ORDINANCE NO. 2012- 008

AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING FOUR (4) ELECTION WARDS FOR THE CITY OF DIAMONDHEAD AND DESIGNATING THE POLLING PLACES FOR EACH WARD TO BE UTILIZED IN MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

WHEREAS, the City of Diamondhead became incorporated under the laws of the State of Mississippi on or about January 30, 2012; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Mississippi Code Annotated § 21-9-15 the City Council is empowered and authorized to divide the city into four (4) equally populated single member election districts for the purpose of electing council members and the City Council finds it desirable to do so; and,

WHEREAS, in pursuit of developing a plan for the creation of single member election districts the Mayor and City Council did retain the services of a demographer to develop said plan and guide the process leading up to the adoption of said plan; and,

WHEREAS, said demographer prepared a plan for the creation of four (4) election districts within the City of Diamondhead and said plan was put before the public at a duly noticed public hearing; and,

WHEREAS, during the course of the public hearing there were questions of a general nature from members of the public and no objections to the proposed plan for the creation of four (4) election districts within the City of Diamondhead; and,

WHEREAS, elections conducted by Hancock County Mississippi utilize two polling places within Diamondhead and such polling places are familiar to the voters within the City and should, for consistency purposes, be utilized for City elections; now therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Diamondhead, Mississippi, as follows:

SECTION 1: That the City of Diamondhead be and it is hereby apportioned and divided into four (4) wards, with each such ward being set out on the map attached hereto and marked as EXHIBIT A. The perimeter metes and bounds description of the four (4) wards, as apportioned, are declared to be as follows:

Ward 1

Beginning at the point of intersection of the centerline of Interstate Highway 10 and the centerline of the Jordan River (also known as the Jourdan River), said centerline being the West City Limits line of the City of Diamondhead as they exist on April 3, 2012; thence run Northerly along the meanderings of the thread or centerline of said Jordan River to the point of intersection of the thread or centerline of said Jordan River with the thread or centerline of Rotten Bayou; thence run Northeasterly along the meanderings of the thread or centerline of said Rotten Bayou to its intersection with the North line of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 26, Township 7 South, Range 14 West; thence run East along the North line of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 26 to an iron pipe set on the Eastern bank of Rotten Bayou; thence East a distance of 932 feet to an iron stake set at the Northeast corner of the above mentioned Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter; thence South to a point on the North line of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 26; thence East to the Northeast corner of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 26; thence South a distance of 550 feet, more or less, to a point on the Northerly right-of-way of an existing Mississippi Power Company Transmission Line Easement, said easement containing a 230 kV and a 115kV transmission line; thence run Northeasterly along the Northerly right-of-way of said existing Mississippi Power Company Transmission Line Easement a distance of 1,170 feet, more or less, to a point; thence run South and parallel to the East line of said Section 26 for a distance of 2,050 feet, more or less, to the intersection of the centerline of Diamondhead Drive West and the centerline of a power line easement; thence run Westerly along the centerline of Diamondhead Drive West for a distance of 575 feet, more or less, to the centerline of Laa la Way; thence run along the centerline of Laa la Way to its intersection with the centerline of Diamondhead Drive West; thence run Southwesterly along the centerline of Diamondhead Drive West and continuing Southwesterly along the centerline of Diamondhead Drive North to its intersection with the centerline of Mahalo Hui Drive; thence continue Southwesterly along the centerline of Diamondhead Drive North a distance of 382 feet, more or less, to the centerline of Analii Street; thence run southwesterly along the centerline of Analii Street to its intersection with the centerline of Diamondhead Drive North; thence run south along the centerline of Diamondhead Drive North to its intersection with the traffic circle encompassing the Diamondhead P.O.A. offices; thence traverse around the western margin of the traffic circle to its intersection with the centerline of Diamondhead Drive; thence run south along the centerline of Diamondhead Drive to its intersection with the centerline of Gex Drive; thence continue south along the centerline of Gex Drive to the

intersection of the centerline of Interstate Highway 10; thence run Southwest along the centerline Interstate Highway 10 to its intersection with centerline of the Jordan River and the Point of Beginning.

