

453 Rates and Eligibility

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1.0 Parcel Post Rates and Fees

1.1 Rate Application for Parcel Post

Postage is based on the rate that applies to the weight (postage) increment of each addressed piece and on the zone to which the piece is addressed. 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.



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1.2 Parcel Post Inter-BMC/ASF Single-Piece Rates

Weight Not Over (pounds)	Machinable ^{1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7}							Nonmachinable ^{1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7}						
	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.

1.2 Parcel Post Inter-BMC/ASF Single-Piece Rates

Weight Not Over (pounds)	Machinable ^{1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7}							Nonmachinable ^{1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7}						
	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

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1.3 Parcel Post Local and Intra-BMC/ASF Rates

Weight Not Over (pounds)	Machinable ^{1, 2, 3, 4}					Nonmachinable ^{1, 2, 4, 5}				
	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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	Zone					Zone				
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36	---	---	---	---	---	\$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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1.4 Parcel Select—DBMC, DSCF, and DDU Rates

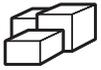
Weight Not Over (pounds)	Machinable ^{1,2}						Nonmachinable ^{1,2}						
	DDU	DSCF	DBMC/ASF Zone				DDU	DSCF		DBMC/ASF Zone ⁴			
			1 & 2	3	4	5		5-Digit	3-Digit ³	1 & 2	3	4	5
1	\$1.40	\$1.90	\$2.38	\$2.72	\$3.05	\$3.91	\$1.40	\$1.90	\$2.86	\$4.52	\$4.86	\$5.19	\$6.05
2	1.47	2.11	2.68	3.35	3.99	4.67	1.47	2.11	3.07	4.82	5.49	6.13	6.81
3	1.52	2.30	2.96	3.95	4.85	5.41	1.52	2.30	3.26	5.10	6.09	6.99	7.55
4	1.58	2.47	3.24	4.52	5.58	6.08	1.58	2.47	3.43	5.38	6.66	7.72	8.22
5	1.63	2.63	3.49	5.05	6.10	6.71	1.63	2.63	3.59	5.63	7.19	8.24	8.85
6	1.68	2.79	3.73	5.54	6.53	7.27	1.68	2.79	3.75	5.87	7.68	8.67	9.41
7	1.72	2.93	3.95	5.99	6.92	7.81	1.72	2.93	3.89	6.09	8.13	9.06	9.95
8	1.76	3.07	4.17	6.43	7.28	8.29	1.76	3.07	4.03	6.31	8.57	9.42	10.43
9	1.81	3.21	4.38	6.84	7.66	8.74	1.81	3.21	4.17	6.52	8.98	9.80	10.88
10	1.85	3.33	4.58	7.24	8.48	9.16	1.85	3.33	4.29	6.72	9.38	10.62	11.30
11	1.88	3.45	4.77	7.63	8.81	9.54	1.88	3.45	4.41	6.91	9.77	10.95	11.68
12	1.92	3.57	4.96	8.00	9.13	9.91	1.92	3.57	4.53	7.10	10.14	11.27	12.05
13	1.96	3.69	5.14	8.33	9.43	10.25	1.96	3.69	4.65	7.28	10.47	11.57	12.39
14	1.99	3.79	5.32	8.59	9.76	10.56	1.99	3.79	4.75	7.46	10.73	11.90	12.70
15	2.03	3.92	5.49	8.87	10.02	10.85	2.03	3.92	4.88	7.63	11.01	12.16	12.99
16	2.06	4.03	5.65	9.14	10.28	11.15	2.06	4.03	4.99	7.79	11.28	12.42	13.29
17	2.09	4.14	5.81	9.35	10.56	11.40	2.09	4.14	5.10	7.95	11.49	12.70	13.54
18	2.13	4.24	5.96	9.54	10.79	11.65	2.13	4.24	5.20	8.10	11.68	12.93	13.79
19	2.16	4.35	6.12	9.71	11.03	11.89	2.16	4.35	5.31	8.26	11.85	13.17	14.03
20	2.19	4.45	6.26	9.89	11.23	12.10	2.19	4.45	5.41	8.40	12.03	13.37	14.24
21	2.22	4.54	6.41	10.07	11.41	12.31	2.22	4.54	5.50	8.55	12.21	13.55	14.45
22	2.25	4.64	6.55	10.22	11.60	12.50	2.25	4.64	5.60	8.69	12.36	13.74	14.64
23	2.27	4.73	6.68	10.40	11.77	12.71	2.27	4.73	5.69	8.82	12.54	13.91	14.85
24	2.30	4.83	6.82	10.55	11.93	12.88	2.30	4.83	5.79	8.96	12.69	14.07	15.02
25	2.33	4.91	6.95	10.70	12.08	13.06	2.33	4.91	5.87	9.09	12.84	14.22	15.20
26	2.36	5.00	7.08	10.82	12.23	13.21	2.36	5.00	5.96	9.22	12.96	14.37	15.35
27	2.38	5.09	7.21	10.99	12.37	13.37	2.38	5.09	6.05	9.35	13.13	14.51	15.51
28	2.41	5.18	7.33	11.15	12.49	13.51	2.41	5.18	6.14	9.47	13.29	14.63	15.65
29	2.43	5.26	7.45	11.28	12.65	13.64	2.43	5.26	6.22	9.59	13.42	14.79	15.78
30	2.46	5.34	7.57	11.41	12.76	13.79	2.46	5.34	6.30	9.71	13.55	14.90	15.93
31	2.48	5.42	7.69	11.51	12.86	13.92	2.48	5.42	6.38	9.83	13.65	15.00	16.06
32	2.51	5.51	7.81	11.65	12.98	14.05	2.51	5.51	6.47	9.95	13.79	15.12	16.19
33	2.53	5.58	7.92	11.76	13.10	14.15	2.53	5.58	6.54	10.06	13.90	15.24	16.29
34	2.55	5.66	8.03	11.88	13.19	14.27	2.55	5.66	6.62	10.17	14.02	15.33	16.41
35	2.58	5.74	8.14	12.00	13.31	14.38	2.58	5.74	6.70	10.28	14.14	15.45	16.52

