

MICHIGAN CITY COMMON COUNCIL

ORDINANCE NO. 4214

**AMENDING THE REDISTRICTING OF THE SIX (6) LEGISLATIVE WARDS OF THE
MICHIGAN CITY COMMON COUNCIL ESTABLISHED BY SEC. 42-32 OF THE
MUNICIPAL CODE OF MICHIGAN CITY, INDIANA**

WHEREAS, the City of Michigan City is classified as a “second class city;”

WHEREAS, I.C. 36-4-6-3(g)(1) requires the legislative body to adopt an ordinance during 2012 to divide the City into legislative districts (a/k/a: wards) as it is the second year after a year in which a federal decennial census has been conducted;

WHEREAS, pursuant to I.C. 36-4-6-3, in the year 2012, the City is required to divide the City into six (6) wards that meet the requirements of I.C. 36-4-6-3;

WHEREAS, I.C. 36-4-6-3(h) requires that the Common Council shall consist of six (6) members elected from wards and three (3) members elected at-large; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council has examined the district boundaries set forth in this Ordinance and finds that the wards:

- (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, or do not cross census block boundary lines, but do cross precinct boundary lines only because:
 - (a) More than one (1) member of the legislative body elected from wards resides in one (1) precinct after the most recent municipal election, and following the establishment of a legislative body ward whose boundary crosses a precinct boundary line under this Ordinance, not more than one (1) member of the legislative body elected from wards resides within the same City legislative ward; or
 - (b) The legislative body wards would not otherwise contain, as nearly as possible, equal population.
- (4) Contain, as nearly as is possible, equal population, with Ward One, Two, Three, Four, Five, and Six containing 5446, 5231, 4962, 4953, 5124, 5725 inhabitants respectively.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Common Council of the City of Michigan City, Indiana as follows:

Section 1: Sec. 42-32 of the Michigan City Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

The Council divides the City into the following wards for conducting elections of Council members:

- (1) **Ward One (1):** The part of the City located in the following boundaries:
Beginning at a point of political boundary between the City of Michigan City and the Town of Long Beach; thence along said boundaries to the intersection of Karwick Road; thence in a southerly direction along the centerline of Karwick Road to the centerline(s) of intersection of Karwick Road and U.S. Highway 12; thence in a southwesterly direction along the centerline of said U.S. Highway 12 to the intersection of the western political boundary of the City of Michigan City and the Town of Pottawattamie Park; thence in a southerly direction along said political boundary to the intersection of said political boundary and Springland Avenue; thence in an easterly direction along the centerline of Springland Avenue to the intersection of Springland Avenue and Carroll Avenue; thence in a southerly direction along the centerline of Carroll Avenue to the intersection of said Carroll Avenue and Holliday Street; thence in a westerly direction along the centerline of Holliday Street to where it intersects with Ridgeland Avenue; thence

in a southerly direction along the centerline of Ridgeland Avenue to where it intersects with Michigan Boulevard; thence in a northwesterly direction along the centerline of Michigan Boulevard to where it intersects with Poplar Street; thence southwesterly along the centerline of said Poplar Street to where it intersects with Tremont Street; thence westerly along the centerline of Tremont Street where it intersects with Cedar Street; thence in a southerly direction along the centerline of Cedar Street to where it intersects with Detroit Street; thence in a westerly direction along the centerline of said Detroit Street to where it intersects with Pine Street; thence in a southeasterly direction along the centerline of said Pine Street to where it intersects with William Street; thence westerly along William Street centerline to where it intersects with Wabash Street centerline/median strip; thence in a northwesterly direction along the centerline/median strip of Wabash Street continuing along an imaginary extension of Wabash Street to where it intersects with the westerly shoreline of Trail Creek; thence in a northerly direction along the said west shoreline to where it intersects with City of Michigan City's awarded area of Lake Michigan and along the southern shoreline of Lake Michigan; thence in a easterly direction along the said shoreline to the point of beginning with the political boundary of the Town of Long Beach. The ward lines shall follow precinct lines as they are written.

