

**CITY OF WARD
ORDINANCE 2024-10**

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY OF WARD ARKANSAS CALLING FOR THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN LANDS THAT ARE COMPLETELY SURROUNDED BY THE INCORPORATED LIMITS OF THE CITY OF WARD; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED (A.C.A.) § 14-40-501-503 provides that unincorporated islands of land that have been surrounded by the incorporated limits of a municipality may be annexed by that municipality, including situation in which the unincorporated area is surrounded on three sides by the municipal boundaries and the fourth side by a state boundary, a military base, a state park, a national forest, a lake, or a river.

WHEREAS, THE CITY OF WARD, ARKANSAS, desires to annex certain properties (“the properties”) as shown on the map legal description from the Arkansas GIS Office (Attachment 1 and 2) which are located in Lonoke County, Arkansas.

WHEREAS, a necessary urban service, such as fire and police protection, are to be extended to such are within a reasonable period of time and in fact, already are; and,

WHEREAS, the area to be annexed complies with the standards set forth in A.C.A. § 14-40-302 and A.C.A. 14-40-501; and

WHEREAS, the council finds that the territory to be annexed is surrounded by the incorporated limits of the City of Ward as show in Attachment 1; and,

WHEREAS, the council further finds that the territory consists of land that are needed for any proper municipal purposes such as for the extension of needed police protection; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on May 21, 2024 regarding this proposed annexation; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Ward, Arkansas caused a legal notice of the public hearing to be published in the Leader Newspaper prior to the public hearing and such notice set out the legal descriptions of the properties proposed to be annexed. Said notice was published on May 1, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, THE CITY OF WARD, ARKANSAS, wishes to comply with the provisions of A.C.A. §14-40-503.

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

SECTION 1: That, the area shown in Attachment 1 and by legal description below, be annexed into the City of Ward, Arkansas zoned as R1 (Residential).

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: All unincorporated territory south of Highway 67 within the S ½ SE ¼ NE ¼ NW ¼ of Section 27, Township 5 North, Range 9 West, Lonoke County, Arkansas that is not currently within the City limits of Ward

SECTION 2: All necessary urban services, such as police and fire protection, solid waste collection and disposal, and maintenance of public streets shall be extended to such area within a reasonable time.

SECTION 3: The decision of the municipal council shall be final unless suit is brought in circuit court of the appropriate county within thirty (30) days after passage to review the actions of the governing body.

SECTION 3: Within forty-five (45) days of the effective date of this ordinance, the City Clerk of the Ward, Arkansas send a certified copy of this Ordinance and attachments to the Lonoke County Clerk, Lonoke County Arkansas.

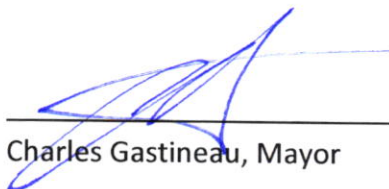
SECTION 4: EMERGENCY CLAUSE: Because these areas need all necessary urban services, such as police and fire protection, and this is necessary for the public peace, health, safety and welfare, an emergency is declared to exist. Therefore, this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from the date of the passage.

SAID ORDINANCE WAS ADOPTED ON 5/21/24.

Brooke Y, Chapman Y, Hall Y, Hefner Y, McMinn Y, Ruble Y

YEAS: 6 NAYS: 0 Mayor (if needed) _____

APPROVED:


Charles Gastineau, Mayor

ATTEST:


Krystal Rummel, City Clerk