Ward 2

Beginning at a point on the North line of the City Limits of Diamondhead, said point being the Northwest corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 26, Township 7 South, Range 14 West; thence run East along the North line of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 26 to the East line of said Section 26, said point also lying on the Northwest corner of the South half of Section 25, Township 7 South, Range 14 West; thence run East along the North line of the South half of said Section 25 to the Northeast corner of the South half of said Section 25, said point also lying on the County line common to Hancock and Harrison Counties, and the same being the line common to Ranges 13 and 14 West, Saint Stephens Meridian; thence run Southerly along said common County line a distance of 3,155 feet, more or less, to a point of intersection with the centerline of a power line easement; thence run Westerly along the centerline of said power line easement to its intersection with the centerline of Golf Club Drive; thence run Southwesterly along the centerline of Golf Club Drive to its intersection with the centerline of Cherry Hill Drive; thence run Northwesterly along the centerline of Cherry Hill Drive a distance of 165 feet, more or less, to its intersection with the centerline of the cart path of the Cardinal Golf Course; thence run Westerly along the meandering centerline of the cart path course around Holes 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the Cardinal Golf Course to its intersection with the centerline of Turnberry Drive; thence run Southwesterly along the centerline of Turnberry Drive to its intersection with the centerline of Mahalo Hui Drive; thence run Northwesterly along the centerline of said Mahalo Hui Drive to its intersection with the centerline of Diamondhead Drive North; thence run Northeasterly along the centerline of Diamondhead Drive North and continuing Northeasterly along the centerline of Diamondhead Drive West to its intersection with the centerline of Bayou Drive; thence continue Northeasterly along the centerline of Diamondhead Drive West a distance of 1,932 feet, more or less, to its intersection with the centerline of Laa la Way; thence run along the centerline of Laa la Way to its intersection with the centerline of Diamondhead Drive West; thence run Easterly along the centerline of Diamondhead Drive West a distance of 575 feet, more or less, to its intersection with the centerline of a power line easement; thence run North and parallel to the East line of said Section 26 for a distance of 2,050 feet, more or less, to the point of intersection with the North Line of the City of Diamondhead, said point being on the Northerly right-of-way of an existing Mississippi Power Company Transmission Line Easement, said easement containing a 230 kV and a 115kV transmission line; thence run Northeasterly along the Northerly right-of-way of said existing Mississippi Power Company Transmission Line Easement to its point of intersection with the West line of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 26; thence run North to the Northwest corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 26 and the Point of Beginning.

Ward 3

Beginning at point of intersection of the East Line of the City of Diamondhead and a Easterly projection of the centerline of Lanai Street, said point also lying on the County line common to Hancock and Harrison Counties, and the same being the line common to Ranges 13 and 14 West, Saint Stephens Meridian; thence run Southerly along said common County line to a point intersecting the present corporate limits of the City of Bay St. Louis, said point lying at the intersection of the line common to Ranges 13 and 14 West, Saint Stephens Meridian, with the center of the St. Louis Bay; thence run Southwesterly along the present corporate limits of the City of Bay St. Louis to the center of regular Section 14, Township 8 South, Range 14 West; thence leaving the present corporate limits of the City of Bay St. Louis, run Northwesterly to the point where the thread or centerline of Cutoff Bayou intersects St. Louis Bay, said point lying at the mouth of said Cutoff Bayou; thence run Northwesterly along the meanderings of the thread or centerline of said Cutoff Bayou to the point of intersection of the thread or centerline of said Cutoff Bayou with the thread or centerline of the Jordan River (also known as the Jourdan River); thence run Northerly along the meanderings of the thread or centerline of said Jordan River to the point of intersection with the centerline of Interstate Highway 10; thence run Northeasterly along the centerline of Interstate Highway 10 to its intersection with the centerline of Gex Drive; thence Northerly along the centerline of Gex Drive to its intersection with the centerline of Diamondhead Drive North; thence run northerly along the centerline of Diamondhead Drive North to its intersection with the traffic circle encompassing the Diamondhead P.O.A. offices; thence traverse around the western margin of the traffic circle to its intersection with the centerline of Diamondhead Drive North; thence run north along the centerline of Diamondhead Drive North a distance of 1,725 feet, more or less, to its intersection with the centerline of Analii Street; thence run Northeasterly along the centerline of Analii Street to its intersection with the centerline of Diamondhead Drive North; thence run Northeasterly along the centerline of Diamondhead Drive North a distance of 382 feet, more or less, to its intersection with the centerline of Mahalo Hui Drive; thence run Southeasterly along the centerline of Mahalo Hui Drive to its intersection with Turnberry Drive; thence run Northeasterly along the centerline of Turnberry Drive to its intersection with the cart path of the Cardinal Golf Course thence run Easterly along the meandering centerline of the cart path around Holes 4, 3, 2, and 1 of the Cardinal Golf Course to its intersection with the centerline of Cherry Hill Drive; thence run Southeasterly along the centerline of Cherry Hill Drive a distance of 165 feet, more or less, to its intersection with the centerline of Golf Club Drive; thence run southwesterly along the centerline of Golf Club Drive a distance of 1,660 feet, more or less, to its intersection with a westerly projection of the south line of the Lanai Village Condominiums; thence run Easerly along said projection and the south line of the Lanai Village Condominiums to the Southeast corner of the Lanai Village Condominiums; thence run Easterly along a projection of the south line of the Lanai Village Condominiums to the centerline of the cart path of the Diamondhead Pine Golf Course; thence run Southwesterly along the centerline of the cart path, said cart path being in vicinity of Hole 10, a distance of 1,060 feet , more or less, to its intersection with the centerline of Ahihi Street; thence run Southeasterly along the centerline of Ahihi Street to its intersection with Diamondhead Drive East; thence run

