



STATE OF ARKANSAS
City of Brookland

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-23

AN ORDINANCE REDISTRICTING CITY WARDS

WHEREAS, cities have an obligation and a responsibility to insure that wards are of substantially equal population, and serve the public's best interest; and

WHEREAS, a population analysis of each city ward following the passage of the August 13, 2013 annexation election utilizing 2010 Census block data indicates the need for ward redistricting; and

WHEREAS, Arkansas law vests city councils with apportionment and redistricting authority; and

WHEREAS, a redistricting plan has been prepared that equalizes ward population and insures compliance with state statutes and equal protection requirements; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City Council, that a new ward redistricting plan be approved.

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

SECTION 1. That the ward redistricting plan as shown on the map which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, be and is hereby adopted, with said map to serve hereafter as the Official Ward Map for the City of Brookland, Arkansas.

SECTION 2. That all previous ward maps and boundary descriptions are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. That a duly certified copy of said Map shall be filed with the Craighead County Election Commission, and filed in the Office of the Craighead County Clerk.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect on November 11, 2013, with the exception that candidates for city council filing to run in the November, 2014 election shall file for office according to the wards provided herein. Nothing herein shall affect the right of any current city council member to remain in office in his or her current ward during the term for which the council member was elected.

SECTION 5. Ordinance No. 2012-4, establishing prior wards for the city is hereby repealed.

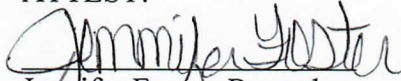
EMERGENCY CLAUSE

The Brookland City Council has an obligation and responsibility to insure that city council wards are of substantially equal population that will serve the public's best interest. The August 13, 2013 annexation population data shows that certain populace growth has changed the population in the current wards. Therefore, an emergency exists because the balance of the population does not represent the populace of the city equally and fairly.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 11th DAY OF November, 2013.


Kenneth D. Jones, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jennifer Foster, Recorder