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To: Board of Supervisors  
 From: Kerri Tompkins, Auditor  
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RE: Reprecincting Process

After every decennial U.S. Census state law requires the Scott County Board of Supervisors to establish precincts for the areas of the County which are not included in cities with populations greater than 2,000 people. The cities of Bettendorf, Davenport, Eldridge and LeClaire have populations greater than 2,000 people and those cities will create their own precincts. The Board is responsible for defining precincts for the remainder of the County.

**BASIC REQUIREMENTS**

The basic legal requirements for precincts are:

- Population cannot exceed 3,500 people;
- Lie within one legislative district;
- Composed of contiguous, compact territory within the county;
- Follows census block boundaries;
- Townships are considered precincts unless the Board determines otherwise;
- Cities with population of 2,000 or less can be combined with their surrounding area;
- Cities with more than 2,000 population can be combined with their surrounding area through agreement;
- Public hearing conducted (24 hour minimum public notice pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 21);
- Adopted by ordinance.

**PROPOSED PRECINCTS**

There are 18 precincts under Scott County jurisdiction. The total number of precincts in Scott County will increase from 63 to 66 based on population growth primarily in Bettendorf (which will increase from 11 precincts to 15 precincts). The proposed precincts under county jurisdiction include the following (beginning in the northwest portion of the county map):

Precinct Name	Description	Population
Liberty TWP	Liberty Township including the City of New Liberty and City of Dixon	760
Allen's Grove TWP	Allens Grove Township including the City of Donahue	857
Winfield TWP	Winfield Township including the City of Long Grove	1727
Park View	Park View subdivision and nearby developments	2773
McCausland	Butler Township including the City of McCausland	994
Princeton TWP	Princeton Township including the City of Princeton	1387
Walcott	The City of Walcott including Cleona Township and the City of Durant	1970
Hickory Grove TWP	Hickory Grove Township including the City of Maysville	627
Lincoln-Sheridan TWP	Lincoln and Sheridan Townships	966
LeClaire TWP	LeClaire Township north of the City of LeClaire and Pleasant Valley Township	1458
Blue Grass	Blue Grass Township and the City of Blue Grass	2752
Buffalo TWP	Buffalo Township	2982
Buffalo	City of Buffalo and small portions of Buffalo Township surrounded by the city	1194
Pleasant Valley TWP	Pleasant Valley Township and LeClaire Township south of the City of LeClaire	1402
Riverdale	City of Riverdale	379
Bettendorf 51	Bettendorf Precinct 51 including the City of Panorama Park	139
Davenport 11	Blue Grass Township surrounded by the City of Davenport	4
Davenport 13	Blue Grass Township surrounded by the City of Davenport	36

All of these precincts meet the requirements for population limits, contiguousness and jurisdictional boundaries.

## PRECINCT SHARING AGREEMENTS

Precinct sharing agreements will be needed for the two small areas of Blue Grass Township surrounded by the city of Davenport (Davenport 11 and 13). Another precinct sharing agreement will be needed between Scott County and the City of Bettendorf regarding the City of Panorama Park, wherein the residents of Panorama Park would vote in the Bettendorf Precinct 51 which surrounds the city. Panorama Park has a total population of 139, with 101 people of voting age.

All three agreements have been prepared and forwarded to the respective city councils of Davenport and Bettendorf. The Board of Supervisors also will need to approve these agreements by resolution, which is included.

## ORDINANCE

The current precinct ordinance is Chapter 37 of the Scott County Code. The proposed ordinance would delete the current ordinance and replace it with the new proposed ordinance.

Changes in the ordinance include the cities of Donahue and Long Grove, which are combined with their surrounding township precincts. Previously, each city had been included in a legislative district different than the townships' district. Sheridan and Lincoln Townships are also combined into one precinct. Previously, Sheridan Township was included in Eldridge Precinct Two, and Lincoln Township was included with Parkview. The portion of LeClaire Township south of the City of LeClaire and east of Pleasant Valley Township is now combined with Pleasant Valley Precinct. Previously, this area was included in LeClaire Precinct 2.

## ENACTMENT

Because this provision is adopted in the form of an ordinance, three readings will be required unless one or more readings is waived by the Board of Supervisors. A public hearing is required before passage. Notice of the hearing follows the provisions of Iowa Code Chapter 22 for at least 24 hour notice; there is no requirement to publish notice of the public hearing. The deadline for enactment is January 15, 2022.

After passage, the ordinance is sent to the Secretary of State for approval. We request that the Board pass the ordinance after two readings to assist with the filing process to the Secretary. It is possible that the Secretary's Office will reject the plan and require changes which can be accommodated within this timeline.

