

# 153 Rates and Eligibility

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## 1.0 Parcel Post Rates and Fees

### 1.1 Rate Eligibility

There are two Parcel Post retail rate categories: Intra-BMC and Inter-BMC. Intra-BMC and Inter-BMC Parcel Post rates are calculated based on the zone to which the parcel is addressed and the weight of the parcel. Requirements for Parcel Post rates and discounts are as follows:

- a. Intra-BMC rates apply to all Parcel Post that originates and destines in the service area of the same BMC or ASF. Intra-BMC rates also apply to Parcel Post that originates and destines in the same state for Alaska and Hawaii and in the same territory for Puerto Rico. See [Exhibit 1.1, BMC/ASF Service Areas](#). Nonmachinable pieces ([101.3.3, Machinable Parcels](#), and [101.7.2, Nonmachinable Parcel Post Standards](#)) mailed at Intra-BMC rates are subject to a nonmachinable surcharge in addition to postage.
- b. Inter-BMC rates apply to all Parcel Post that originates in the service area of a BMC or ASF or in Alaska, Hawaii, or Puerto Rico and destines outside that area, state, or territory. Nonmachinable pieces ([101.3.3, Machinable Parcels](#), and [101.7.2, Nonmachinable Parcel Post Standards](#)) mailed at Inter-BMC rates are subject to a nonmachinable surcharge in addition to postage.
- c. The oversized rate applies to pieces that measure over 108 inches but not more than 130 inches in combined length and girth.
- d. Parcels that weigh less than 20 pounds but measure more than 84 inches (but not more than 108 inches) in combined length and girth are charged the applicable rate for a 20-pound parcel (balloon rate).



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### Exhibit 1.1 BMC/ASF Service Areas

SERVICE AREA	ZIP CODE AREAS SERVED
<b>BMC</b>	
New Jersey	005, 068-079, 085-098, 100-119, 124-127
Springfield	010-067, 120-123, 128, 129
Philadelphia	080-084, 137-139, 169-199
Pittsburgh	150-168, 260-266, 439-447
Washington	200-212, 214-239, 244, 254, 267, 268
Greensboro	240-243, 245-249, 270-297, 376
Cincinnati	250-253, 255-259, 400-418, 421, 422, 425-427, 430-433, 437, 438, 448-462, 469-474
Atlanta	298, 300-312, 317-319, 350-352, 354-368, 373, 374, 377-379, 398, 399.
Jacksonville	299, 313-316, 320-342, 344, 346, 347, 349.
Memphis	369-372, 375, 380-397, 700, 701, 703-705, 707, 708, 713, 714, 716, 717, 719-729
St. Louis	420, 423, 424, 475-479, 614-620, 622-631, 633-639
Detroit	434-436, 465-468, 480-497
Chicago	463, 464, 530-532, 534, 535, 537-539, 600-611, 613
Minneapolis/St. Paul	498, 499, 540-551, 553-564, 566
Des Moines	500-516, 520-528, 612, 680, 681, 683-689
Kansas City	640, 641, 644-658, 660-662, 664-679, 739
Denver	690-693, 800-816, 820, 822-831, 856, 857
Dallas	706, 710-712, 718, 733, 747, 750-799, 880, 885
Seattle	835, 838, 970-978, 980-986, 988-994
Los Angeles	889-891, 893, 900-908, 910-928, 930-935
San Francisco	894, 895, 897, 936-966
<b>ASF</b>	
Buffalo	130-136, 140-149
Fargo	565, 567, 580-588
Sioux Falls	570-577
Billings	590-599, 821
Oklahoma City	730, 731, 734-738, 740, 741, 743-746, 748, 749
Salt Lake City	832-834, 836, 837, 840-847, 898, 979
Phoenix	850, 852, 853, 855, 859, 860, 863, 864
Albuquerque	865, 870-875, 877-879, 881-884
<b>Other</b>	
Puerto Rico	006-009
Hawaii	967-969
Alaska	995-999

**1.2 Determining Single-Piece Weight**

To determine single-piece weight in any mailing of nonidentical-weight pieces, weigh each piece individually. To determine single-piece weight in a mailing of identical-weight pieces, weigh a sample group of at least 10 randomly selected pieces and divide the total sample weight by the number of pieces in the sample. Express all single-piece weights in decimal pounds rounded off to four decimal places.

