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## Jefferson County Amended Voting Precincts Ordinance

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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING JEFFERSON COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES (2011), CHAPTER 8-10 GOVERNING VOTING PRECINCTS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THAT:

- I. Repealer. Jefferson County Code of Ordinances (2011), Chapter 8-10 is hereby repealed.
- II. Amendment. Chapter 8-10 is hereby amended by substitution of the following, to state:

**“Chapter 8-10. VOTING PRECINCTS.**

**SECTION 1. Purpose.** The purpose of this ordinance is to establish the voting precinct boundaries within Jefferson County, Iowa to establish more cost effective precincts and to comply with the requirements of section 49.3 of the Code of Iowa.

**SECTION 2. Definitions.** For use in this ordinance the following words shall be interpreted or defined as follows:

1. “Fairfield City Ward” shall mean the precincts and wards established by the City of Fairfield, Iowa in their administrative code, Chapter 1.12.
2. “Voting Precinct” or “Precinct” shall mean a county or municipal subdivision for casting and counting votes in elections;
3. “Township” shall mean any political subdivision of the county as listed on the official plat in the Jefferson County Auditor’s Office. Each township shall measure approximately six (6) square miles;
4. “Township Officials” or “Township Officers” shall mean a board of officers to whom the affairs of a township are entrusted.

**SECTION 3. General Provisions.**

A. To carry out the purpose of this ordinance, the following voting precincts in Jefferson County shall remain unchanged:

1. Blackhawk-Polk Precinct which includes Blackhawk Township, Polk Township and the City of Packwood;
2. Des Moines-Liberty Precinct which includes Des Moines Township, Liberty Township and the City of Libertyville;

3. Locust Grove Township Precinct which includes Locust Grove Township and the City of Batavia; and

4. Buchanan Township Precinct which includes Buchanan Township and excludes the City of Fairfield;

B. To carry out the stated purpose of this ordinance, all voting precincts not included in the above paragraph shall be changed as follows:

1. Walnut Township Precinct and Penn Township Precinct shall be combined to form Walnut-Penn Precinct and shall include the City of Pleasant Plain and that portion of the City of Coppock lying within Jefferson County;

2. Lockridge Township, along with the City of Lockridge will form the Lockridge Precinct.

3. Round Prairie Township will join Center-Cedar Precinct to form the Center-Cedar-Round Prairie Precinct; which includes Center Township, Center South Township, Cedar Township, Round Prairie Township and Maharishi Vedic City and excludes the City of Fairfield. However, persons living in the areas of Center Township designated in Section 4 shall vote in the Fairfield City Ward stated in Section 4.

C. All township boundaries shall remain the same and each township shall retain its own elected officials. The only boundaries changed are the voting precinct boundaries.

D. Residents within an established township shall continue to vote for independent elected officials of such township. There shall be no combination of township officers.

**SECTION 4. Special Precinct Agreement.** It is agreed between Jefferson County and the City of Fairfield that any and all registered voters who live in the following areas of unincorporated Center Township shall vote in the city wards designated:

1. All registered voters living in Census Blocks #2004 (an area east of B Street, north of Zimmerman Blvd extended, south of Larch Street and west of Pleasant Lake) shall vote in Fairfield's Second Ward.

2. All registered voters living in Census Block #2010 and #2011 (the 2 small areas on the east side of Pleasant Lake not currently accessed by any road) shall vote in Fairfield's Second Ward.

3. All registered voters living in Census Block #2005 (the area within Pleasant Lake) shall vote in Fairfield's Second Ward.

4. All registered voters living in Census Block #2021 (3000 and 3002 West Burlington Street in Fairfield) shall vote in Fairfield's Third Ward.

5. All registered voters living in Parcel# 0626384001. (a small island located south of W Jefferson Street, east of S 17<sup>th</sup> Street, west of S 16<sup>th</sup> Street, and north of W Madison Avenue) and Parcel# 0626384006 (a small island located south of W Madison Avenue, east of S 17<sup>th</sup> Street, west of S 16<sup>th</sup> Street and north of W Jackson Avenue) shall vote in Fairfield's Third Ward.

6. All registered voters living in Census Block #2044 (any and all even numbered address between 1600 and 1698 South Main Street in Fairfield) shall vote in Fairfield's Fifth Ward."

III. Severability. If any section, provision, or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provisions, or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

IV. Publication, Hearing, Approval, Adoption, and Filing of:

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CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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