US Postal Service Rate Changes – May 2015

Recently, the Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC) approved Price Adjustments for the US Postal Service’s Market Dominant services finding the Postal Service pricing proposals to be consistent with the Consumer Price Index based price cap under the Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act of 2006. **Price changes will be effective May 31, 2015.**

The rate change on Market Dominant services will average approximately 1.97 percent across all classes of mail. However, increases to First-Class Mail and Nonprofit Mail will be minimal. Most of the significant increases will effect the Postal Service’s Extra Services such as the price of renting a PO Box, price of Certified Mail, Return Receipt, and Insurance.

The following actions will affect domestic mail:

- The Postal Service will maintain the price of the First-Class Mail stamp, which includes the Forever stamp, at $0.49.
- The single-piece additional ounce for First-Class letters will increase from $0.21 to $0.22.
- The price of postcards will increase from $0.34 to $0.35.

*Remember, when sending out mass mailings (Bulk Mail) you should always consider mailing at the significantly low advantageous nonprofit rates. Please call us at 275-1013 for more details.*

Changes to prices for international mail include:

- Outbound Single-Piece First-Class Mail International Letters (first ounce) and postcards will increase from $1.15 to $1.20.
- Non-machinable Outbound Single-Piece First-Class Mail International Letters (first ounce) will increase to $1.46.
- Outbound Single-Piece First-Class Mail International Large Envelopes (Flats) (first ounce) will increase to $2.38.

There will be no price changes for Priority Mail Express or Priority Mail. In regards to Package Services, Media Mail/Library Mail will increase 2.3% and Bound Printed matter will increase 2.6%.

*In addition to providing USPS shipping services, University Mail Services offers low-cost alternatives through UPS, FedEx, and DHL (international). All services can be purchased with a department account number. Please call the Campus Mail Center at 273-5015 for more details.*

For an overview of key changes, please click here. Please contact us with any questions.