**1.3 Parcel Post Rate Application**

The Parcel Post rate is charged per pound or fraction thereof; any fraction of a pound is considered a whole pound. For example, if an item weighs 4.225 pounds, the weight (postage) increment is 5 pounds. The minimum postage rate per piece is the 1-pound rate.

**1.4 Computing Postage—Parcel Post With Permit Imprint**

To compute the total postage for a mailing, for each weight increment, multiply the number of pieces by the applicable rate per piece.

**1.5 Computing Postage—Parcel Post With Postage Affixed**

For each piece, affix the postage for the weight increment (including any surcharges) and the zone to which the piece is addressed, as shown in [1.7](#) through [1.11](#) in [Parcel Post Rates and Fees](#).

**1.6 Pickup on Demand Fees**

Parcel Post only, per occurrence: \$14.25.

May be combined with Express Mail and Priority Mail pickups (see [507.5.0](#), [Pickup on Demand Service](#)).

**1.7 Inter-BMC/ASF Machinable Parcel Post**

For barcode discount, deduct \$0.03 per parcel (50-piece minimum). Parcels that weigh less than 20 pounds but measure more than 84 inches (but not more than 108 inches) in combined length and girth are charged the applicable rate for a 20-pound parcel (balloon rate).

**1.8 Inter-BMC/ASF Nonmachinable Parcel Post**

Rates include the \$3.89 nonmachinable surcharge. Regardless of weight, a parcel with any of the characteristics in [101.7.2](#), [Nonmachinable Parcel Post Standards](#), must pay the rate listed in [Exhibit 1.9](#). Parcels that weigh less than 20 pounds but measure more than 84 inches (but not more than 108 inches) in combined length and girth are charged the applicable rate for a 20-pound parcel (balloon rate). The nonmachinable surcharge does not apply to parcels mailed at oversized rates or parcels sent with special handling.

**1.9 Inter-BMC/ASF Machinable and Nonmachinable Parcel Post Rates**

See [Exhibit 1.9](#), [Inter-BMC/ASF Machinable and Nonmachinable Parcel Post Rates](#).



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## Retail Mail: Parcel Post Rates and Eligibility

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### Exhibit 1.9 Inter-BMC/ASF Machinable and Nonmachinable Parcel Post Rates

