before he could pick it up at any one of the three named Post Offices.

As printed in your PS Form 1093-T dated July 2011, "There are many benefits to having a PO Box: Privacy; Confidentiality; Efficiency; Security and Accessibility."

Eliminating these Post Office Boxes in Morgan City would negate the efficiency and accessibility and security. Some patrons would have to pay a driver to access any one of the three Post Offices to conduct business.

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You state that Morgan City is not incorporated, and that it is administered politically by Leflore County, but it is incorporated and administered by a Mayor and Board of Alderman.

I do not believe that closing the Morgan City Post Office and replacing it with rural delivery will provide the degree of regular and effective services that are currently available.

The Mississippi Delta has unique needs because of the poverty level of the unemployed, elderly and handicapped on government assistance, and shortage of jobs that pay above minimum wage. These citizens cannot easily access a Post Office that is not in their home town. To further impede their ability to perform postal transactions (buying money orders to pay bills, correspond with family members in other states, send and receive packages, etc.) would be devastating to this community.

The very people in these small towns and rural communities that the United States Postal Service began serving by placing Post Offices within their reach, are now being deprived of this wonderful "service" by the closing of their windows to the world. City residents have always had this convenience and security and will not be affected adversely now. I would like to see the USPS return to its roots of SERVICE instead of upper management referring to it as a "company." There must be a common ground between the two, making the "company" successful in both finances and in people SERVICE.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wayne E. Walker".

Wayne E. Walker, Retired Postmaster

Morgan City, MS 38946

Total Travel Estimate: 10.39 miles - about 19 minutes



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Trip to:
100 Dewey St
Itta Bena, MS 38941-1903
10.39 miles
19 minutes

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		Miles Per Section	Miles Driven
	208 Delta St Morgan City, MS 38946-9700		
	1. Start out going southwest on Delta St toward 2nd Ave.	Go 0.01 MI	0.01 mi
	2. Turn right onto 2nd Ave. <i>US Post Office is on the right</i>	Go 0.04 MI	0.04 mi
	3. Turn right onto MS-7.	Go 9.6 MI	9.6 mi
	4. Turn right onto MS-7 / Lake Side St.	Go 0.3 MI	9.9 mi
	5. Take the 3rd left onto Basket St / MS-7. <i>Basket St is just past Main St</i> <i>If you are on Lakeside Dr and reach George St you've gone about 0.2 miles too far</i>	Go 0.4 MI	10.3 mi
	6. Turn left onto Humphreys St. <i>Humphreys St is just past Front St</i> <i>Itta-Bena Morgan City Prabytm is on the corner</i> <i>If you reach Fitzhugh St you've gone a little too far</i>	Go 0.07 MI	10.4 mi
	7. Humphreys St becomes Dewey St.		10.4 mi
	8. 100 DEWEY ST is on the right. <i>If you reach Fitzhugh St you've gone a little too far</i>		10.4 mi
	100 Dewey St Itta Bena, MS 38941-1903	10.4 mi	10.4 mi

Total Travel Estimate: 13.11 miles - about 32 minutes



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Trip to:
 900 E Delta Ave
 Moorhead, MS 38761-9500
 13.11 miles
 32 minutes

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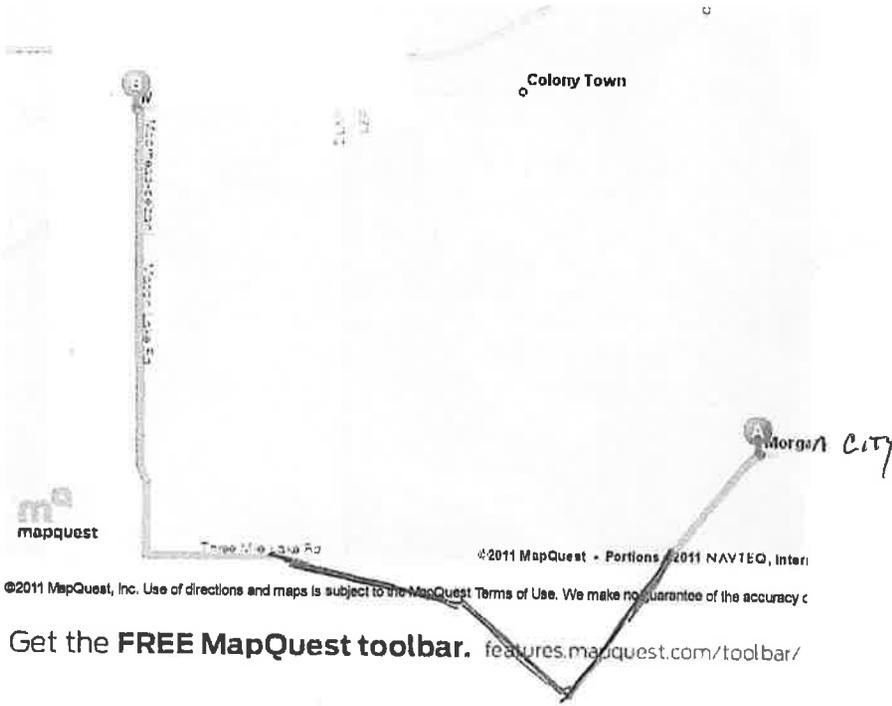
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Picture: Tomaszewski

