

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RANSON AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF RANSON TO CERTIFY THE 2024 CITY OF RANSON WARD MAP PURSUANT TO RANSON CITY CHARTER, PART 1, SECTION 5 AND W. VA. CODE § 3-1-6.

WHEREAS, Ranson City Charter, Part 1, Section 5, states, "There shall be three wards or election districts within the City of Ranson. Upon each U.S. Census, the City shall, if necessary, redefine the Wards and thereafter be added to the Elections Ordinance of the City of Ranson and indicated graphically on a map."

WHEREAS, W. Va. Code § 3-1-6 states, "The governing bodies of all municipalities shall, for the purpose of municipal elections, provide by ordinance for making the voting precincts in the respective municipalities coincide, as nearly as possible, to the boundaries of the voting precincts fixed by the county court for all state and county elections."

WHEREAS, as a result of the 2020 census, it has been determined by City Council that the three wards need to be redrawn to reflect the growth within the City of Ranson.

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Ranson that the ward map attached hereto shall be certified by the City Clerk as the official Ward Map of the City of Ranson; that such Ward Map shall be incorporated into the Election Ordinance of the City of Ranson; and that the current population deviation between these wards is estimated to be less than 10%. The certified ward map shall be made available to the public.

FURTHER, be it ordained that this Ordinance shall take effect with the municipal elections of 2025.

First Reading: **October 15, 2024**

Public Hearing: November 19, 2024

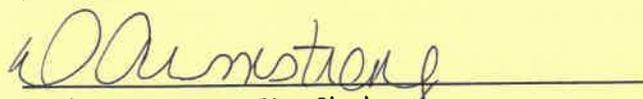
Second Reading: November 19, 2024

Enacted this 19th day November 2024

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Ranson after a 1st reading on October 15, 2024 and after a 2nd reading on November 19, 2024 by a vote of 6 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative with 0 abstentions.


Keith D. Pierson, Mayor

ATTEST:


Darla Armstrong, City Clerk

AFFIX CITY SEAL