We suggest holding the public hearing at the December 9, 2021 regular meeting and pass the first reading at that time. Final consideration would occur at the Board's December 21, 2021 regular meeting, with the standard waiver of rules and final passage. If the Board prefers passage after three full readings then we request that the Board hold a special meeting to meet this requirement.

Scott County Ordinance Number \_\_\_\_\_

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 37 – Election Precincts, of the Code of Scott County.

Be it enacted by the Board of Supervisors of Scott County, Iowa:

Delete Chapter 37 – Election Precincts enacted in 2001 and replace with the new Chapter 37 – Election Precincts.

CHAPTER 37  
ELECTION PRECINCTS

SECTIONS

37-1. INTRODUCTION

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SEC. 37-1 INTRODUCTION

A. The purpose of this ordinance is to comply with Sections 49.3 and 49.4 of the Code of Iowa requiring the Scott County Board of Supervisors to establish election precincts following every federal decennial census.

B. For use in this Ordinance the following terms shall be interpreted or defined as follows:

"City" means city, town, or incorporated area. "County" means areas outside of cities, towns, or incorporated areas. "Township" means a civil or political subdivision of the county. "Precinct" means a county or municipal subdivision for casting and counting votes.

C. "City - County Precinct Agreement" means an agreement pursuant to Iowa Code Section 49.6, and entered into between Scott County and a given city to create a precinct comprised partially of unincorporated territory and partially of all or any part of a city.

SEC. 37-2. PRECINCTS ESTABLISHED

A. The County of Scott is hereby divided into eighteen (18) precincts as follows:

1. Allens Grove TWP - Includes the legal boundary of Allens Grove Township that lies within Scott County, including the city of Donahue, and excluding the city of Dixon.
2. Bluegrass TWP - Includes the corporate boundaries of the city of Blue Grass, but excluding that portion of the city of Blue Grass which lies in Muscatine County, and the legal boundary of Blue Grass Township, excluding those areas of the township which lie within the corporate limits of the cities of Davenport and Walcott, and excluding those areas of the township surrounded by the city of Davenport and included in Davenport Precinct 11 and Davenport Precinct 13.

3. Buffalo - Includes the corporate boundaries of the city of Buffalo, including the portions of Buffalo Township lying west of the corporate boundaries of the city of Buffalo, and the portion of Buffalo Township lying west of the corporate boundaries of Davenport, south of the city of Buffalo and east of the Scott County boundary.
4. Buffalo TWP - Includes the legal boundary of Buffalo Township, excluding that area of the township which lies within the corporate limits of the cities of Buffalo and Blue Grass, and that area included in Buffalo precinct.
5. Hickory Grove TWP - Includes the legal boundary of Hickory Grove Township, including the city of Maysville, but excluding those areas of the township which lie within the corporate limits of the cities of Davenport and Walcott.
6. LeClaire TWP - Includes the legal boundaries of LeClaire Township, excluding those areas of the township which lie within the corporate limits of the cities of Bettendorf and LeClaire, and excluding that portion of the unincorporated portion LeClaire Township which is bordered by Pleasant Valley Township to the west, the legal boundary of the City of LeClaire to the north and the Mississippi River to the south
7. Liberty TWP - Includes the legal boundary of Liberty Township, and including the corporate boundaries of the cities of Dixon and New Liberty.
8. Lincoln-Sheridan TWP - Includes the legal boundaries of Lincoln and Sheridan Townships, excluding those areas of the townships which lie within the corporate limits of the cities of Bettendorf, Davenport, and Eldridge.
9. McCausland - Includes the legal boundaries of Butler Township that lies within Scott County, excluding Parkview precinct.
10. Parkview - Beginning at the center of the intersection of 290th Street and 200th Avenue, then south along the centerline of 200th Avenue to the south border of Butler Township, then west along the south border of Butler Township to the west border of Butler Township, then north along the west border of Butler Township to 290th Street, then east along the centerline of 290th Street to 200th Avenue.
11. Pleasant Valley TWP - Includes the legal boundary of Pleasant Valley Township, excluding those areas of the township which lie within the corporate limits of the cities of Bettendorf, Riverdale, and Panorama Park. The Precinct also includes that portion of the unincorporated portion

LeClaire Township which is bordered by Pleasant Valley Township to the west, the legal boundary of the City of LeClaire to the north and the Mississippi River to the south.