- 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).
- Regardless of weight, a parcel that meets any of the criteria in [401.2.3.2](#) must pay the nonmachinable rates.
- Rates include the \$0.96 nonmachinable surcharge. The nonmachinable surcharge does not apply to parcels mailed at oversized rates or parcels sent with special handling.
- Rates include the \$2.14 nonmachinable surcharge. The nonmachinable surcharge does not apply to parcels mailed at oversized rates or parcels sent with special handling.

1.4 Parcel Select—DBMC, DSCF, and DDU Rates

Weight Not Over (pounds)	Machinable ^{1,2}						Nonmachinable ^{1,2}						
	DDU	DSCF	DBMC/ASF Zone				DDU	DSCF		DBMC/ASF Zone ⁴			
			1 & 2	3	4	5		5-Digit	3-Digit ³	1 & 2	3	4	5
36	---	---	---	---	---	---	\$2.60	\$5.81	\$6.77	\$10.40	\$14.72	\$15.54	\$16.62
37	---	---	---	---	---	---	2.62	5.88	6.84	10.51	14.82	15.63	16.72
38	---	---	---	---	---	---	2.64	5.94	6.90	10.61	14.94	15.72	16.82
39	---	---	---	---	---	---	2.66	6.02	6.98	10.72	15.05	15.80	16.91
40	---	---	---	---	---	---	2.69	6.08	7.04	10.82	15.16	15.88	16.98
41	---	---	---	---	---	---	2.71	6.14	7.10	10.92	15.29	15.95	17.07
42	---	---	---	---	---	---	2.73	6.22	7.18	11.02	15.39	16.04	17.15
43	---	---	---	---	---	---	2.75	6.28	7.24	11.12	15.50	16.12	17.52
44	---	---	---	---	---	---	2.77	6.34	7.30	11.21	15.58	16.19	17.88
45	---	---	---	---	---	---	2.79	6.40	7.36	11.31	15.66	16.38	18.28
46	---	---	---	---	---	---	2.81	6.47	7.43	11.40	15.78	16.44	18.66
47	---	---	---	---	---	---	2.83	6.53	7.49	11.50	15.87	16.50	19.05
48	---	---	---	---	---	---	2.85	6.58	7.54	11.58	15.98	16.58	19.46
49	---	---	---	---	---	---	2.87	6.64	7.60	11.67	16.06	16.64	19.86
50	---	---	---	---	---	---	2.89	6.70	7.66	11.77	16.16	16.68	20.28
51	---	---	---	---	---	---	2.90	6.76	7.72	11.85	16.24	16.74	20.70
52	---	---	---	---	---	---	2.92	6.80	7.76	11.94	16.35	16.80	21.14
53	---	---	---	---	---	---	2.94	6.85	7.81	12.03	16.41	16.85	21.59
54	---	---	---	---	---	---	2.95	6.90	7.86	12.11	16.47	16.91	22.05
55	---	---	---	---	---	---	2.96	6.97	7.93	12.19	16.52	16.97	22.24
56	---	---	---	---	---	---	2.98	7.02	7.98	12.28	16.56	17.00	22.32
57	---	---	---	---	---	---	2.99	7.07	8.03	12.36	16.60	17.04	22.46
58	---	---	---	---	---	---	3.00	7.12	8.08	12.44	16.65	17.09	22.55
59	---	---	---	---	---	---	3.01	7.18	8.14	12.52	16.68	17.13	22.65
60	---	---	---	---	---	---	3.02	7.22	8.18	12.60	16.72	17.16	22.76
61	---	---	---	---	---	---	3.04	7.26	8.22	12.68	16.76	17.21	22.85
62	---	---	---	---	---	---	3.05	7.31	8.27	12.76	16.80	17.30	22.94
63	---	---	---	---	---	---	3.06	7.36	8.32	12.83	16.83	17.38	23.03
64	---	---	---	---	---	---	3.07	7.42	8.38	12.91	16.86	17.44	23.13
65	---	---	---	---	---	---	3.08	7.45	8.41	12.99	16.90	17.52	23.20
66	---	---	---	---	---	---	3.10	7.50	8.46	13.06	16.94	17.62	23.31
67	---	---	---	---	---	---	3.11	7.55	8.51	13.13	16.96	17.68	23.38
