

Ordinance No. 2022- 3

AN ORDINANCE REAFFIRMING THE GOVERNANCE OF IC 36-4-6-5 OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE BODY AND ESTABLISHING DISTRICTS FOR THE CITY OF COLUMBIA  
CITY, INDIANA PURSUANT TO THE 2020 US CENSUS

Whereas, the City of Columbia City (the "City") has a population of less than ten thousand (10,000), according to the 2020 census, and is therefore classified as a third class city for state law purposes under Indiana Code 36-4-1-1;

Whereas, the legislative body of the City adopted an ordinance on or about March 23, 1982 providing that the City is to be governed by Indiana Code 36-4-6-5 concerning City Council districts, namely Ordinance 748, adopted March 23, 1982;

Whereas, Ordinance 748 has not been repealed since March 23, 1982 but has been amended with each redistricting year with no changes to the legislative body being subject to Indiana Code 36-4-6-5, and the Clerk Treasurer of the City has sent certified copies of Ordinance 748 and such amendments to the Circuit Court Clerk in the Clerk's capacity as Secretary of the Whitley County Election Board;

Whereas, the legislative body of such a city may, by ordinance adopted after June 30, 2010, and during a year in which an election of the legislative body will not occur, decide to be governed by Indiana Code 36-4-6-5 instead of section 4 of such chapter and the City has been and intends to be governed by Indiana Code 36-4-6-5;

Whereas, the legislative body of the City adopted Ordinance 652 on or about December 10, 1974 providing the descriptions of the legislative districts for the City and the legislative body has amended such districts with each redistricting year and the Clerk Treasurer of the City has sent certified copies of Ordinance 748 and such amendments to the Circuit Court Clerk in the Clerk's capacity as Secretary of the Whitley County Election Board;

Whereas, State law (Indiana Code 36-4-6-5) requires that the legislative body adopt an ordinance during 2022 to divide the City into districts that meet the following requirements:

- (1) The districts must be composed of contiguous territory;
- (2) The districts must be reasonably compact;
- (3) The districts must contain, as nearly as is possible, equal population;

Whereas, the Common Council is the legislative body of the City of Columbia City by virtue of state law (Indiana Code 36-4-6-2);

Whereas, State law (Indiana Code 36-4-6-5) sets forth that the Common Council consist of either four (4) members elected from districts and one (1) member elected at large, or, three

(3) members elected from districts and two (2) members elected at large;

Whereas, the City established a Redistricting Committee and established guidelines for legislative redistricting for the 2023 elections and thereafter utilizing the 2020 decennial census data in its desire for the public to be fully informed regarding the procedures to be used to redistrict the City's legislative body districts (see Guidelines for Common Council Legislative Redistricting attached and incorporated);

Whereas, the Common Council has, at a public meeting of the Council, provided an opportunity for all members of the Council and voters of the City to comment and make suggestions concerning the division of the City into districts under this Ordinance;

Whereas, the Common Council has determined that the continued division of the City into four districts for the purpose of conducting elections of legislative body members would be desirable and beneficial for the voters of the City and for the convenient administration of City government;

Whereas, The Common Council has examined the district boundaries set forth in this Ordinance and finds that the districts:

- (1) are composed of contiguous territory;
- (2) are reasonably compact;
- (3) contain, as nearly as is possible, equal population; and
- (4) do not cross precinct boundaries lines.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA CITY, INDIANA:

SECTION 1. As used in this Ordinance:

- (1) "City" refers to the City of Columbia City.
- (2) "Council" refers to the Common Council of the City of Columbia City.
- (3) "Precinct" refers to the precinct by that name as established by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Whitley, and as approved by the State Election Board under Indiana Code 3-11-1.5, in existence on the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION 2. The legislative body of the City hereby declares and confirms that it shall be governed by Indiana Code 36-4-6-5 (including, but not limited to, subsections (h) and (I)) instead of section 4 of such chapter.