Weight Not Over (pounds)	Machinable <sup>1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7</sup>							Nonmachinable <sup>1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7</sup>						
	Zone							Zone						
	1 & 2	3	4	5	6	7	8	1 & 2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	\$4.38	\$4.50	\$4.50	\$4.50	\$4.50	\$4.50	\$4.50	\$8.27	\$8.39	\$8.39	\$8.39	\$8.39	\$8.39	\$8.39
2	4.50	4.80	5.20	5.67	6.00	6.15	6.15	8.39	8.69	9.09	9.56	9.89	10.04	10.04
3	4.95	5.60	6.30	7.02	7.05	7.33	7.93	8.84	9.49	10.19	10.91	10.94	11.22	11.82
4	5.60	6.55	7.47	7.78	8.04	8.45	9.25	9.49	10.44	11.36	11.67	11.93	12.34	13.14
5	6.20	7.45	8.23	8.59	8.98	9.50	10.50	10.09	11.34	12.12	12.48	12.87	13.39	14.39
6	6.75	8.15	8.97	9.36	9.83	10.48	11.77	10.64	12.04	12.86	13.25	13.72	14.37	15.66
7	7.25	8.61	9.67	10.09	10.64	11.44	12.88	11.14	12.50	13.56	13.98	14.53	15.33	16.77
8	7.65	8.94	10.36	10.79	11.41	12.32	14.08	11.54	12.83	14.25	14.68	15.30	16.21	17.97
9	8.05	9.27	10.99	11.47	12.14	13.14	15.21	11.94	13.16	14.88	15.36	16.03	17.03	19.10
10	8.40	10.37	11.62	12.12	12.84	13.92	16.17	12.29	14.26	15.51	16.01	16.73	17.81	20.06
11	8.70	10.69	12.22	12.75	13.52	14.68	17.08	12.59	14.58	16.11	16.64	17.41	18.57	20.97
12	8.96	10.97	12.80	13.36	14.17	15.40	17.96	12.85	14.86	16.69	17.25	18.06	19.29	21.85
13	9.14	11.22	13.37	13.95	14.80	16.10	18.80	13.03	15.11	17.26	17.84	18.69	19.99	22.69
14	9.32	11.53	13.91	14.53	15.41	16.77	19.61	13.21	15.42	17.80	18.42	19.30	20.66	23.50
15	9.48	11.79	14.44	15.09	15.99	17.43	20.40	13.37	15.68	18.33	18.98	19.88	21.32	24.29
16	9.62	12.04	14.96	15.64	16.56	18.06	21.16	13.51	15.93	18.85	19.53	20.45	21.95	25.05
17	9.80	12.25	15.46	16.18	17.12	18.67	21.89	13.69	16.14	19.35	20.07	21.01	22.56	25.78
18	9.93	12.48	15.78	16.70	17.66	19.27	22.61	13.82	16.37	19.67	20.59	21.55	23.16	26.50
19	10.10	12.71	16.13	17.21	18.18	19.85	23.30	13.99	16.60	20.02	21.10	22.07	23.74	27.19
20	10.22	12.92	16.42	17.71	18.70	20.41	23.98	14.11	16.81	20.31	21.60	22.59	24.30	27.87
21	10.37	13.14	16.72	18.20	19.19	20.96	24.64	14.26	17.03	20.61	22.09	23.08	24.85	28.53
22	10.49	13.31	17.02	18.69	19.68	21.50	25.28	14.38	17.20	20.91	22.58	23.57	25.39	29.17
23	10.63	13.55	17.33	19.16	20.16	22.02	25.90	14.52	17.44	21.22	23.05	24.05	25.91	29.79
24	10.73	13.72	17.58	19.62	20.62	22.54	26.51	14.62	17.61	21.47	23.51	24.51	26.43	30.40
25	10.87	13.90	17.85	20.08	21.08	23.04	27.11	14.76	17.79	21.74	23.97	24.97	26.93	31.00
26	10.97	14.07	18.10	20.53	21.53	23.53	27.69	14.86	17.96	21.99	24.42	25.42	27.42	31.58
27	11.12	14.25	18.33	20.97	21.97	24.01	28.26	15.01	18.14	22.22	24.86	25.86	27.90	32.15
28	11.21	14.42	18.60	21.40	22.39	24.48	28.82	15.10	18.31	22.49	25.29	26.28	28.37	32.71
29	11.34	14.60	18.84	21.83	22.81	24.94	29.36	15.23	18.49	22.73	25.72	26.70	28.83	33.25
30	11.44	14.74	19.05	22.24	23.23	25.39	29.90	15.33	18.63	22.94	26.13	27.12	29.28	33.79
31	11.57	14.89	19.27	22.66	23.63	25.83	30.42	15.46	18.78	23.16	26.55	27.52	29.72	34.31
32	11.65	15.05	19.49	23.06	24.03	26.27	30.94	15.54	18.94	23.38	26.95	27.92	30.16	34.83
33	11.75	15.21	19.71	23.46	24.42	26.69	31.44	15.64	19.10	23.60	27.35	28.31	30.58	35.33
34	11.87	15.31	19.88	23.86	24.81	27.11	31.93	15.76	19.20	23.77	27.75	28.70	31.00	35.82
35	11.97	15.48	20.09	24.25	25.19	27.53	32.42	15.86	19.37	23.98	28.14	29.08	31.42	36.31

1. For parcels that destinate to different BMC service areas.
2. Parcels that measure in combined length and girth:
  - More than 84 inches but not more than 108 inches, and the piece weighs less than 20 pounds, use 20-pound rates (balloon rate).
  - More than 108 inches but not more than 130 inches, use oversized rates regardless of weight.
3. Machinable parcels may be eligible for barcode discount of \$0.03 per parcel (50-piece minimum).
4. Regardless of weight, a parcel that meets any of the criteria in 101.7.2 (for retail) or 401.2.3.2 (for discount) must pay the nonmachinable rates.
5. Rates include the \$3.89 nonmachinable surcharge. The nonmachinable surcharge does not apply to parcels mailed at oversized rates or parcels sent with special handling.
6. For OBMC Presort discount, deduct \$1.50 per parcel.
7. For BMC Presort discount, deduct \$0.26 per parcel.



