

## ORDINANCE NO. 2022-08 AN ORDINANCE REDISTRICTING CITY WARDS

**WHEREAS**, cities have an obligation and responsibility to ensure that wards are of substantially equal population, and serve the public's best interest; and

**WHEREAS,** a population analysis of each city ward utilizing the 2020 CENSUS block data indicates the need for ward redistricting; and

WHEREAS, Arkansas law vests city councils with apportionment and redistricting authority; and

WHEREAS, a redistricting plan has been prepared that equalizes ward population and ensures compliance with state statutes and equal protection requirements; and

**WHEREAS,** it is the desire of the Brookland City Council that a new ward redistricting plan be approved.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROOKLAND, ARKANSAS;

- **SECTION 1.** That the ward redistricting plan as shown on the map dated May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022, which is attached hereto and made part of, be and is hereby adopted, with said map to serve hereafter as the Official Ward Map for the City of Brookland, Arkansas.
- SECTION 2. That all previous ward maps and boundary descriptions are hereby repealed.
- **SECTION 3.** That duly certified copy of said Map shall be filed with Craighead County Election Commission and filed in the Office of the Craighead County Clerk.
- **SECTION 4.** This Ordinance shall take effect on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022, with exception that candidates for city council filing to run in November 2022 election shall file for office according to the wards provided herein. Nothing herein shall affect the right of any current city council member to remain in office in his or her current ward during the term for which the council member was elected.

**SECTION 5,** Ordinance No. 2020-14, establishing prior wards for City of Brookland is hereby repealed.

## **SECTION 6: EMERGENCY CLAUSE**

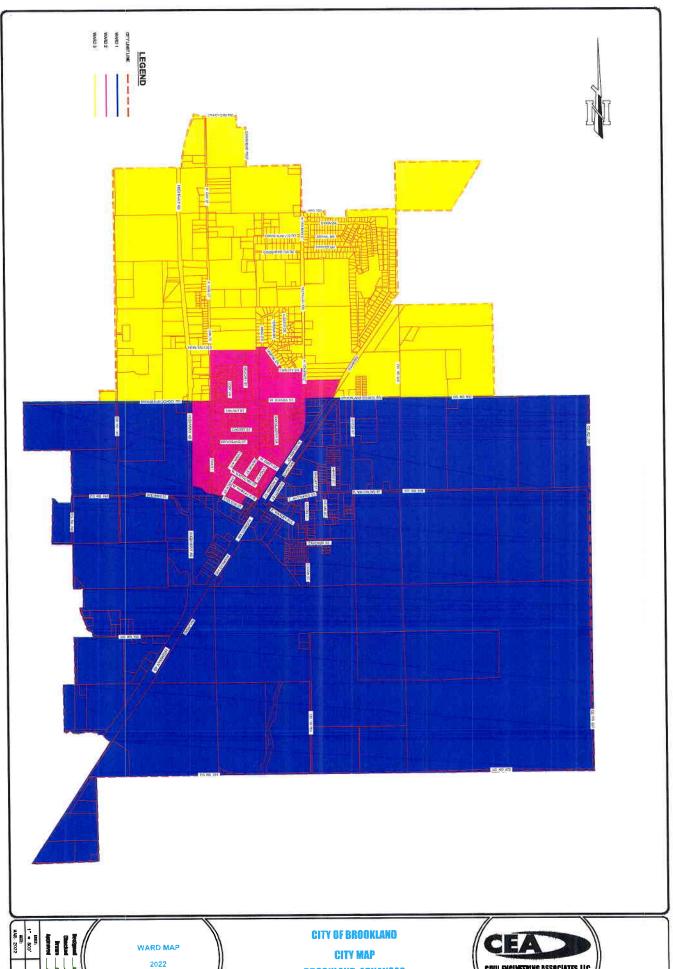
The Brookland City Council has an obligation and responsibility to ensure that city council wards are of substantially equal population that will serve the public's best interest. The 2020 CENSUS block data shows that certain populace growth has changed the population in the current wards. Therefore, an emergency exists to redistrict city wards because the balance of the population in the current city wards does not represent the populace of the city equally and fairly.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 9<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY 2022.

Kenneth D. Jones, Mayor

ATTEST:

Billy Dacus, City Clerk/Treasurer



**BROOKLAND, ARKANSAS** 

