

#17 - City Wards  
filed w/ Waco

ORDINANCE NO. 17

AN ORDINANCE CREATING CITY WARDS  
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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**WHEREAS**, the City of Goshen is a city of the second class; and

**WHEREAS**, Ark. Code Ann. § 14-44-101 provides that an incorporated town which becomes a city of the second class shall be organized into wards; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council, pursuant to statute, has the discretion to form the City into the number of wards that, to it, will seem to best serve the interest of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, after due consideration, the City Council has determined that the public interest is best served by creating three wards within the City of Goshen; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council, pursuant to statute, has the duty to see that each ward has as nearly an equal population to each of the other wards as would best serve the interest of the tax payers of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, at Goshen's request, the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission has conducted a demographic analysis of the City's wards and has prepared a plan creating wards for the Council's consideration; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the City Council that the plan creating wards for the City of Goshen, as recommended by the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission, be approved; and

**WHEREAS**, Ark. Code Ann. § 14-44-103 calls for the election, every two years in November, of two alderman from each ward who shall then compose the City Council and that the election of the Goshen City Council shall next occur in November 2002; and

**WHEREAS**, Ark. Code Ann. § 14-44-103(b)(1)(A) provides that candidates for the office of alderman in cities of the second class shall reside in the ward from which they seek to be elected and shall run for election at large and that all of the qualified electors of the City shall be entitled to vote in the election; and

**WHEREAS**, in order that the residents of Goshen shall have a reasonable amount of time to be made aware of the new wards and those who are interested in being a candidate for alderman shall have the maximum amount of time to prepare for making themselves a candidate for alderman, it is necessary that the City Council recognize this as an emergency. Additionally, it is appropriate to recognize this as an emergency so as to address certain issues raised in the case of *Andy Bethell, et al. v. Town of Goshen, AR, et al.*, Case No. CV-02-621, in the Circuit Court of Washington County, Arkansas.

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

**ARTICLE 1.** That the ward plan, consisting of a map and boundary descriptions, attached hereto and made a part hereof, be and is hereby adopted; with said map to serve hereafter as the Official Ward Map for the City of Goshen, Arkansas.

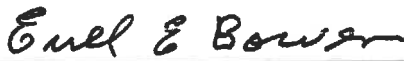
**ARTICLE 2.** That, although there is no evidence that any official action was ever taken previously to establish wards, if any ward maps and boundary descriptions exist which are in conflict herewith, they are hereby repealed.

**ARTICLE 3.** That a duly certified copy of said Map shall be submitted to the Washington County Election Commission, and filed in the Office of the Washington County Clerk.

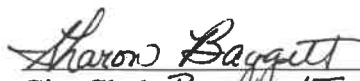
**ARTICLE 4.** That beginning with the November 2002 general election, the City of Goshen shall elect for each of the wards hereinabove designated two alderman, who shall compose the City Council, that candidates for the office of alderman shall reside in the ward from which they seek to be elected and shall run for election at large, that all of the qualified electors of the City of Goshen shall be entitled to vote in the election, and that nothing contained herein is intended to affect the current composition of the City Council and the current alderman who shall serve until their successors, elected in accordance herewith, shall take office January 1, 2003.

**ARTICLE 5. Emergency Clause:** It is hereby declared that an emergency exists, and this Ordinance being necessary for the preservation of the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Goshen, Arkansas shall be effective immediately upon its passage, approval and publication.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2002.

  
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Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk Recorder/Treasurer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
City Attorney

**ROLL CALL**

Names of those voting YEA

James Boyd

Jim Northup

Max Poye

Fred Wizer

Absent

Andy Bethell

Names of those voting NAY

None

## 2002 City of Goshen Ward Boundary Descriptions

Ward #1 – Begin at the intersection of S.H. 45 and the N-S centerline of S25, T17N, R29W; thence north along said centerline to the Goshen city limit line; thence in a generally counterclockwise direction along the city limit line to Tuttle Road; thence northerly along Tuttle Road to S.H. 45; thence westerly along S.H. 45 to the P.O.B.

Ward #2 – Begin at the intersection of S.H. 45 and the N-S centerline of S25, T17N, R29W; thence north along said centerline to the Goshen city limit line; thence in a generally easterly direction along the city limit line to S.H. 45; thence in a generally westerly direction along S.H. 45 to the P.O.B.

