

ORDINANCE 31-05-22

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NOBLESVILLE, INDIANA PROVIDING FOR REDISTRICTING IN COMPLIANCE WITH INDIANA CODE § 36-4-6-3

WHEREAS, the City of Noblesville, Indiana (“Noblesville”) is a second class city and the Common Council for the City of Noblesville (“Council”) is its legislative body;

WHEREAS, the Council is composed of nine members, six of which are elected from districts established in Code of Ordinances section 11.01, plus three at-large members;

WHEREAS, IC 36-4-6-3 requires second class cities to update district boundaries every ten years, in the second year after a decennial census is conducted;

WHEREAS, Noblesville experienced significant population growth from 2010-2020, occurring in various places within the city at different degrees of growth within different sections of the city;

WHEREAS, 2022 is the second year after the 2020 federal decennial census;

WHEREAS, attached to this Ordinance as Exhibit A is a map dividing the city into six (6) districts (the “Map”);

WHEREAS, there are pockets within Noblesville’s corporate boundaries that are unincorporated islands, which pockets are particularly prevalent in the transition from the historic downtown area to the western area of Noblesville and throughout the western area of Noblesville;

WHEREAS, such pockets are even present within certain precincts;

WHEREAS, the Council has determined that despite such pockets, the Map creates six districts that:

- (1) Are composed of contiguous territory, except for territory that is not contiguous to any other part of the city;
- (2) Are reasonably compact;

(3) Do not cross precinct boundary lines, except that the boundary of a legislative body district may cross a precinct line if the districts would not otherwise contain, as nearly as is possible, equal population; and

(4) Contain, as nearly as is possible, equal population.

WHEREAS, based upon information and belief, the Council understands that the Clerk for Hamilton County, Indiana will be requesting that the state allow the Clerk to re-precinct that area of Noblesville shown in the attached Exhibit B into an area referred to herein as "Proposed 44";

WHEREAS, if the State permits the Proposed 44 precinct to be created, all of the area in the Proposed 44 precinct shall be in Council District 6;

WHEREAS, absent the creation of the Proposed 44 precinct, the Council deems it necessary to split the Noblesville 9 precinct so that the portion west of state road 37 shall be in Council District 3 while that portion of the Noblesville 9 precinct east of state road 37 shall be in Council District 6; and

WHEREAS, the Council determines that the split of Noblesville 9 is necessary as the districts would not otherwise contain, as nearly as is possible, equal population; and

WHEREAS, the Clerk of the City has advised the Council that she sent the written notice required within the time limit required by IC 36-4-6-3(f).

NOW THEREFORE, the Council proposes to adopt a new Council district boundary map that takes into account the factors outlined in Ind. Code § 36-4-6-3 and related authorities, complies with such factors, and that provides for fair and effective representation of constituents through its elected members.

SECTION 1. The Noblesville Code of Ordinances are amended as follows:

#### **§ 11.01 DISTRICTS OF THE CITY.**

(A) Councilmanic Districts. The city is hereby divided into six councilmanic districts conforming to the requirements of IC 36-4-6-3 as follows.

(B) The Districts shall consist of the following precincts:

(1) Council District 1: Precincts 27, 17, 24, 25, 14, 7, 16, 36, and 35(NV) as defined by the precinct maps and boundaries located in the Office of the Clerk of Hamilton County.

(2) Council District 2: Precincts 33, 11, 30, 41, 42, 43(NV), 18, and 34 as defined by the precinct maps and boundaries located in the Office of the Clerk of Hamilton County.

(3) Council District 3: Precincts 10, 12, 6, 8, 22, 26, 31, and that portion of precinct 9 that is west of State Road 37 as defined by the precinct maps and boundaries located in the Office of the Clerk of Hamilton County.

(4) Council District 4: Precincts 29, 13, 5, 23, 20, 28, and 37 as defined by the precinct maps and boundaries located in the Office of the Clerk of Hamilton County.

(5) Council District 5: Precincts 21, 38, 39, Wayne 5, and Delaware 2, as defined by the precinct maps and boundaries located in the Office of the Clerk of Hamilton County.

(6) Council District 6: Precincts 32, 40, that portion (if any) of precinct 9 that is east of state Road 37, Proposed Precinct 44 (if it is created), Wayne 4, Wayne 3, Wayne 6(NV) and Fall Creek 13, as defined by the precinct maps and boundaries located in the Office of the Clerk of Hamilton County.

#### **§ 11.02 REDISTRICTING.**

Redistricting of councilmanic districts shall be done at least every ten years in accordance with applicable State law.

SECTION 2. Attached to this Ordinance as Exhibit A is the official Map of the district boundaries adopted herein.