**Exhibit 1.9 Inter-BMC/ASF Machinable and Nonmachinable Parcel Post Rates**

Weight Not Over (pounds)	Machinable <sup>1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7</sup>							Nonmachinable <sup>1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7</sup>						
	Zone							Zone						
	1 & 2	3	4	5	6	7	8	1 & 2	3	4	5	6	7	8
36	For parcels over 35 pounds, use nonmachinable rates.							\$15.95	\$19.50	\$24.20	\$28.52	\$29.45	\$31.82	\$36.79
37	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	16.05	19.62	24.35	28.90	29.81	32.22	37.26
38	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	16.14	19.79	24.53	29.27	30.17	32.61	37.72
39	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	16.25	19.88	24.70	29.65	30.53	33.00	38.17
40	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	16.34	20.04	24.89	30.01	30.88	33.38	38.62
41	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	16.46	20.17	25.04	30.37	31.22	33.76	39.06
42	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	16.54	20.28	25.21	30.73	31.56	34.12	39.49
43	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	16.60	20.40	25.38	31.08	31.90	34.49	39.92
44	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	16.70	20.49	25.52	31.42	32.23	34.85	40.34
45	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	16.79	20.63	25.69	31.77	32.55	35.20	40.75
46	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	16.88	20.74	25.85	32.11	32.87	35.55	41.16
47	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	16.99	20.87	25.98	32.31	33.19	35.89	41.56
48	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	17.06	20.97	26.15	32.48	33.51	36.23	41.95
49	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	17.12	21.09	26.28	32.65	33.81	36.56	42.35
50	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	17.20	21.17	26.39	32.82	34.12	36.90	42.73
51	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	17.31	21.30	26.55	32.98	34.42	37.22	43.11
52	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	17.37	21.40	26.68	33.13	34.72	37.54	43.48
53	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	17.48	21.48	26.77	33.28	35.01	37.86	43.86
54	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	17.54	21.62	26.93	33.43	35.30	38.17	44.22
55	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	17.61	21.66	27.06	33.58	35.59	38.49	44.58
56	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	17.71	21.82	27.17	33.73	35.87	38.79	44.94
57	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	17.79	21.90	27.30	33.86	36.15	39.09	45.29
58	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	17.85	21.99	27.41	34.00	36.43	39.39	45.64
59	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	17.94	22.08	27.54	34.13	36.71	39.69	45.98
60	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	18.02	22.17	27.67	34.26	36.98	39.98	46.32
61	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	18.13	22.30	27.76	34.38	37.25	40.27	46.66
62	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	18.19	22.36	27.88	34.51	37.51	40.56	46.99
63	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	18.24	22.47	27.99	34.62	37.77	40.84	47.31
64	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	18.31	22.53	28.08	34.74	38.03	41.12	47.64
65	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	18.39	22.64	28.20	34.86	38.29	41.40	47.96
66	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	18.49	22.73	28.29	34.96	38.55	41.67	48.28
67	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	18.57	22.82	28.41	35.08	38.80	41.94	48.59
68	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	18.62	22.90	28.53	35.18	39.05	42.21	48.90
69	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	18.68	22.96	28.62	35.29	39.30	42.48	49.21
70	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	18.78	23.08	28.72	35.38	39.54	42.74	49.51
Oversized	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	50.54	55.19	58.28	69.40	83.99	97.82	127.24

- For parcels that destinate to different BMC service areas.
- Parcels that measure in combined length and girth:
  - More than 84 inches but not more than 108 inches, and the piece weighs less than 20 pounds, use 20-pound rates (balloon rate).
  - More than 108 inches but not more than 130 inches, use oversized rates regardless of weight.
- Machinable parcels may be eligible for barcode discount of \$0.03 per parcel (50-piece minimum).
- Regardless of weight, a parcel that meets any of the criteria in 101.7.2 (for retail) or 401.2.3.2 (for discount) must pay the nonmachinable rates.
- Rates include the \$3.89 nonmachinable surcharge. The nonmachinable surcharge does not apply to parcels mailed at oversized rates or parcels sent with special handling.
- For OBMC Presort discount, deduct \$1.50 per parcel.
- For BMC Presort discount, deduct \$0.26 per parcel.



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**1.10 Local and Intra-BMC/ASF Machinable Parcel Post**

Rates for parcels that originate and destinate in the same BMC service area are in [Exhibit 1.12, Local and Intra-BMC/ASF Machinable and Nonmachinable Parcel Post Rates](#). For barcode discount, deduct \$0.03 per parcel (50-piece minimum). Parcels that weigh less than 20 pounds but measure more than 84 inches (but not more than 108 inches) in combined length and girth are charged the applicable rate for a 20-pound parcel (balloon rate). Regardless of weight, a parcel with any of the characteristics in [101.7.2](#) must pay the rate for a nonmachinable parcel in [1.11](#).

