

**CITY OF WARD
ORDINANCE 2023-16**

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY OF WARD ARKANSAS CALLING FOR THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN LANDS THAT ARE COMPLETELY SURROUNDED BY THE INCORPORATED LIMITS OF THE CITY OF WARD; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED (A.C.A.) § 14-40-501-503 provides that unincorporated islands of land that have been surrounded by the incorporated limits of a municipality may be annexed by that municipality, including situation in which the unincorporated area is surrounded on three sides by the municipal boundaries and the fourth side by a state boundary, a military base, a state park, a national forest, a lake, or a river.

WHEREAS, THE CITY OF WARD, ARKANSAS, desires to annex certain properties (“the properties”) as shown on the map legal description from the Arkansas GIS Office (Attachment 1 and 2) which are located in Lonoke County, Arkansas.

WHEREAS, a necessary urban service, such as fire and police protection, are to be extended to such are within a reasonable period of time and in fact, already are; and,

WHEREAS, the area to be annexed complies with the standards set forth in A.C.A. § 14-40-302 and A.C.A. 14-40-501; and

WHEREAS, the council finds that the territory to be annexed is surrounded by the incorporated limits of the City of Ward as show in Attachment 1; and,

WHEREAS, the council further finds that the territory consists of land that are needed for any proper municipal purposes such as for the extension of needed police protection; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on July 17, 2023 regarding this proposed annexation; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Ward, Arkansas caused a legal notice of the public hearing to be published in the Leader Newspaper prior to the public hearing and such notice set out the legal descriptions of the properties proposed to be annexed. Said notice was published on June 28, 2023; and,

WHEREAS, THE CITY OF WARD, ARKANSAS, wishes to comply with the provisions of A.C.A. §14-40-503.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WARD, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1: That, the area shown in Attachment 1 be annexed into the City of Ward, Arkansas zoned as R1 (Residential) except the following parcels which will be zoned as indicated. All areas annexed are assigned to Voting Ward #2.

- Parcel 001-10718-000 – Zone C2 (Highway Commercial)
- Parcel 211-14576-100¹ – Zone Pub (Public Use)

SECTION 2: All necessary urban services, such as police and fire protection, solid waste collection and disposal, and maintenance of public streets shall be extended to such area within a reasonable time.

SECTION 3: The decision of the municipal council shall be final unless suit is brought in circuit court of the appropriate county within thirty (30) days after passage to review the actions of the governing body.

SECTION 3: Within forty-five (45) days of the effective date of this ordinance, the City Clerk of the Ward, Arkansas send a certified copy of this Ordinance and attachments to the Lonoke County Clerk, Lonoke County Arkansas.


SECTION 4: EMERGENCY CLAUSE: Because these areas are in need of all necessary urban services, such as police and fire protection, and this is necessary for the public peace, health, safety and welfare, an emergency is declared to exist. Therefore, this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from the date of the passage.

SAID ORDINANCE WAS ADOPTED ON 7/17/23.

YEAS: 6 NAYS: 0

APPROVED:

ATTEST:



Charles Gastineau, Mayor



Krystal Rummel, City Clerk

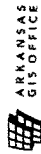
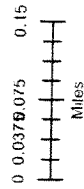
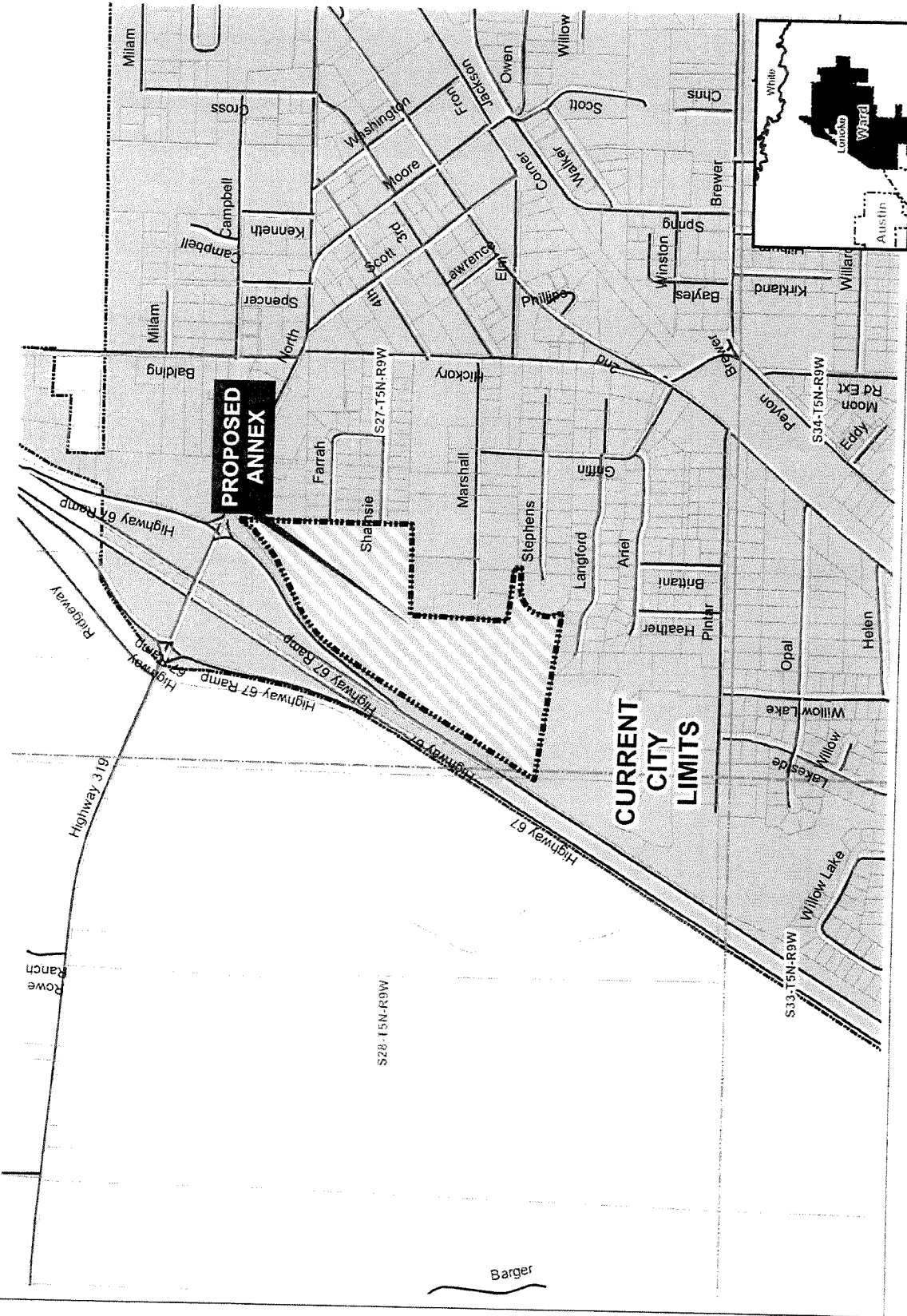
¹ Owned by the City of Ward

Proposed Annex: City of Ward
June 2023

City Ward
Mayor: Charles Gastineau

Arkansas Code 14-40-101
Before an entity undertakes an annexation, consolidation, or detachment proceeding under this chapter, the entity shall coordinate with the Arkansas Geographic Information Systems Office for preparation of legal descriptions and digital mapping for the relevant annexation, consolidation and detachment areas.

The map contained herein is evidence, the entity has met requirements of Act 914 of 2015.



Legal Description

All unincorporated lands in the West 1/2 of Section 27, Township 5 North, Range 9 West lying south of Highway 319 (North Street) and East of Highway 67.

Also

All unincorporated lands in the E1/2 SE1/4 of Section 28, Township 5 North, Range 9 West lying East of Highway 67.