SECTION 3. The Council is composed of five (5) members. Four (4) members of the Council are elected from districts established under this Ordinance. One (1) member of the

Council is elected at large by the voters of the entire City. Each voter of the City may vote for one (1) candidate for at large membership and one (1) candidate from the district in which the voter resides.

SECTION 4. The Council divides the City into the following districts for the purpose of conducting elections of Council members: Please see attached and incorporated map (the "2022 Columbia City District Map").

SECTION 5. If any part of the City is not included in one (1) of the districts established by this Ordinance, that territory is included within the district that:

- (1) is contiguous to that territory; and
- (2) contains the smallest population (as "population" is defined in Indiana Code 1-1-4-5).

SECTION 6. If any part of the City is included in more than one (1) of the districts established by this Ordinance, that territory is included within the district that:

- (1) is one (1) of the districts in which the territory is described in the Ordinance;
- (2) is contiguous to that territory; and
- (3) contains the smallest population (as "population" is defined in Indiana Code 1-1-4-5).

SECTION 7. The Council adopts the 2022 Columbia City District Map depicting the districts established under this Ordinance, and incorporates the 2022 Columbia City District Map by reference into this Ordinance. Two (2) copies of the 2022 Columbia City District Map are on file in the office of the Clerk Treasurer for public inspection as required by Indiana Code 36-1-5-4. If a conflict exists between the districts as depicted on the 2022 Columbia City District Map and as described in this Ordinance, the description in this Ordinance prevails.

SECTION 8. The Clerk Treasurer of the City shall forward a signed copy of this Ordinance to the Circuit Court Clerk of Whitley County and shall request the Clerk to include the copy of this Ordinance in the records of the Whitley County Election Board.

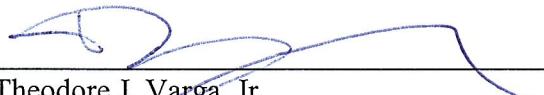
SECTION 9. All Ordinances are repealed which conflict with this Ordinance to the extent of that conflict.

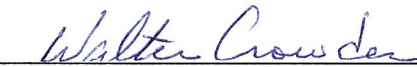
SECTION 10. As provided by Indiana Code 36-4-6-14, this Ordinance takes effect when signed by the presiding officer of the Common Council and either approved by the Mayor or passed over the Mayor's veto by the Common Council under Indiana Code 36-4-6-16 and published pursuant to Indiana Code 36-4-6-14 and 5-3-1.

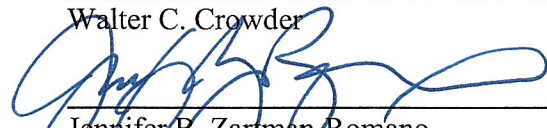
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Columbia City,  
Indiana, this 22 day of February, 2022.

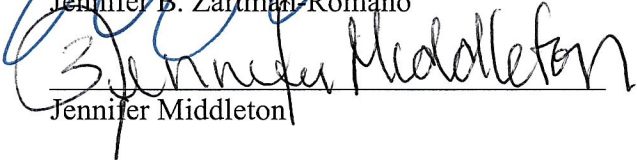
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
COLUMBIA CITY, INDIANA, BY:

  
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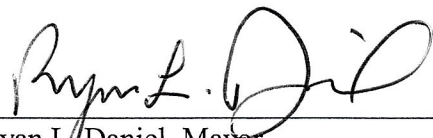
  
Jennifer B. Zartman-Romano

  
Jennifer Middleton

Attest:

  
Rosie Coyle, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved this 22 day of February, 2022.