(2) **Ward Two (2).** The part of the city located in the following boundaries:

Beginning at a point where Tenth and Wabash Streets intersect; then southwesterly along Wabash Street to William Street; then northeasterly along William Street to Pine Street; then northwesterly along Pine Street to Detroit Street; then east on Detroit Street to Cedar Street; then north on Cedar Street to Tremont Street; then east on Tremont Street to Poplar Street; then south on Poplar Street to Barker Avenue; then west on Barker Avenue to Tilden Avenue; then south on Tilden Avenue to Gardena Street; then west on Gardena Street to Franklin Street; then southerly along Franklin Street to Coolspring Avenue; then west on Coolspring Avenue to Earl Road; then southwest on Earl Road to Ohio Street; then north on Ohio Street to Garfield Street; then west on Garfield Street to Tennessee Street; then northerly along Tennessee Street to Tenth Street; then northeasterly along Tenth Street to the place of beginning. The ward lines shall follow precinct lines as they are written.

(3) **Ward Three (3).** The part of the city located in the following boundaries:

Beginning at a point where the LaPorte-Porter County line and the shore of Lake Michigan intersect, then south along the county line, being the west corporate limits of Michigan City, to its intersection with the New York Central Railroad right-of-way; then northeast along the New York Central right-of-way to its intersection with the right-of-way line of Northern Indiana Public Service Co.; then southwest along the Northern Indiana Public Service Co. right-of-way line to its intersection with the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway right-of-way; then northeast along the C&O right-of-way; then north along the corporate boundary line of the city to the Michigan-Coolspring Township line; then east along the township line to Hitchcock Street; then a southerly direction along the corporate boundary of the city to U.S. Highway 20; then east along U.S. Highway 20 to the Monon Railroad right-of-way; then northerly along such right-of-way to Earl Road; then northeast on Earl Road to Ohio Street; then north on Ohio Street to Garfield Street; then west on Garfield Street to Tennessee Street; then northerly along Tennessee Street to Tenth Street; then northeasterly along Tenth Street to Wabash Street; then northerly along Wabash Street as Wabash Street is prolonged to a point where it intersects with the Lake Michigan shoreline; then running southwesterly along the shoreline to the place of beginning.

The ward lines shall follow precinct lines as they are written.

- (4) **Ward Four (4):** The part of the city located in the following boundaries:
Beginning at the intersection point of the former and abandoned right-of-way of the Monon Railroad and Earl Road; thence in a northeasterly direction along the centerline of said Earl Road to where it intersects with the centerline of Coolspring Avenue; thence in a easterly direction along the centerline of Coolspring Avenue to where it intersects with the Wabash Street; thence southerly along centerline of Wabash Street to intersection with Brinkman Avenue; thence in a westerly direction along the Brinkman Avenue to where it intersects with Bies Street; thence in a southerly direction along the centerline of Bies Street to where it intersects with the centerline of Chestnut Street; thence in a westerly direction along the centerline of said Bies Street to where it intersects with the centerline of Hoyt Street; thence in a southerly direction along said centerline to where it intersects with the centerline of Southwood Drive; thence along the centerline of Southwood Drive to where it intersects with the centerline of Franklin Street; thence in a southerly direction along the centerline of Franklin Street to where it intersects with the centerline of Barker Road; thence in a easterly direction along the centerline of Barker Road to the point of Woodland Avenue; thence northerly along center line of Woodland Avenue to the intersection on Larain Drive; thence in an easterly direction and following the City of Michigan City's eastern and southern political boundaries to the intersection of former Monon Railroad rights-of-way and U.S. Highway 20; then west on U.S. Highway 20 to the easternmost boundary line of Terrace Acres Mobile Home Park, then south to the southern boundary line of Terrace Acres Mobile Home Park; then west along the south boundary line of Terrace Acres Mobile Home Park; then north to the centerline of U.S. Highway 20; then east along U.S. Highway 20 to the former Monon Railroad rights-of-way; thence north along said rights-of-way to the point of beginning.

The ward lines shall follow precinct lines as they are written.

