ORDINANCE No. O-2021-13

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING ORDINANCE O-2011-03, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REDISTRICTING OF CITY WARDS FOR THE CITY OF WARD, ARKANSAS

WHEREAS, THE 2020 US CENSUS shows the City of Ward's population is now 6,052 which is a 48.8% increase over the 2010 US Census (4,067); and,

WHEREAS, ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED 14-43-311 states, that the city council shall ensure that each ward has a nearly an equal population as would best serve the interest of the people of the city; and,

WHEREAS, METROPLAN has conducted a demographic analysis of the city's wards; had recommended that redistricting be undertaken; and has prepared a redistricting plan for consideration; and,

WHEREAS, after extensive study, analysis, and public discussion, it is the desire of the Ward City Council that the ward redistricting plan, as shown on the attached map, be approved.

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

SECTION 1: That the ward districting map (attached), be hereby adopted; with said map to serve thereafter as the Official Ward Map for the City of Ward, Arkansas.

SECTION 2: That these changes shall take effect with the 2022 election cycle.

SECTION 3: That the Ward City Clerk will ensure a certified copy of the Official Ward Map for the City of Ward, Arkansas, shall be submit to the Lonoke County Election Commission and Lonoke County Clerk via certified U.S. Mail.

SECTION 4: That all previous Ordinances, Resolutions, ward maps and boundary descriptions in conflict herein are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5: SEVERABILITY: If, for any reason, any portion or portions of this ordinance shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall in no way affect the remaining portions.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS Zoth DAY OF September, 2021

YEAS:	NAYS:
APPROVED:	
ATTEST:	Charles Gastineau, Mayor Courtney Ruble, City Clerk
	Courtiney Number, City Clerk





