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**TO: Mayor Jordan
City Council**

FROM: Kit Williams, City Attorney

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kit Williams", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

DATE: September 21, 2011

RE: Effective Date of Ward Boundary Map

The City Council should pass the Ordinance approving the revised Ward Boundary Map soon so that any possible legal challenge would be resolved long before the time to file for alderman in 2012. However, the ordinance could include a Section 2 for the effective date of the map to be July 1, 2012, as shown below:

“Section 2: That the City Council of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas hereby sets the effective date for the revised Ward Boundary Map to be July 1, 2012.”

Please keep in mind that you will continue to represent the constituents that elected you from your existing Ward until the next election in 2012. Aldermen do not have any greater legal power within their wards although I realize that other aldermen sometimes defer to the ward’s aldermen in zoning or development matters affecting only a single ward. Everyone remains a Fayetteville City Council Member with city-wide jurisdiction, powers and responsibilities.

Please amend the ordinance to add Section 2 if you desire the Ward Boundary Map to not be effective until July 1, 2012.

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE REVISED WARD BOUNDARIES TO EQUALIZE WARD POPULATIONS AFTER THE 2010 FEDERAL CENSUS AND TO AMEND §32.03 OF THE FAYETTEVILLE CODE

WHEREAS, if a federal census reveals that ward populations have become unbalanced with substantially more residents in some wards than other wards, cities are constitutionally required to redraw ward boundaries to achieve fairly equal population in all wards; and

WHEREAS, the 2010 Federal Census revealed substantial population differences among our wards; and

WHEREAS, GIS has proposed new ward boundaries that do not cross precinct lines and substantially equalize each ward's population.

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

Section 1: That the City Council of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas hereby approves the attached map as the new ward boundary map for Fayetteville which establishes substantially equal populations for each ward and amends §32.03 **Wards** by adopting the new ward boundary map attached as Exhibit "A" to replace all previous ward boundary maps.

PASSED and APPROVED this 20th day of September, 2011.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

By: _____
LIONELD JORDAN, Mayor

By: _____
SONDRA E. SMITH, City Clerk/Treasurer

City of Fayetteville
Ward Boundaries
September 20, 2011

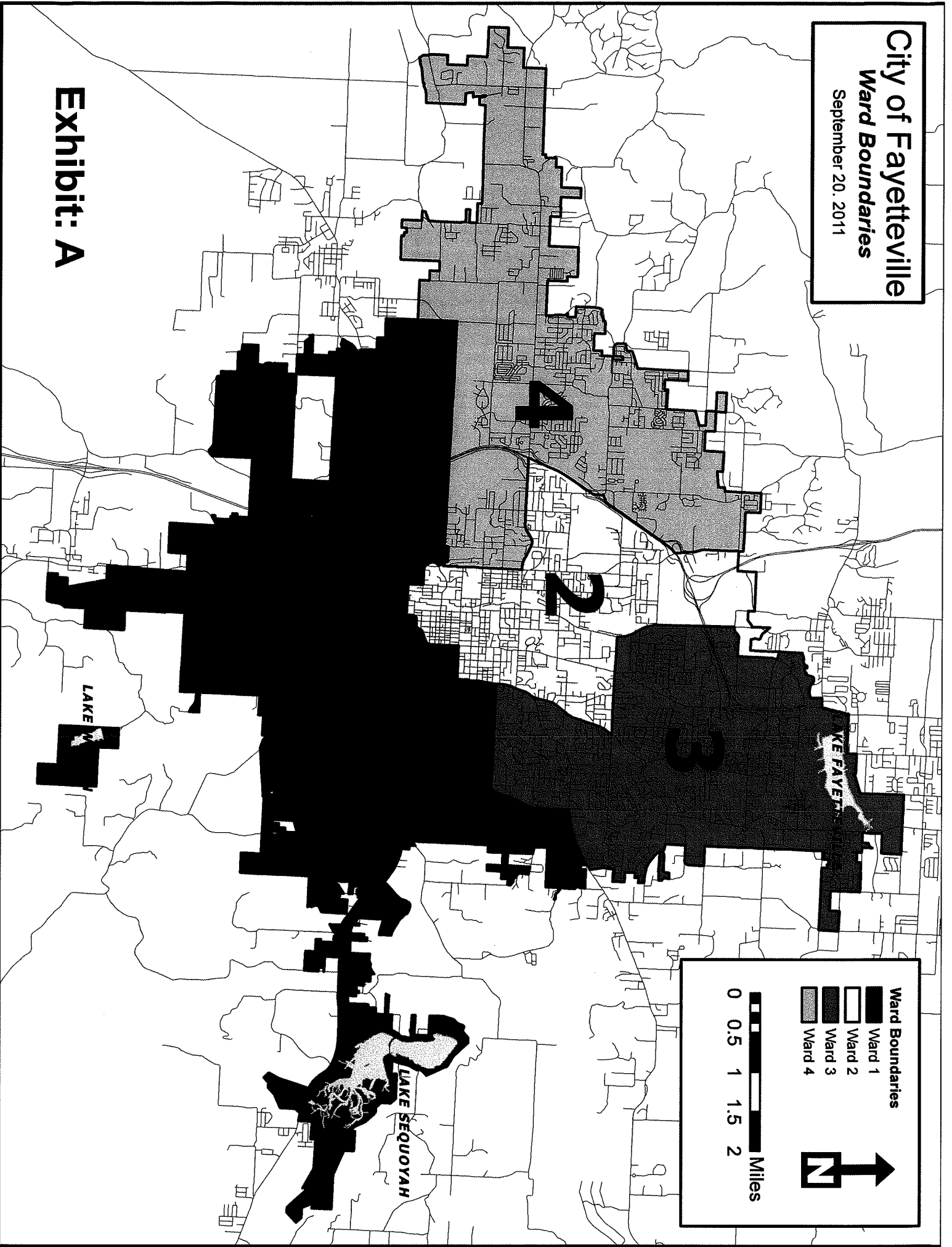


Exhibit: A

Ward Boundaries

- Ward 1
- Ward 2
- Ward 3
- Ward 4

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