**1.11 Local and Intra-BMC/ASF Nonmachinable Parcel Post**

Rates include the \$2.87 nonmachinable surcharge. Regardless of weight, a parcel with any of the characteristics in [101.7.2, Nonmachinable Parcel Post Standards](#), must pay the rates in [Exhibit 1.12](#). Parcels that weigh less than 20 pounds but measure more than 84 inches (but not more than 108 inches) in combined length and girth are charged the applicable rate for a 20-pound parcel (balloon rate). The nonmachinable surcharge does not apply to parcels mailed at oversized rates or parcels sent with special handling.

**1.12 Local and Intra-BMC/ASF Machinable and Nonmachinable Parcel Post Rates**

See [Exhibit 1.12, Local and Intra-BMC/ASF Machinable and Nonmachinable Parcel Post Rates](#).

**Exhibit 1.12 Local and Intra-BMC/ASF Machinable and Nonmachinable Parcel Post Rates**

Weight Not Over (pounds)	Machinable <sup>1, 2, 3, 4</sup>					Nonmachinable <sup>1, 2, 4, 5</sup>				
	Zone					Zone				
	Local	1 & 2	3	4	5	Local	1 & 2	3	4	5
1	\$3.42	\$3.67	\$3.70	\$3.78	\$3.96	\$6.29	\$6.54	\$6.57	\$6.65	\$6.83
2	3.80	4.34	4.38	4.47	4.72	6.67	7.21	7.25	7.34	7.59
3	4.15	4.96	5.00	5.11	5.46	7.02	7.83	7.87	7.98	8.33
4	4.47	5.37	5.58	5.69	6.13	7.34	8.24	8.45	8.56	9.00
5	4.76	5.74	6.07	6.21	6.76	7.63	8.61	8.94	9.08	9.63
6	5.03	6.09	6.53	6.67	7.32	7.90	8.96	9.40	9.54	10.19
7	5.24	6.42	6.94	7.10	7.86	8.11	9.29	9.81	9.97	10.73
8	5.42	6.95	7.33	7.50	8.34	8.29	9.82	10.20	10.37	11.21
9	5.60	7.24	7.69	7.90	8.79	8.47	10.11	10.56	10.77	11.66
10	5.77	7.55	8.07	8.53	9.21	8.64	10.42	10.94	11.40	12.08
11	5.93	7.82	8.38	8.86	9.59	8.80	10.69	11.25	11.73	12.46
12	6.09	8.10	8.69	9.18	9.96	8.96	10.97	11.56	12.05	12.83
13	6.25	8.28	8.97	9.48	10.30	9.12	11.15	11.84	12.35	13.17
14	6.39	8.44	9.22	9.81	10.61	9.26	11.31	12.09	12.68	13.48
15	6.53	8.59	9.49	10.07	10.90	9.40	11.46	12.36	12.94	13.77
16	6.68	8.74	9.76	10.33	11.20	9.55	11.61	12.63	13.20	14.07
17	6.80	8.92	10.01	10.61	11.45	9.67	11.79	12.88	13.48	14.32
18	6.93	9.05	10.25	10.84	11.70	9.80	11.92	13.12	13.71	14.57
19	7.05	9.20	10.49	11.08	11.94	9.92	12.07	13.36	13.95	14.81
20	7.19	9.35	10.73	11.28	12.15	10.06	12.22	13.60	14.15	15.02
21	7.30	9.46	10.95	11.49	12.36	10.17	12.33	13.82	14.36	15.23
22	7.42	9.62	11.17	11.71	12.55	10.29	12.49	14.04	14.58	15.42
23	7.53	9.72	11.40	11.93	12.76	10.40	12.59	14.27	14.80	15.63
24	7.65	9.85	11.61	12.15	12.93	10.52	12.72	14.48	15.02	15.80
25	7.76	9.96	11.81	12.35	13.11	10.63	12.83	14.68	15.22	15.98
26	7.86	10.10	12.00	12.56	13.26	10.73	12.97	14.87	15.43	16.13
27	7.97	10.21	12.21	12.76	13.42	10.84	13.08	15.08	15.63	16.29
28	8.07	10.31	12.41	12.94	13.59	10.94	13.18	15.28	15.81	16.46
29	8.18	10.43	12.60	13.13	13.79	11.05	13.30	15.47	16.00	16.66
30	8.29	10.54	12.78	13.31	13.97	11.16	13.41	15.65	16.18	16.84
31	8.38	10.65	12.94	13.49	14.17	11.25	13.52	15.81	16.36	17.04
32	8.46	10.76	13.13	13.67	14.34	11.33	13.63	16.00	16.54	17.21
33	8.57	10.86	13.29	13.83	14.52	11.44	13.73	16.16	16.70	17.39
34	8.63	10.96	13.40	14.00	14.69	11.50	13.83	16.27	16.87	17.56
35	8.70	11.05	13.55	14.16	14.86	11.57	13.92	16.42	17.03	17.73