12. Princeton TWP - Includes the legal boundary of Princeton Township, and including the city of Princeton.
13. Riverdale - Includes the corporate boundaries of the city of Riverdale, Iowa.
14. Walcott - Includes the corporate limits of the city of Walcott, excluding that portion of the city which lies in Muscatine County, and including the legal boundary of Cleona Township, including that portion of the city of Durant which lies within Scott County.
15. Winfield TWP - Includes the legal boundary of Winfield Township, and including the city of Long Grove.
16. Davenport Ward 1, Precinct 1 - Includes the boundaries of Davenport Ward 1, Precinct 1, to wit, Beginning at the intersection of Buffalo Avenue and West Locust Street, then proceed northerly along the corporate limits to Duck Creek, easterly along Duck Creek to North Fairmount Street, south along North Fairmount Street to Heatherton Drive, southeasterly along Heatherton Drive to North Michigan Avenue, south along North Michigan Avenue to West Lombard Street, east along West Lombard Street to North Clark Street, south along North Clark Street to Waverly Road, northwesterly along Waverly Road to North Fairmount Street, north along North Fairmount Street to West Locust Street, west along West Locust Street to the corporate limits, the place of beginning, all of which is a part of the eighty-first legislative district, and a part of the forty-first senate district; and pursuant to a City - County Precinct Agreement between the City of Davenport and Scott County, including that portion of the unincorporated portion Blue Grass Township which lies surrounded by the corporate limits of the City of Davenport within Davenport Precinct 11.
17. Davenport Ward 1, Precinct 3 - Includes the boundaries of Davenport Ward 1, Precinct 3, to wit, Beginning at the intersection of West Locust Street and Wisconsin Avenue, then proceed southerly along Wisconsin Avenue to Telegraph Road, easterly along Telegraph Road to South Clark Street, south along South Clark Street to Indian Road, southwesterly along Indian Road to South Elsie Avenue, southerly along South Elsie Avenue to Rockingham Road, westerly along Rockingham Road to Minnie Avenue, south along Minnie Avenue to South Concord Street, south along South Concord Street to West River Drive, westerly along West River Drive to the corporate limits, northerly along the corporate limits to West Locust Street, east along West Locust Street to Wisconsin Avenue, the place of beginning, all of which is a part of the ninety-eighth legislative district, and a part of the forty-ninth senate district; and pursuant to a City - County Precinct Agreement between the City of Davenport and Scott County, including that portion of the unincorporated portion Blue Grass Township which lies surrounded by the corporate limits of the City of Davenport within Davenport Precinct 13.

18. Bettendorf Ward 5, Precinct 1 – Includes the boundaries of Bettendorf Ward 5, Precinct 1, to wit, Commencing, as a point of reference, beginning at the intersection of the State line along the main channel of the Mississippi River, the eastern city limits of Riverdale, Iowa, and the western city limits of Bettendorf, Iowa; thence north along said city limits line to its intersection with Valley Drive; thence northeasterly along the centerline of Valley Drive to its intersection with Crow Creek; thence westerly along the centerline of the meanders of Crow Creek to its intersection with Tanglewood Road; thence westerly along the centerline of Tanglewood Road to its intersection with Middle Road; thence north along the centerline of Middle Road to its intersection with 53rd Avenue; thence easterly along the centerline of 53rd Avenue to its intersection with Remington Road North; thence south along the centerline of Remington Road North to its intersection with Century Heights Avenue; thence easterly along the centerline of Century Heights Avenue to its intersection with Heatherstone Road; thence south along the centerline of Heatherstone Road to its intersection with Crow Creek Road; thence easterly along the centerline of Crow Creek Road to its intersection with Valley Drive; thence easterly along the centerline of Valley Drive to its intersection with the eastern city limits of Bettendorf, Iowa and unincorporated Scott County, Iowa; thence south along the said city limits line to its intersection with the State line of the main channel of the Mississippi River; thence southwestwardly along the State line of the main channel of the Mississippi River to the point of beginning and excluding therefrom the incorporated city limits of Panorama Park, Iowa; and pursuant to a City –County Precinct Agreement between the city of Bettendorf and Scott County including the corporate limits of the city of Panorama Park.

#### SEC. 37-3. CORRECTION OF ERRORS.

If this ordinance fails to place any part of the County of Scott within a precinct established by this ordinance, the Commissioner of Elections shall assign the omitted area to an adjacent and appropriate precinct. The Commissioner is also charged with the responsibility of correcting any obvious clerical errors in this ordinance.

#### SEC. 37-4. PUBLICATION OF CHANGES.

The Scott County Commissioner of Elections is hereby directed to forward a copy of this Ordinance to the Office of Secretary of State and publish said Ordinance pursuant to all applicable laws governing ordinances.

#### SEC. 37-5. SEVERABILITY.

If any section of this Ordinance is adjudged to be unconstitutional, or otherwise unlawful, only that section so adjudged shall be void, and to that extent the sections of this Ordinance are declared to be severable.

#### SEC. 37-6. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Pursuant to Section 49.7 of the Code of Iowa, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect on January 15, 2022 and after its final passage and publication.

APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_ day of December, 2021:

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Ken Beck, Chairman  
Scott County Board of Supervisors

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ATTESTED BY: Kerri Tompkins  
Scott County Auditor