Passed 8-0
Rollo absent

ORDINANCE 12-29
TO AMEND TITLE 2 OF THE BLOOMINGTON MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL"
- Re: Amending Article IV of Chapter 2.04 (Common Council) to Establish Councilmanic Districts for the City of Bloomington

WHEREAS, I.C. 36-4-6-3 requires that the City be divided into six (6) councilmanic districts during the second year after a year in which a federal decennial census is conducted; and

WHEREAS, this statute also requires that these districts be contiguous, reasonably compact, and, as nearly as possible, of equal population, and, with some specific exceptions, not cross precinct boundaries; and

WHEREAS, Council President Mayer created the Redistricting Committee composed of the three at-large representatives and chaired by Councilmember Sandberg; and

WHEREAS, prior to the first meeting, the City Clerk Regina Moore provided maps and an interactive table of precinct populations for Council members and the public to use to prepare maps that met the three requirements for consideration by the Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Redistricting Committee held four meetings in November and submitted a report comprised of the Memoranda of the Meetings and documents kept in the Office of City Clerk which, by passage of this ordinance, will be approved by the Council; and

WHEREAS, these meetings complied with the Indiana Open Door Law, including one meeting that was continued with the same agenda to later the same week, and were attended by the public at every meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that the proposed districts are contiguous, reasonably compact, and, as nearly as possible, of equal population;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MONROE COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT:

SECTION 1. Article IV of Chapter 2.04 of the Bloomington Municipal Code shall be amended by deleting Sections 2.04.500 (Definition of councilmanic districts) and 2.04.0510 (Repeal of former council districts) and replacing them with the following:

2.04.500 Definition of councilmanic districts.

The City of Bloomington is hereby divided into six (6) councilmanic districts which shall be known as the First District, Second District, Third District, Fourth District, Fifth District, and Sixth District. A copy of the map of these districts and the associated precinct populations are attached to this ordinance (Ordinance 12-29) as Exhibit "A." These districts shall consist of precincts as they were set forth in the "Order of the Monroe County Commissioners Regarding Additional Information or Corrections to the Precinct Boundaries and Submission of Corrected IEC-8 Forms" dated December 30, 2011. This Order and the associated precinct map, list of precincts with the component census blocks in each precinct, and the IEC-8 forms are incorporated by reference into this ordinance and, in accordance with IC 36-1-5-4, two copies of this material shall be kept on file in the office of the City Clerk and Council for inspection by the public. These districts and their component precincts are as follows:

FIRST DISTRICT. The First Councilmanic District shall consist of the following designated precincts:

(a) Bloomington Township Precincts 2 & 6
(b) Perry Township Precincts 1, 3, 5 & 29
(c) Richland Precinct 9
(d) Van Buren Township Precinct 2

SECOND DISTRICT. The Second Councilmanic District shall consist of the following designated precincts:

(a) Bloomington Township Precincts 5, 7, 13, 14, 17 & 23

THIRD DISTRICT. The Third Councilmanic District shall consist of the following designated precincts:

(a) Bloomington Township Precincts 9, 10, 16, 21 & 22
(b) Perry Township Precincts 20 & 21

FOURTH DISTRICT. The Fourth Councilmanic District shall consist of the following designated precincts:

(a) Bloomington Township Precincts 8 & 18
(b) Perry Township Precincts 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 & 26

FIFTH DISTRICT. The Fifth Councilmanic District shall consist of the following designated precincts:

(a) Perry Township Precincts 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 28, 31 & 32

SIXTH DISTRICT. The Sixth councilmanic District shall consist of the following designated precincts:

(a) Bloomington Township Precincts 1, 3, 4, 19 & 20
(b) Perry Township Precincts 7 & 30

SECTION 2. The district boundaries established in this ordinance supersede those established in all previous ordinances.

SECTION 3. In accordance with I.C. 36-4-6-3(l), the City Clerk is directed to file the ordinance with the Monroe County Clerk not later than thirty (30) days after the ordinance is adopted.

SECTION 4. Severability. If any section, sentence or provision of this ordinance, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be declared invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any of the other sections, sentences, provisions, or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Common Council and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 19th day of DECEMBER, 2012.

TIMOTHY MAYER, President
Bloomington Common Council

ATTEST:

REGINA MOORE, Clerk
City of Bloomington

PRESENTED by me to the Mayor of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 20th day of DECEMBER, 2012.

REGINA MOORE, Clerk
City of Bloomington

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this 29th day of DECEMBER, 2012.

MARK KRUZAN, Mayor
City of Bloomington

SYNOPSIS

This ordinance fulfills the council's obligation, in accordance with IC 36-4-6-3, to establish six councilmanic districts in 2012 based upon data received as a result of the federal census in 2010. Under this statute, these districts must be contiguous, reasonably compact, and, as nearly as possible, of equal population. The ordinance brings forward recommendations of the Council Redistricting Committee, which invited members of the Council and public to offer maps for the Committee's consideration in light of the statutory requirements. The committee met four times, with members of the public and Council present at each meeting, considered various plans from council members and the public, and recommended this map which is in compliance with statutory requirements.