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  - More than 108 inches but not more than 130 inches, use oversized rates regardless of weight.
- Machinable parcels may be eligible for barcode discount of \$0.03 per parcel (50-piece minimum).
- Regardless of weight, a parcel that meets any of the criteria in 101.7.2 (for retail) or 401.2.3.2 (for discount) must pay the nonmachinable rates.
- Rates include the \$2.87 nonmachinable surcharge. The nonmachinable surcharge does not apply to parcels mailed at oversized rates or parcels sent with special handling.



**Exhibit 1.12 Local and Intra-BMC/ASF Machinable and Nonmachinable Parcel Post Rates**

Weight Not Over (pounds)	Machinable <sup>1, 2, 3, 4</sup>					Nonmachinable <sup>1, 2, 4, 5</sup>				
	Zone					Zone				
	Local	1 & 2	3	4	5	Local	1 & 2	3	4	5
36	For parcels over 35 pounds, use nonmachinable rates.					\$11.65	\$14.01	\$16.53	\$17.18	\$17.89
37	---	---	---	---	---	11.70	14.13	16.65	17.34	18.05
38	---	---	---	---	---	11.76	14.22	16.78	17.49	18.21
39	---	---	---	---	---	11.85	14.32	16.91	17.63	18.36
40	---	---	---	---	---	11.93	14.39	17.01	17.78	18.51
41	---	---	---	---	---	12.01	14.52	17.16	17.87	18.66
42	---	---	---	---	---	12.07	14.58	17.26	17.98	18.80
43	---	---	---	---	---	12.15	14.66	17.37	18.05	18.94
44	---	---	---	---	---	12.24	14.77	17.48	18.13	19.07
45	---	---	---	---	---	12.30	14.83	17.57	18.35	19.20
46	---	---	---	---	---	12.35	14.96	17.69	18.42	19.44
47	---	---	---	---	---	12.44	15.05	17.78	18.50	19.83
48	---	---	---	---	---	12.50	15.12	17.90	18.55	20.24
49	---	---	---	---	---	12.56	15.22	18.00	18.61	20.64
50	---	---	---	---	---	12.62	15.26	18.09	18.67	21.06
51	---	---	---	---	---	12.71	15.38	18.17	18.74	21.48
52	---	---	---	---	---	12.75	15.47	18.31	18.80	21.92
53	---	---	---	---	---	12.82	15.51	18.38	18.83	22.37
54	---	---	---	---	---	12.91	15.58	18.43	18.90	22.83
55	---	---	---	---	---	12.97	15.66	18.50	18.96	23.02
56	---	---	---	---	---	13.01	15.75	18.55	19.03	23.10
57	---	---	---	---	---	13.08	15.84	18.57	19.06	23.24
58	---	---	---	---	---	13.15	15.91	18.63	19.11	23.33
59	---	---	---	---	---	13.22	15.99	18.67	19.16	23.43
60	---	---	---	---	---	13.24	16.08	18.70	19.19	23.54
61	---	---	---	---	---	13.36	16.16	18.76	19.25	23.63
62	---	---	---	---	---	13.39	16.23	18.80	19.33	23.72
63	---	---	---	---	---	13.47	16.30	18.82	19.42	23.81
64	---	---	---	---	---	13.53	16.38	18.85	19.50	23.91
65	---	---	---	---	---	13.58	16.46	18.90	19.58	23.98
66	---	---	---	---	---	13.62	16.55	18.93	19.67	24.09
67	---	---	---	---	---	13.73	16.62	18.96	19.77	24.16
68	---	---	---	---	---	13.78	16.65	18.99	19.82	24.24
69	---	---	---	---	---	13.79	16.75	19.02	19.91	24.33
70	---	---	---	---	---	13.80	16.82	19.06	20.00	24.41
Oversized	---	---	---	---	---	28.82	41.78	42.17	43.01	44.28

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## 2.0 Basic Eligibility Standards for Parcel Post

### 2.1 Definition of Parcel Post

Parcel Post is a subclass of Package Services. Any Package Services matter may be mailed at Parcel Post rates.