SECTION 3. The Clerk of the City shall ensure that a copy of this ordinance and the Map attached hereto as Exhibit A are filed with the Hamilton County Clerk not later than thirty (30) days after this ordinance is adopted.

Approved on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022 by the Common Council of the City of Noblesville, Indiana:

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ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Evelyn L. Lees, City Clerk

Presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Noblesville, Indiana, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022 at \_\_\_\_\_ .M.

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Evelyn L. Lees, City Clerk

MAYOR'S APPROVAL

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Chris Jensen, Mayor

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# Exhibit A

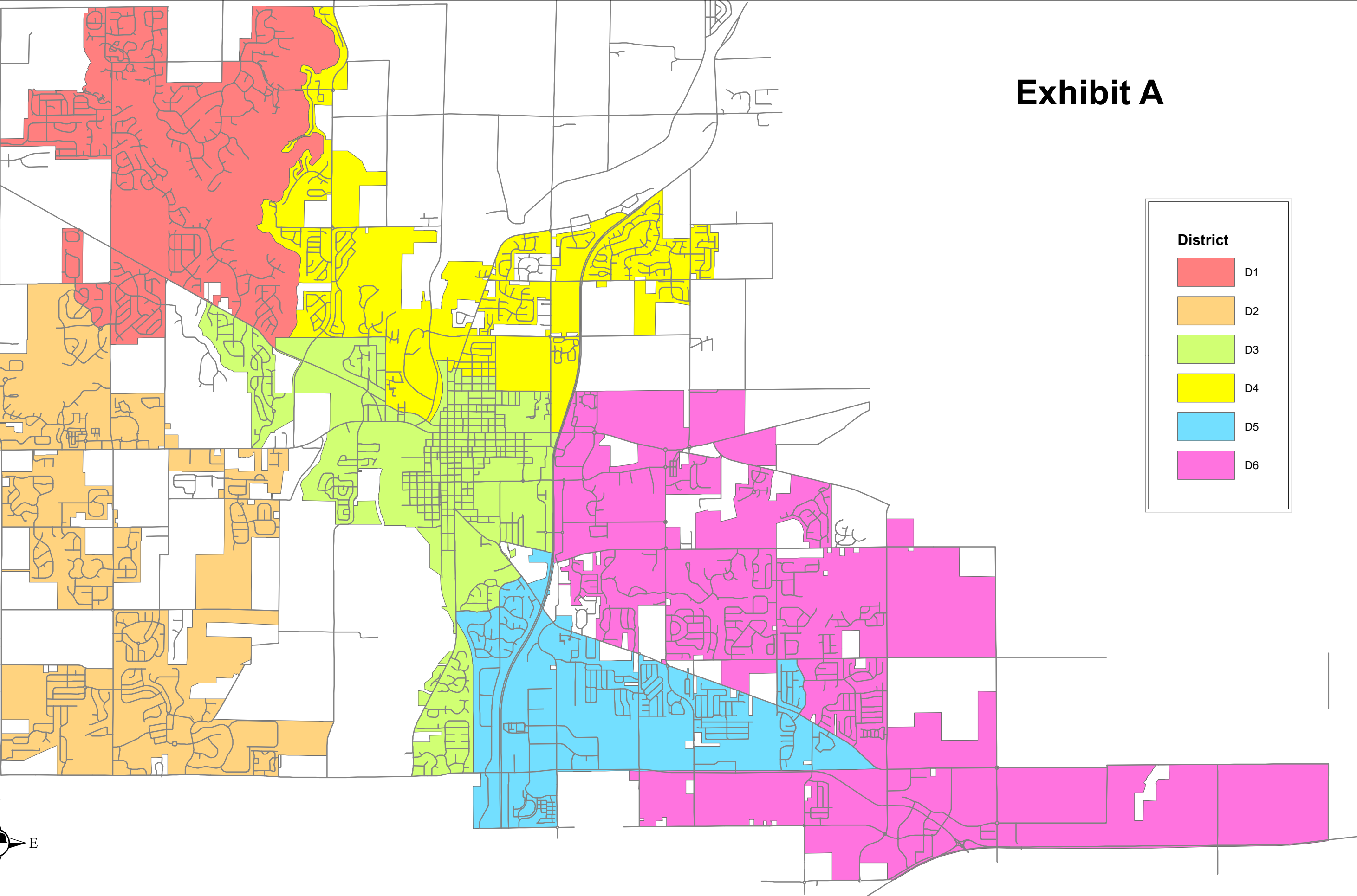
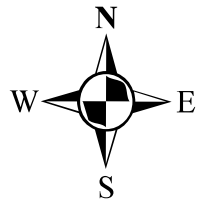


Exhibit B

