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ORDINANCE NO. 120311

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2 **An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, amending Section 9-1.1**
3 ***Election districts* of the Code of Ordinances by redistricting the City of**
4 **Gainesville into four ratably or equally proportioned election districts as**
5 **required by law; making findings; providing a severability clause; providing**
6 **a repealing clause; and providing an immediate effective date.**

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9 **WHEREAS**, Section 2.02 of the Charter of the City of Gainesville provides that the City
10 Commission shall, by ordinance, adjust the boundary lines of the election districts by ordinance
11 whenever, in its judgment, the districts are not ratably or equally proportioned in accordance
12 with federal and state law, but not less frequently than within the second year following each
13 decennial census; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the City Commission in 2002 apportioned the City into four consecutively
15 numbered election districts using the 2000 census data and other relevant information; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the City Commission in March 2012 appointed the Citizen Election District
17 Review Committee consisting of residents of the City of Gainesville to recommend a plan to
18 apportion the City into four consecutively numbered election districts using the 2010 census data
19 and other relevant information; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the City retained the services of an expert consultant to advise the Citizen
21 Election District Review Committee and the City Commission in reviewing the census data and
22 other relevant information and to make recommendations based upon that data and other relevant
23 information; and

24 **WHEREAS**, the Citizen Election District Review Committee held five (5) public
25 meetings (advertised on the City's official notice of meetings and website) and one (1) public
26 hearing (advertised with at least ten (10) days notice in the Gainesville Sun, the Alligator,

1 Community 12TV, and the City's website) to review information and receive public comment;
2 and

3 **WHEREAS**, the professional consultant and the Citizen Election District Review
4 Committee recommend the apportionment of the City into four election districts as set forth
5 herein; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the City Commission held a public hearing on October 18, 2012 to review
7 the recommendations of the expert consultant and the Citizen Election District Review
8 Committee and receive comment from the public; and

9 **WHEREAS**, at least 10 days notice has been given by publication in a newspaper of
10 general circulation notifying the public of this proposed ordinance and of public hearings in the
11 Auditorium of City Hall in the City of Gainesville; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the public hearings were held pursuant to the published notice described at
13 which hearings the parties in interest and all others had an opportunity to be and were, in fact,
14 heard;

15 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE**
16 **CITY OF GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA:**

17 **Section 1.** Section 9-1.1 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Gainesville is amended
18 to read as follows:

19 **Sec. 9-1.1. Election districts.**

20 (a) In accordance with section 2.02 of the Charter of the city, the following election districts
21 are hereby established for the purpose of representation upon and election of four
22 members to the city commission:

23 District No. 1

1 District No. 1 shall be comprised of the following precincts: Precinct Nos. ~~13, 16, 19, 25, 28, 29,~~
2 ~~33 and 55~~ 13, 19, 25, 28, 30, 33, 34, 55, and 59.

3 District No. 2

4 District No. 2 shall be comprised of the following precincts: Precinct Nos. ~~12, 17, 21, 37, 38, 45,~~
5 ~~57, 58, 61 and 64~~ 12, 17, 21, 22, 37, 38, 45, 50, and 57.

6 District No. 3

7 District No. 3 shall be comprised of the following precincts: Precinct Nos. ~~4, 24, 26, 32, 36, 40,~~
8 ~~44, 48 and 54~~ 24, 26, 32, 36, 39, 40, 43, 48, 52, 54, and 61.

9 District No. 4

10 District No. 4 shall be comprised of the following precincts: Precinct Nos. ~~5, 7, 23, 27, 31 and 59~~
11 5, 7, 23, 27, 31, and 44.

12 A map identifying the election districts is attached to the ordinance from which this section
13 derives as Exhibit A for illustrative purposes only and is on file in the office of the clerk of the
14 commission.

15 (b) As used in this section, the term "precincts" means the county election precincts of
16 Alachua County, Florida, as established by the board of county commissioners and
17 approved by the supervisor of elections. The boundaries of said precincts are the
18 boundaries as they exist on the effective date of the ordinance from which this section
19 derives or any amendatory ordinance, but only to the extent that they are located within
20 the corporate limits of the city.