### 2.2 Service Objectives

The USPS does not guarantee the delivery of Parcel Post within a specified time. Parcel Post might receive deferred service. The local post office can provide more information concerning delivery times within its area.

### 2.3 Postal Inspection

Parcel Post mail is not sealed against postal inspection. Regardless of physical closure, the mailing of articles at Parcel Post rates constitutes consent by the mailer to postal inspection of the contents.

### 2.4 Delivery and Return Addresses

All Parcel Post mail must bear a delivery address. Alternative addressing formats under [602.3.0](#) may be used. Each piece must bear the sender's return address.

## 3.0 Content Standards

### 3.1 General Content Standards

Parcel Post mail consists of mailable matter that is neither mailed or required to be mailed as First-Class Mail nor entered as Periodicals (except as permitted under [3.2](#) or permitted or required under [707.7.9](#)). The general public (other than publishers or registered news agents) may mail copies of Periodicals publications at Parcel Post rates.

### 3.2 Attachments or Enclosures of Periodicals Sample Copies

Sample copies of authorized and pending Periodicals publications may be enclosed or attached with merchandise sent at Parcel Post rates. Postage at Parcel Post rates is based on the combined weight of the host piece and the sample copies enclosed.

## 4.0 Attachments and Enclosures

### 4.1 Enclosures

Parcel Post may contain any printed matter mailable as Standard Mail, in addition to the enclosures and additions listed in [4.0](#).

### 4.2 Written Additions

Markings that have the character of personal correspondence require, with certain exceptions, additional postage at the First-Class rates. The following written additions and enclosures do not require additional First-Class postage:

- a. The sender's and the addressee's names, occupations, and addresses, preceded by "From" or "To," and directions for handling.
- b. Marks, numbers, names, or letters describing the contents.



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- c. Words or phrases such as “Do Not Open Until Christmas” and “Happy Birthday, Mother.”
- d. Instructions and directions for the use of the item mailed.
- e. A manuscript dedication or inscription not having the nature of personal correspondence.
- f. Marks to call attention to words or passages in the text.
- g. Corrections of typographical errors in printed matter.
- h. Manuscripts accompanying related proof sheets and corrections of proof sheets including corrections of typographical and other errors, changes in the text, insertions of new text, marginal instructions to the printer, and corrective rewrites of parts.
- i. Handstamped imprints, unless the added material is in itself personal or converts the original matter to a personal communication.
- j. Matter mailable separately as Standard Mail printed on the wrapper, envelope, tag, or label.

#### **4.3 Invoice**

An invoice, whether it also serves as a bill, may be placed either inside a Parcel Post piece or in an envelope marked “Invoice Enclosed” and attached to the outside of the piece if the invoice relates solely to the matter with which it is mailed. The invoice may show this information:

- a. Names and addresses of the sender and addressee.
- b. Names and quantities of the articles enclosed, descriptions of each (e.g., price, tax, style, stock number, size, and quality, and, if defective, nature of defects).
- c. Order or file number, date of order, date and manner of shipment, shipping weight, postage paid, and initials or name of packer or checker.

#### **4.4 Incidental First-Class Attachments and Enclosures**

Incidental First-Class matter may be enclosed in or attached to any Parcel Post piece without payment of First-Class postage. An incidental First-Class attachment or enclosure must be matter that, if mailed separately, would require First-Class postage, is closely associated with but secondary to the host piece, and is prepared so as not to interfere with postal processing. An incidental First-Class attachment or enclosure may be a bill for the product or publication, a statement of account for past products or publications, or a personal message or greeting included with a product, publication, or parcel. Postage at the Parcel Post rate for the host piece is based on the combined weight of the host piece and the incidental First-Class attachment or enclosure.