68	---	---	---	---	---	---	3.12	7.58	8.54	13.20	16.97	17.75	23.46
69	---	---	---	---	---	---	3.13	7.64	8.60	13.28	17.00	17.82	23.55
70	---	---	---	---	---	---	3.14	7.68	8.64	13.35	17.03	17.91	23.63
Oversized	---	---	---	---	---	---	7.36	13.56	13.56	21.08	29.49	39.77	41.33

- 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).
- Regardless of weight, a parcel that meets any of the criteria in 401.2.3.2 must pay the nonmachinable rates.
- Rates include the \$0.96 nonmachinable surcharge. The nonmachinable surcharge does not apply to parcels mailed at oversized rates or parcels sent with special handling.
- Rates include the \$2.14 nonmachinable surcharge. The nonmachinable surcharge does not apply to parcels mailed at oversized rates or parcels sent with special handling.



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1.5 Destination Entry Mailing Fee

Destination entry mailing fee for Parcel Select, per 12-month period: \$175.00.

1.6 Pickup on Demand Fee

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 Computing Postage for Parcel Post and Parcel Select

1.7.1 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.

1.7.2 Computing Postage for Affixed Postage

For each piece, affix the postage for the weight increment (including any surcharges or discounts) and, if applicable, the zone to which the piece is addressed, as shown in [1.1](#) through [1.4](#). To calculate the total postage for the mailing, add all of the affixed postage amounts for each piece.

1.7.3 Computing Postage for 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. Round each product off to four decimal places. Add the products and round up the total postage to the nearest whole cent.

2.0 Content 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 Basic Content Standards

Parcel Post is a subclass of Package Services and consists of mailable matter that is neither mailed or required to be mailed as First-Class Mail or Customized MarketMail under [705.1.0](#) nor entered as Periodicals (except as permitted under [2.3](#) 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.

2.3 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.

2.4 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.

2.5 Attachments and Enclosures**2.5.1 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.

2.5.2 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.

2.5.3 Additional Enclosures

Parcel Post (including Parcel Select) may contain any printed matter mailable as Standard Mail, in addition to the enclosures and additions listed in 2.5 and 2.6.

2.6 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.
- 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.



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- 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.