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208 Delta St Morgan City, MS 38946-9700		
1. Start out going northeast on Delta St toward 1st Ave.	Go 0.06 MI	0.06 mi
2. Turn left onto 1st Ave.	Go 0.04 MI	0.1 mi
3. 1st Ave becomes Northside Dr.	Go 0.07 MI	0.2 mi
4. Turn left onto Mossey Lake Rd / CR-510. Continue to follow CR-510. <i>If you are on Northside Dr and reach CR-313 you've gone about 0.3 miles too far</i>	Go 5.3 MI	5.4 mi
5. Turn left to stay on CR-510. <i>CR-310 is 0.5 miles past CR-274 If you are on CR-346 and reach Moorhead Rd you've gone about 0.9 miles too far</i>	Go 1.4 MI	6.8 mi
6. CR-510 becomes McCoy Lake Rd.	Go 0.8 MI	7.7 mi
7. Turn right onto Adams Rd.	Go 0.5 MI	8.2 mi
8. Turn left onto Hobbs St.	Go 2.7 MI	10.9 mi
9. Turn right onto Moorhead-Belzani.	Go 1.5 MI	12.4 mi
10. Turn right onto Moorhead-Belzani / MS-3 / Olive St. Continue to follow MS-3 / Olive St.	Go 0.6 MI	13.0 mi
11. Turn left onto Washington St. <i>Washington St is just past N Southern Ave If you reach State St you've gone about 0.1 miles too far</i>	Go 0.06 MI	13.1 mi
12. Take the 1st right onto E Delta Ave. <i>Chosen Generation Ministries is on the corner If you reach W Delta Ave you've gone a little too far</i>		13.1 mi
13. 900 E DELTA AVE is on the right. <i>If you reach State St you've gone about 0.1 miles too far</i>		13.1 mi

Total Travel Estimate: 17.86 miles - about 33 minutes



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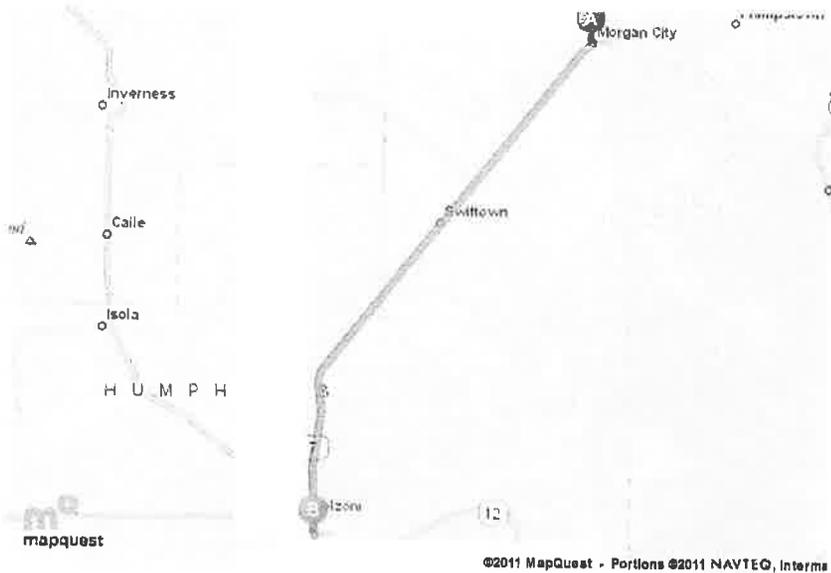


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	2. Turn right onto 2nd Ave. <i>US Post Office is on the right</i>	Go 0.04 MI	0.04 m
	3. Turn left onto MS-7.	Go 5.1 MI	5.2 mi
	4. Turn right onto Mother In Law Rd. <i>If you reach CR-65 you've gone about 0.6 miles too far</i>	Go 1.2 MI	6.3 mi
	5. Mother In Law Rd becomes CR-508.	Go 2.1 MI	8.4 mi
	6. CR-508 becomes Three Mile Lake Rd.	Go 3.0 MI	11.4 mi
	7. Three Mile Lake Rd becomes Macon Lake Rd.	Go 4.1 MI	15.6 mi
	8. Macon Lake Rd becomes Moorhead-Belzani.	Go 1.6 MI	17.2 mi
	9. Turn right onto Moorhead-Belzani / MS-3 / Olive St. Continue to follow MS-3 / Olive St.	Go 0.6 MI	17.8 mi
	10. Turn left onto Washington St. <i>Washington St is just past N Southern Ave</i> <i>If you reach State St you've gone about 0.1 miles too far</i>	Go 0.06 MI	17.9 mi
	11. Take the 1st right onto E Delta Ave. <i>Chosen Generation Ministries is on the corner</i> <i>If you reach W Delta Ave you've gone a little too far</i>		17.9 mi
	12. 900 E DELTA AVE is on the right. <i>If you reach State St you've gone about 0.1 miles too far</i>		17.9 mi
	900 E Delta Ave Moorhead, MS 38761-9500	17.9 mi	17.9 mi

