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ORDINANCE NO. 2022-<u>5</u>

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING REVISED CITY WARD BOUNDARIES IN THE CITY OF POTTSVILLE, ARKANSAS

WHEREAS, pursuant to A.C.A. § 14-43-311, it is the duty of the City Council to see that each ward has nearly an equal population as would best serve the interest of the people of the City; and

WHEREAS, under prevailing law, cities are required to revise ward boundaries to maintain substantially equal population in all wards if a federal census reveals that ward populations have become unbalanced with substantially more residents in some wards than others; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 federal census has revealed population differences among the City's wards;

WHEREAS, after study, analysis, and public discussion, it is the desire of the Pottsville City Council to revise the City's ward boundaries which substantially equalize each ward's population and approve the attached map.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POTTSVILLE, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1: In order to establish substantially equal populations for each city ward, the Pottsville City Council hereby approves and adopts the map attached hereto as Exhibit "A" as the new ward boundary map for the City of Pottsville, which shall be effective January 1, 2023, and which shall after the effective date serve as the official ward map for the City of Pottsville, Arkansas.

SECTION 2: Should any section, clause, or phrase of this ordinance be declared by the courts to be invalid, that invalidity shall not affect the other provisions of this ordinance which shall be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are declared severable.

SECTION 3: All prior ordinances, resolutions or parts thereof which are in conflict herewith are hereby repleaded.

SECTION 4: A certified copy of the ward map approved herein shall be submitted to the Pope County Election Commission and filed with the Office of the Pope County Clerk.

PASS AND APPROVED this 22 day of August 2022.

RANDY TANKERSLEY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

I, Holly Fowler, City Clerk of Pottsville, Arkansas, hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of Ordinance No. 2022-__5_ passed by the Pottsville City Council on the ______day of _August ______2022.

HOLLY FOWLER