3.0 Rate Eligibility Standards for Parcel Post

3.1 Parcel Post and Parcel Select Rate Eligibility

There are five Parcel Post (including Parcel Select) rate categories: Intra-BMC, Inter-BMC, destination bulk mail center (DBMC), destination sectional center facility (DSCF), and destination delivery unit (DDU). Parcel Post mailed at any of the destination entry rates is called "Parcel Select" (see [456.2.0](#)). Intra-BMC and Inter-BMC Parcel Post rates and DBMC Parcel Select rates are calculated based on the zone to which the parcel is addressed and the weight of the parcel. DSCF and DDU Parcel Select rates are calculated based on 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 3.1, BMC/ASF Service Areas](#). Nonmachinable pieces ([401.2.3.2](#)) 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 ([401.2.3.2](#)) mailed at Inter-BMC rates are subject to a nonmachinable surcharge in addition to postage.
- c. Parcel Post for which OBMC Presort, BMC Presort, and barcode discounts are claimed and Parcel Post that is mailed at a destination entry rate (Parcel Select-DBMC, -DSCF, -DDU ([456.2.0, Parcel Select](#))) must be part of a mailing of 50 or more Parcel Post rate pieces. Eligibility for one of those rates or discounts does not require a separate 50 qualifying pieces per rate or per discount. Eligibility for more than one of those rates or discounts in the same Parcel Post mailing is possible, provided there are a total of at least 50 pieces of mail qualifying for any or all Parcel Post rates in the mailing and all other preparation and eligibility requirements for the rates or discounts are met.
- d. The BMC Presort per piece discount applies to pieces of Inter-BMC Parcel Post sorted to BMC destinations under [L601](#) for machinable pieces and sorted to BMC and ASF destinations for nonmachinable pieces under [L605](#). To qualify, machinable pieces must be placed in pallet boxes on pallets, and nonmachinable pieces must be placed directly on pallets under [705.8.0](#). The mail must be entered at a postal facility that is not a BMC and must be part of a mailing containing 50 or more Parcel Post rate pieces.

- e. The origin bulk mail center (OBMC) Presort per piece discount applies to pieces of Inter-BMC Parcel Post sorted to BMC destinations under [L601](#) for machinable pieces and sorted to BMC and ASF destinations for nonmachinable pieces under [L605](#). To qualify, machinable pieces must be placed in pallet boxes on pallets; and nonmachinable pieces must be placed directly on pallets under [705.8.0](#). The mail must be entered at a BMC listed in [L601](#) and must be part of a mailing containing 50 or more Parcel Post rate pieces.
- f. The barcode discount applies to Inter-BMC/ASF and Intra-BMC/ASF Parcel Post machinable parcels ([401.1.5](#)) that bear a barcode under [708.5.0](#) for the ZIP Code of the delivery address and are part of a mailing of 50 or more Parcel Post rate pieces.
- g. The oversized rate applies to pieces that measure over 108 inches but not more than 130 inches in combined length and girth.
- h. An item weighing less than 20 pounds but measuring more than 84 inches (but not more than 108 inches) in combined length and girth is charged the rate for a 20-pound parcel for the zone to which it is addressed (balloon rate).



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Exhibit 3.1 BMC/ASF Service Areas

SERVICE AREA	ZIP CODE AREAS SERVED
BMC	
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

SERVICE AREA	ZIP CODE AREAS SERVED
ASF	
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
Other	
Puerto Rico	006-009
Hawaii	967-969
Alaska	995-999

3.2 Fees

Parcel Post mail is subject to these fees, as applicable:

- a. A mailing fee for Parcel Select must be paid once each 12-month period at each post office of mailing by or for any person or organization that mails at the destination entry rates, except as provided otherwise for plant-verified drop shipments. All destination entry rates are covered under the payment of a single annual fee. The fee may be paid in advance only for the next 12 months and only during the last 60 days of the current service period. The fee charged is that which is in effect on the date of payment.
- b. The Parcel Post Pickup on Demand fee must be paid every time Pickup on Demand service is provided, subject to the corresponding standards in [507.5.0](#).

3.3 Delivery and Return Addresses

All Parcel Post mail must bear a delivery address. The delivery address on each piece must include the correct ZIP Code or ZIP+4 code. Alternative addressing formats under [602.3.0](#) or detached address labels under [602.4.0](#) may be used. Each piece must bear the sender's return address.

3.4 Parcel Select

See [456.2.0](#) for Parcel Select eligibility, preparation, and deposit standards.

