

ORDINANCE NO. 127

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CITY WARDS

WHEREAS, pursuant to A. C. A. 14-37-105, Bethel Heights, Arkansas is now deemed, in all respects, to be a City of the second class; and

WHEREAS, A. C. A. 14-44-101 requires that as soon as practicable after an incorporated town becomes a city of the second class, the governing body shall form the city into the number of wards that, to it, seems to best serve the public interest, with each such ward containing a substantially equal number of persons; and

WHEREAS, after due consideration, the governing body has determined that the public interest is best served by Bethel Heights having three (3) wards, with a population deviation of less than ten percent (10%) among wards; and

WHEREAS, at Bethel Heights request, the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission, utilizing 2000 Census (Public Law 94-171) Redistricting Data, has prepared a ward apportionment plan for consideration; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City Council, that the ward apportionment plan, as recommended, be approved.

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

SECTION 1. That the City of Bethel Heights, Arkansas shall have three (3) wards.

SECTION 2. That the ward apportionment plan, consisting of a map and boundary descriptions, 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 Bethel Heights, Arkansas.

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

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 23rd day of July 2002

APPROVED:


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CLERK/RECORDER/TREASURER

Bethel Heights Ward Boundary Descriptions

#1 – Begin at the intersection of the southernmost city limit line and the eastern right-of-way line of the Arkansas-Missouri Railroad; thence northerly along said ROW to a point where the city limit line turns east; thence west to the Arkansas-Missouri Railroad; thence northerly along said railroad to its intersection with S.H. 264, same point being on the city limit line; thence in a generally counterclockwise direction along the city limit line to the P.O.B. Population: 246

#2 – Begin at the intersection of N. Jefferson Street and the southernmost city limit line; thence north along said city limit line to a point where it turns west; thence west to the Arkansas-Missouri Railroad; thence northerly along said railroad to its intersection with S.H. 264, same point being on the city limit line; thence east, north, west, north, east, north, east, north, and west along the city limit line to N. Oak Street; thence north along Oak to Hathorn Drive; thence east along Hathorn, and the easterly extension thereof to the western boundary line of S18, T18N, R29W; thence north along said line to the northwest corner of Quail Meadows Subdivision; thence east along the north boundary line of said subdivision to Old Wire Road, same point being on the city limit line; thence in a generally southerly direction along the city limit line to the P.O.B. Population: 245

#3 – Begin at a point on the city limit line, approximately 180' south of Hathorn Drive, same point being on N. Oak Street; thence north along Oak to Hathorn; thence east along Hathorn, and the easterly extension thereof to the western boundary line of S18, T18N, R29W; thence north along said line to the northwest corner of Quail Meadows Subdivision; thence east along the north boundary line of said subdivision to Old Wire Road, same point being on the city limit line; thence in a generally counterclockwise direction along the city limit line to the P.O.B. Population: 223