Total Travel Estimate: 17.07 miles - about 32 minutes



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Trip to:
 102 Church St
 Belzoni, MS 39038-3930
 17.07 miles
 32 minutes
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	3. Turn left onto MS-7.	Go 16.4 MI	16.5 mi
	4. Turn left onto 1st St. <i>1st St is 0.1 miles past Lincoln St</i> <i>Varsity Restaurant is on the right</i> <i>If you are on S Hayden St and reach W Lowery St you've gone about 0.1 miles too far</i>	Go 0.08 MI	16.6 mi
	5. Take the 2nd right onto Church St. <i>Church St is just past Hayden Aly</i> <i>Supervalu is on the right</i> <i>If you reach Fisk Ave you've gone a little too far</i>	Go 0.5 MI	17.1 mi
	6. 102 CHURCH ST is on the left. <i>Your destination is just past E Jackson St</i> <i>If you reach Castlemen St you've gone a little too far</i>		17.1 mi
	102 Church St Belzoni, MS 39038-3930	17.1 mi	17.1 mi

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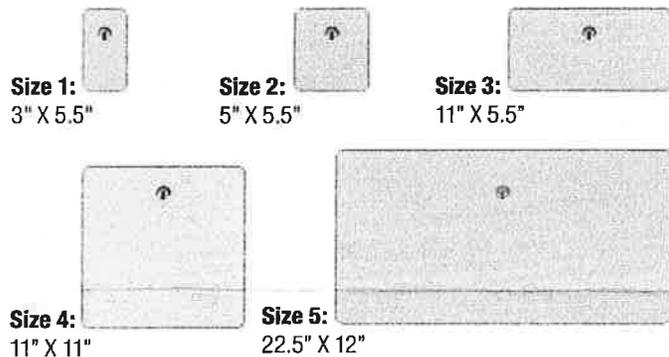
THERE ARE MANY BENEFITS TO HAVING A PO BOX:

Privacy: Your home address is just that – your home. With a PO Box, you can keep your home address private.

Confidentiality: Since you have the only key to your PO Box, important documents and personal communications stay confidential.

Efficiency: A PO Box makes it easy to separate business mail from personal mail.

Security and Accessibility: Control when and where you get your mail. Your mail and packages are secure until you are ready to pick them up. Many Post Office™ locations have extended business hours and/or 24-hour Post Office Box Lobby access.



Select the right size for your mail volume and schedule:

Across the U.S., Postal Service™ PO Boxes are available in five sizes. However, not all Post Office locations have every size.

Our smallest box (Size 1) fits 10–15 letter-sized envelopes or up to two rolled magazines. Start with a Size 2 box if you receive more than 15 mailpieces a week. Size 3, 4, or 5 is recommended if you receive magazines and catalogs.

It's easy to find a box that's right for you. Find an available PO Box by going to www.yourotheraddress.com.

If you need more room than our largest box provides, ask at your local Post Office about Business Mail Pickup (Caller) Service.

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To find a PO Box in your area and get fee information, visit www.yourotheraddress.com. You may pay your initial PO Box fees online or at a Post Office.

THERE ARE TWO SIMPLE WAYS TO APPLY

Apply online: Complete the online application at www.usps.com/poboxes and make your first payment with a credit or debit card. (Online registration is not available for Business Mail Pickup (Caller) Service or Qualifying No-Fee box customers.)

Apply at a Post Office: Complete pages 3 and 4 and take this whole form to a Post Office most convenient for you. Once we verify your information and receive your payment, we will provide your PO Box address and begin your service.

ID REQUIRED

Whether you apply online or at a Post Office, **two valid forms of identification** are required when you obtain your keys or combination at the Post Office where your box is located. You must present the IDs at a Post Office. One item must contain a photograph and one must be traceable to the bearer (prove your physical address). Both must be current. Acceptable forms of ID include:

Photo ID Options:

- Valid driver's license or state non-driver's identification card
- Armed forces, government, university, or recognized corporate identification card
- Passport, passport card, alien registration card, or certificate of naturalization

Non-Photo ID Options:

- Current lease, mortgage, or deed of trust
- Voter or vehicle registration card
- Home or vehicle insurance policy

Note: Social Security cards, credit cards, and birth certificates are not acceptable forms of ID.

RENEWAL PAYMENTS

Renewal payments are due the last day of the month your service period ends. If your payment is late, you will not be able to access the mail in your box. After 10 days of nonpayment, we remove the mail, treat it as undeliverable, and close your box. You may also incur a late payment fee. Note that closed PO Boxes are available for new customers immediately, so late payment can lead to loss of your PO Box address. You may renew your PO Box online, at a Post Office, by mail, or at an Automated Postal Center® (APC®). It is your responsibility to pay your renewal fee on time. Convenient payment options are:

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