21 **Section 2.** The City Commission hereby finds and determines that the four election
22 districts established herein are ratably or equally proportioned in accordance with the
23 Constitutions of the United States and of the State of Florida.

City of Gainesville Single-Member Commission Districts

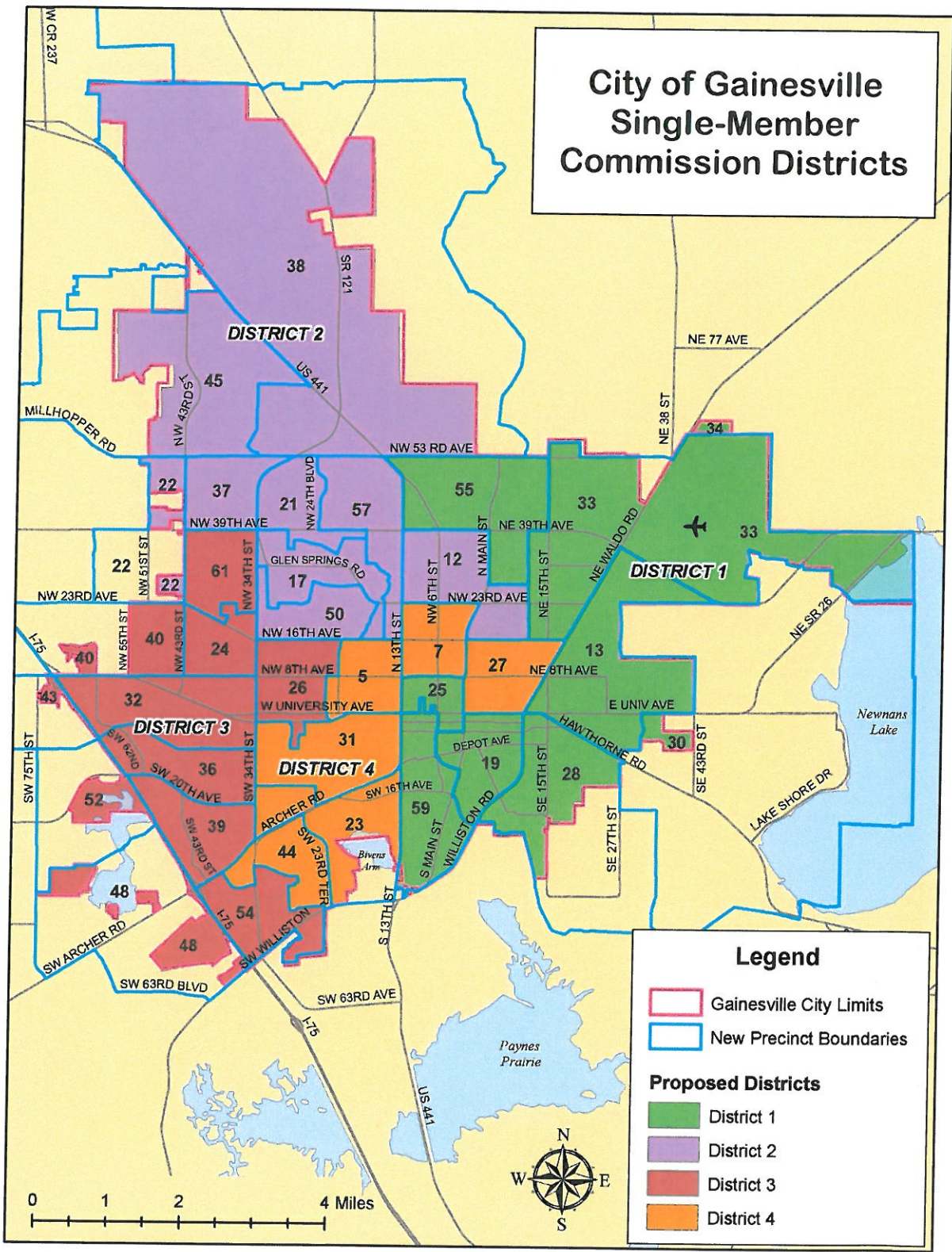


Exhibit "A" to Ordinance No. 120311