- (5) **Ward Five (5):** The part of the city located in the following boundaries:
Beginning at the center point of the intersection of Michigan Boulevard and Poplar Street; thence proceeding in a southeasterly direction along the centerline/median of Michigan Boulevard to where it intersects with the centerline of intersection of Michigan Boulevard and Ridgeland Avenue; thence in a northern direction along centerline of Ridgeland Avenue to where it intersects with the centerline of Holliday Street; thence easterly along the centerline of Holliday Street to where it intersects with the centerline of Carroll Avenue; thence in a southerly direction along the centerline of Carroll Avenue to where it intersects with the Coolspring Avenue; thence in a westerly direction along centerline of Coolspring Avenue to east political boundary; thence southerly along political boundary to where it intersects with Larain Drive; thence in a westerly direction along the centerline/median strip of Larain Drive to where it intersects with Woodland Avenue; thence in a southerly direction along the centerline of Woodland Avenue to where it intersects with the centerline of Barker Road; thence westerly along the centerline of Barker Road to where it intersects with the centerline of Franklin Street; thence northerly along the centerline of Franklin Street to where it intersects with the centerline of Southwood Drive; thence in a westerly direction along the centerline of Southwood Drive to where it intersects the centerline of Hoyt Street; thence in a northerly direction along said Hoyt Street to where it intersects with the centerline of Chestnut Street; thence easterly along Chestnut Street centerline to where it meets with the centerline of Bies Street; thence northerly along the centerline of Bies Street to where it intersects with the centerline of Brinkman Avenue; thence easterly along Brinkman Avenue centerline to centerline of Wabash Street; thence northerly along Wabash Street centerline to where it meets with centerline of Coolspring Avenue; thence easterly along centerline of Coolspring Avenue to

where it intersects with Franklin Street; thence northerly along centerline of Franklin Street to the centerline of Gardena Avenue; thence easterly along centerline of Gardena Avenue to centerline of Tilden Avenue; thence northerly along centerline of Tilden Avenue to centerline of Barker Avenue; thence easterly along the centerline of said Barker Avenue to the centerline of Poplar Street; thence northerly along the center line of Poplar Street to the point of beginning at the intersection of Michigan Boulevard.
The ward lines shall follow precinct lines as they are written.

- (6) **Ward 6.** That part of the city located in the following boundaries:
Beginning at Sal Court and Welnetz Road; east to Roeske Avenue; north to Michigan Boulevard; east to Menke Road; south to Swan Lake; east to Meer Road; north to U.S. Highway 12 and El Portal; El Portal north to Michiana Shores; west to Moore Road; south to Birch Tree Farms; southwest on U.S. Highway 12 to Martin Luther King Drive; east to Roeske Avenue; south to Springland Avenue; west to Carroll Avenue; south to Coolspring Avenue; west to Sal Court; south to the place of beginning. The ward lines shall follow precinct lines as they are written.

Section 2: Pursuant to Sec. 42-35 of the Michigan City Municipal Code, the council adopts a map depicting the wards established under this Ordinance, and incorporates the map by reference into this Ordinance. Two copies of this map are on file in the office of City Clerk for public inspection as required by I.C. 36-1-5-4. If a conflict exists between the wards as depicted on the map and as described in this Ordinance, the description in this Ordinance prevails.

Section 3: The City Clerk shall forward a certified copy of this Ordinance to the Circuit Court Clerk of LaPorte County and shall request the Clerk to include the copy of this Ordinance in the records of the LaPorte County Election Board.

This Ordinance to be effective upon passage by the Council, approval by the Mayor, any necessary publication, and any necessary approval by the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance.

INTRODUCED BY: /s/Ron Hamilton, Member
Michigan City Common Council

/s/ Duane Parry, Member
Michigan City Common Council

Passed by the Common Council of the City of Michigan City, Indiana, this 28th day of December, 2012 by a vote of 7 to 1.

/s/ Marc Espar, President
Michigan City Common Council

Approved by me, this 3rd day of January, 2013.

/s/ Ron Meer, Mayor
City of Michigan City

ATTEST:

/s/ Gale A. Neulieb, Clerk
City of Michigan City

Prepared by City Attorney's Office Upon Request