CITY OF WEST ALLIS ORDINANCE O-2024-0007

ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH NEW WARD MAP BASED ON ADJUSTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

AMENDING SECTION 1.020

WHEREAS, 2023 Wisconsin Act 94 was signed into law on February 19, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Act 94 establishes legislative districts that do not coincide with established ward boundaries in the City of West Allis; and

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. 5.15(1)(c) says the wards established as a result of the census shall remain the same until the next census "unless a division is required to effect an act of the legislature redistricting legislative districts under article IV, section 3, of the constitution or redistricting congressional districts"; and

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. 5.15(4)(a) says that if "the legislature, in an act redistricting legislative districts under article IV, section 3, of the constitution, or in redistricting congressional districts, establishes a district boundary within a municipality that does not coincide with the boundary of a ward established under [a prior] ordinance or resolution of the municipality, the municipal governing body shall, no later than April 10 of the 2nd year following the year of the federal decennial census on which the act is based, amend the ordinance or resolution to the extent required to effect the act"; and

WHEREAS, although the act of redistricting has taken place subsequent to the established deadline in state law, the City seeks to effect that act as soon as practicable;

NOW THEREFORE, the common council of the City of West Allis do ordain as follows:

The boundaries of each ward consistent with the conventions set forth in Wis. Stat. 4.003 are hereby established in Exhibit A, and each ward therein is assigned the unique whole number in consecutive order and designated for the polling place indicated.

The block numbers used by the U.S. bureau of the census that are wholly contained within each ward are hereby established in Exhibit B.

A map of the City which illustrates the revised ward boundaries is hereby established in Exhibit C.

SECTION 1: <u>AMENDMENT</u> "1.020 Wards" of the City Of West Allis Municipal Code is hereby *amended* as follows:

AMENDMENT

1.020 Wards

- 1. Pursuant to Section 5.15 of the Wisconsin Statutes and based on the published results of the 2020 Federal Decennial Census of Population, the City of West Allis is divided into 2628 wards. The ward boundaries are set forth and designated on the Official City of West Allis Ward Map (link).
- 2. The Wards established under this section consist of whole blocks to suit the convenience of the voters residing therein and are, as far as practicable, compact and observe the community interest of existing neighborhoods and other settlements, and conform with the population requirements set forth in Sec. 5.15(2)(b)2. of the Wisconsin Statutes, as amended, except to the extent new wards have been created to accommodate legislative districts and congressional districts as required by Wis. Stat. 5.15(4). Ward boundaries are intended to be as permanent as possible.

SECTION 2: REPEALER CLAUSE All ordinances or resolutions or parts thereof, which are in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3: EFFECTIVE DATE This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect on and after the required approval and publication according to law.

SECTION 4: <u>AUTHORIZATION</u> The City Clerk and City Attorney are each authorized to take any action necessary to effectuate the intent of this ordinance and provide to any other governmental bodies any data or documents in the format requested by that body to effectuate the intent of this ordinance.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY OF WEST ALLIS COUNCIL

	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Ald. Vince Vitale				
Ald. Ray Turner				
Ald. Tracy Stefanski				
Ald. Suzzette Grisham				
Ald. Danna Kuehn				
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