AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REDISTRICTING OF WARD BOUNDARIES IN CONFORMITY WITH THE UNITED STATES CENSUS FIGURES OF 2020 AND FEDERAL LAW FOR THE CITY OF NORTHWOODS, MISSOURI.

WHEREAS, the 2020 Census figures for 2020 have been released; and

WHEREAS, the City has reviewed the new information to determine whether the population balance between the Wards is proper; and

WHEREAS, due to changes in populations between the City's four Wards, an adjustment is required to ensure that the population deviation between the Wards is within the permissible range under Federal Law; and

WHEREAS, in order to ensure and protect the crucially important principal of one person one vote, the imbalance must be corrected; and

WHEREAS, the proposed re-apportionment plan achieves well apportioned wards, having a deviation of less than 3%, which is well within the range of 10% permitted by law; and

WHEREAS, the proposed changes: (1) result in a more equitable distribution of population between the Wards; (2) do not have a negative impact on the voting power of minority populations; and (3) avoid relocating any incumbent Alderman; and

WHEREAS, Exhibit A depicts the proposed new Ward boundaries, and is incorporated herein by reference.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF NORTHWOODS, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section One.

The City of Northwoods, Missouri, shall henceforth be divided into the four Wards for the purpose of municipal elections and representation on the Board of Aldermen, the boundaries of which are depicted on the attached Exhibit A.

Section Two.

For purposes of clarity, the Wards shall be divided (by census blocks) as follows:

Ward One (Total Population 919):

1000, 1001, 1002, 1003, 1004, 1006, 1007, 1008, 1009, 1010, 1011, 1012, 1013, 1014, 1015, 1016, 1017, 1018, 1019, 1022, 1028, 1030, 1038

Ward Two (Total Population 927)

1020, 1028, 3000, 3001, 3002, 3003, 3004, 3010, 3011, 3012, 3013, 3014, 3015, 4005, 4006, 4007, 4008

Ward Three (Total Population 934)

3005, 3006, 3007, 3008, 3009, 3016, 4000, 4001, 4002, 4003, 4004, 4010, 4011, 4012, 4013

Ward Four (Total Population 907)

1021, 1023, 1024, 1025, 1026, 1027, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2012, 2013, 2014

Section Three.

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN FOR THE CITY OF NORTHWOODS, MISSOURI, THIS ____27TH___ DAY OF December, 2022.

NED THIS __27th__ DAY OF December, 2022.

Sharon L. Pace

Mayor, City of Northwoods

LST:

Cynthia Dixon

City Clerk, City of Northwoods

Exhibit A







