

#### Post Office Box Service and Caller Service Fee Groups

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### Introduction

#### **General Information**

Post Office box and caller service fees are not uniform, but vary for reasons such as limits imposed by non-cost-based fees that previously were charged and because of changes in real estate values, costs, and other factors at the Post Office™ providing the service.

Caller service provides premium service for a fee to any customer requiring more than free carrier service or the largest installed box size, or to any customer who is required to use caller service by standard. Caller service allows a customer to pick up mail at a Post Office call window or loading dock when the office is open. Caller service, which also uses a box number, is distinct from general delivery service.

For more information on Post Office box service and caller service, see *Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service*, Domestic Mail Manual (DMM<sup>®</sup>) 508.4 and 508.5. The DMM is available on the Postal Explorer<sup>®</sup> Web site at *pe.usps.com*.

## **Determining Fees**

- 1. See Exhibit 1 for the fees for Post Office box service and caller service.
- 2. To determine the fees associated with an office, visit <a href="http://edd/pls/posweb/pub431.mainpage">http://edd/pls/posweb/pub431.mainpage</a>.

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Exhibit 1

Post Office Box Service and Caller Service Fees (Effective May 11, 2009)

Box Sizes<sup>1</sup> and Fees Per Semiannual (6-month) Period

Fee Group	1 (3" x 5.5")	2 (5" x 5.5")	3 (11" x 5.5")	4 (11" x 11")	5 (22.5" x 2")	Caller Service
1	\$46	\$70	\$125	\$255	\$410	\$660
2	36	58	100	195	350	580
3	30	48	88	160	270	520
4	22	35	55	110	205	510
5	20	28	50	90	155	500
6	14	22	38	65	115	450
7	12	18	30	50	90	410
E <sup>2</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	0

Shown with the box sizes are typical door opening dimensions, width by height.

### Additional Fees and Services

In addition to the semiannual fees noted in <u>Exhibit 1</u>, additional fees and services for Post Office box service and caller service are as follows:

- Deposit per key issued: \$1.00.
- Key duplication or replacement (after first 2 keys), each: \$6.00.
- Post Office box lock replacement, each: \$15.00.
- For each reserved call number (caller service), per calendar year: \$40.00.

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When the Postal Service determines not to provide carrier delivery to a customer's physical address or business location that constitutes a potential carrier delivery point, as defined by the Postal Service, that customer becomes eligible for one Post Office box at the Group E fee, subject to the regulations outlined in DMM 508.4.6. For more information on Fee Group E eligibility, see DMM 508.4.6.2-3.