

The Post Office, A “Relic” that Keeps on Giving.

Main Street Post Offices are Alive and Well.

United States Post Offices draw people to their downtown locations. They provide an incredible service; for a small amount of money they carry a letter across the country. Post Offices have traditionally been the place where people collected their mail, but not so much today. With email, UPS and FedEx, many of the functions handled at the post office building are no longer required; however, they still provide a useful function for downtowns.

Post Offices Serve Main Street.

A post office on main street is still an important part of the downtown scene. People still meet there, businesses still use their special services and the buildings add to the street’s face. If a town is lucky, the post office is in an historic building on or near main street. This serves a real estate and a community-building purpose.

Post Office Locations are Negotiable.

Especially in small towns, the location of the post office is a real estate deal. Post offices go in shopping Should a post office be in the wrong place to best serve main street, contact the postal service and discuss the length of time they are committed to the existing site and the process for moving the post office downtown.

Co-Location.

Look for opportunities to locate the post office with other compatible uses; even with FedEx or UPS. Like many other institutional systems, the postal service is changing its business model.



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Post offices are found in main street “strip” centers.