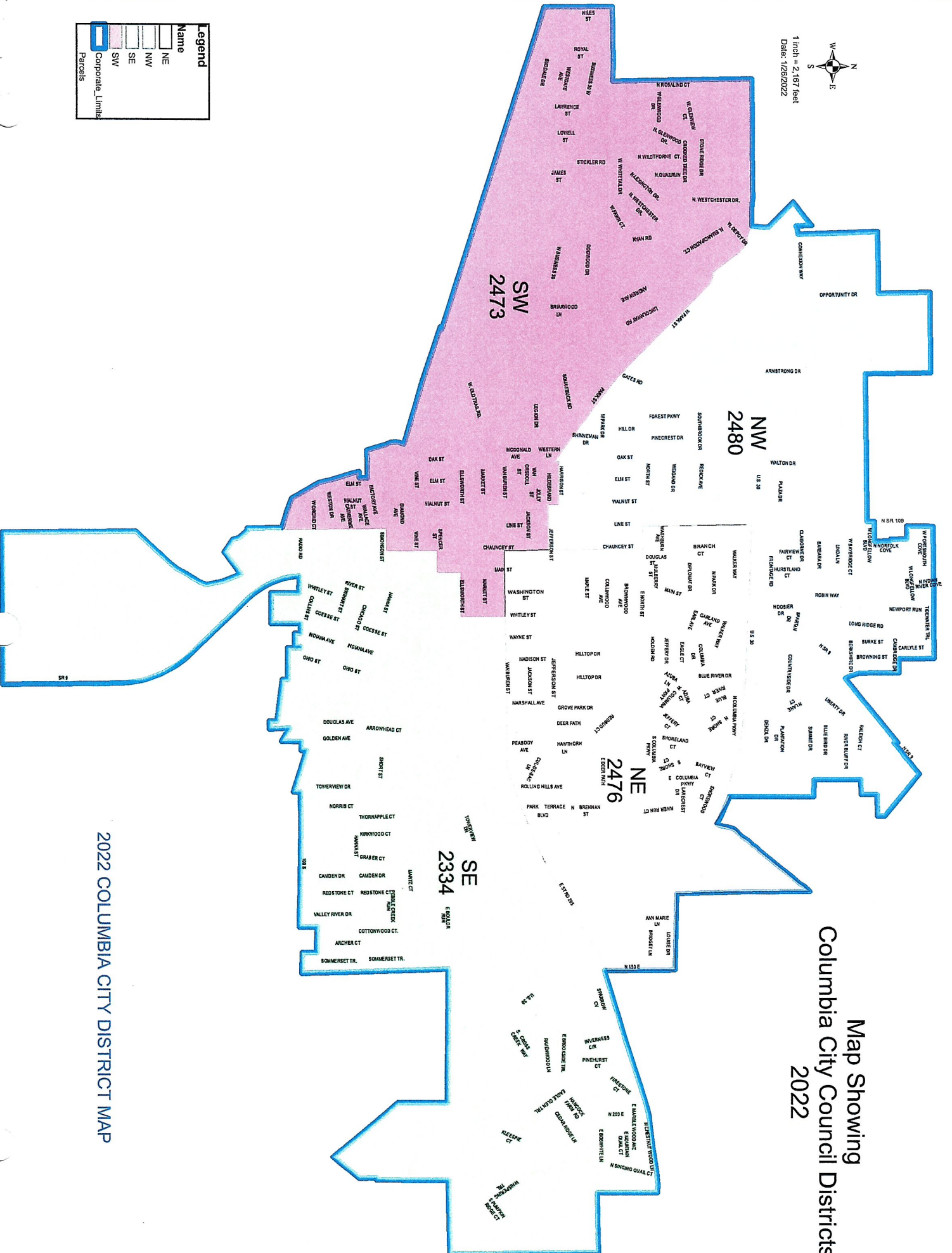
  
Ryan L. Daniel, Mayor  
City of Columbia City





1 inch = 2,167 feet  
Date: 1/28/2022

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SW	
Corporate Limits	
Parcels	



# Map Showing Columbia City Council Districts 2022

2022 COLUMBIA CITY DISTRICT MAP