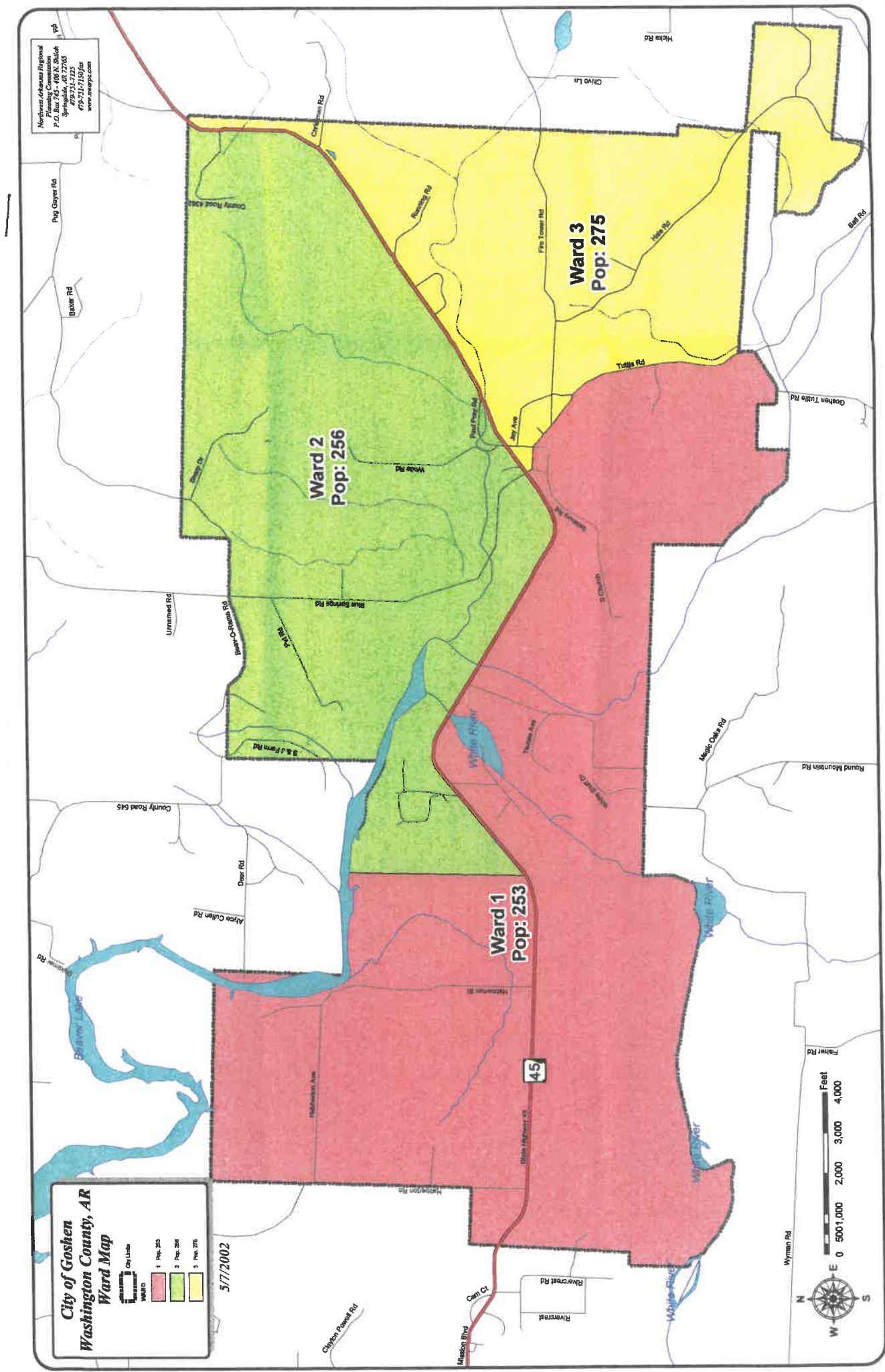
Ward # 3 – Begin at the intersection of S.H. 45 and Tuttle Road; thence southerly along Tuttle Road to the Goshen city limit line; thence in a generally counterclockwise direction along the city limit line to its intersection, in the northeast part of Goshen, with S.H. 45; thence southwestly along S.H. 45 to the P.O.B.

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**City of Goshen  
 Washington County, AR  
 Ward Map**

WARD	City Lines
1 Pop: 253	
2 Pop: 256	
3 Pop: 275	

5/7/2002



## CERTIFICATION

I, Sharon Baggett, certify that I am the Recorder for the City of Goshen; that I am the person authorized to certify documents from the official records of the City of Goshen; that on May 14, 2002 at the regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council of Goshen, the attached ordinance was first read as required by statute; that the second and third reading was, by separate motion, adopted by a vote of four alderman in favor, with one absent, waived on May 14, 2002; that the ordinance was adopted on May 14, 2002 by motion made and duly seconded, by a vote of four alderman in favor, with one absent; and that upon separate motion made, seconded and passed by vote of four alderman in favor and one recorded as absent, on May 14, 2002, the emergency clause was adopted; that subsequently the ordinance was posted in five public places within the City of Goshen and therefore is, by law, considered effective; and that said ordinance having properly adopted and now effective, is officially part of the records of the City of Goshen.

This certification is executed this 20<sup>th</sup> of May, 2002 in my official capacity as Recorder of the City of Goshen.

WITNESS MY HAND ON THE DATE HEREINABOVE STATED.

  
Sharon Baggett