easterly along the centerline of Diamondhead Drive East to its intersection with the centerline of the traffic circle at the intersection of Diamondhead Drive East and Lanai Street; thence traverse around the eastern margin of the traffic circle to its intersection with an Eastward projection of the centerline of Lanai Street; thence run East along the Eastward projection of the centerline of Lanai Street to its intersection with the East Line of the City of Diamondhead and the Point of Beginning.

Ward 4

Beginning at point of intersection of the East Line of the City of Diamondhead and the centerline of a power line easement, said point also lying on the County line common to Hancock and Harrison Counties, and the same being the line common to Ranges 13 and 14 West, Saint Stephens Meridian; and the same point lying 3,155 feet, more or less, South of the Northeast corner of the City of Diamondhead; thence run Westerly along the centerline of said power line easement to its intersection with the centerline of Golf Club Drive; thence run Southwesterly along the centerline of Golf Club Drive to its intersection with the centerline of Cherry Hill Drive; thence continue southwesterly along the centerline of Golf Club Drive a distance of 1,660 feet, more or less, to its intersection with a westerly projection of the south line of the Lanai Village Condominiums; thence run Easterly along said projection and the south line of the Lanai Village Condominiums to the Southeast corner of the Lanai Village Condominiums; thence run Easterly along a projection of the south line of the Lanai Village Condominiums to the centerline of the cart path of the Diamondhead Pine Golf Course; thence run Southwesterly along the centerline of the cart path, said cart path being in vicinity of Hole 10, a distance of 1,060 feet , more or less, to its intersection with the centerline of Ahihi Street; thence run Southeasterly along the centerline of Ahihi Street to its intersection with Diamondhead Drive East; thence run easterly along the centerline of Diamondhead Drive East to its intersection with the centerline of the traffic circle at the intersection of Diamondhead Drive East and Lanai Street; thence traverse around the eastern margin of the traffic circle to its intersection with an Eastward projection of the centerline of Lanai Street; thence run East along the Eastward projection of the centerline of Lanai Street to its intersection with the East Line of the City of Diamondhead, said point also lying on the County line common to Hancock and Harrison Counties, and the same being the line common to Ranges 13 and 14 West, Saint Stephens Meridian; thence run Northerly to along the East line of City of Diamondhead a distance of 3,165 feet more or less, to its intersection with the centerline of a power line easement and the Point of Beginning.

SECTION 2: That for the purpose of facilitating elections and bringing about a coordinated election system with that of Hancock County, there shall be two polling places within the City of Diamondhead to be utilized for the purpose of municipal elections. Each such polling place and the respective election ward served thereby shall be as follows:

Diamondhead Community Church, 5301 Diamondhead Circle, shall be the designated polling place for Ward 1.

Diamondhead Community Center, 5300 Diamondhead Circle, shall be the designated polling place for Ward 2, Ward 3 and Ward 4.

SECTION 3: That beginning with the regular municipal election in the year 2013 or any required municipal election thereto, and in all municipal elections thereafter, all elections for the City of Diamondhead, Mississippi shall be held based upon the wards as established and defined herein utilizing the polling places hereinabove designated.

SECTION 4: The City Clerk is hereby directed to arrange or cause to be arranged the voter rolls of the qualified electors of the City in accordance with the voting Wards established herein, beginning such arrangement as soon as practicable following the administrative preclearance of this ordinance pursuant to Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and completing the same in ample time for the voter rolls to be used for the party primaries held in connection with the regular municipal election to be held in the year 2013.

SECTION 5: That the city attorney is hereby directed to prepare and submit or cause to be prepared and submitted the necessary documentation to the United States Attorney General for administrative preclearance in accordance with Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and extended.

SECTION 6: That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force as is provided by law.

The foregoing Ordinance having been reduced to writing and presented to the Mayor and Council was moved for adoption by Councilmember Rech and second by Councilmember Holcomb with the vote taken thereon being as follows:

	Aye	Nay
Mayor Ingraham	✓	
Councilmember Ackerman	✓	
Councilmember Holcomb	✓	
Councilmember Knobloch	absent	
Councilmember Rech	✓	
Councilmember Roberson	absent	

SO ORDAINED, THIS THE 16th DAY OF July, 2012.

Charles Henry Ingraham, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST: Sue W. Foster
Sue W. Foster, City Clerk

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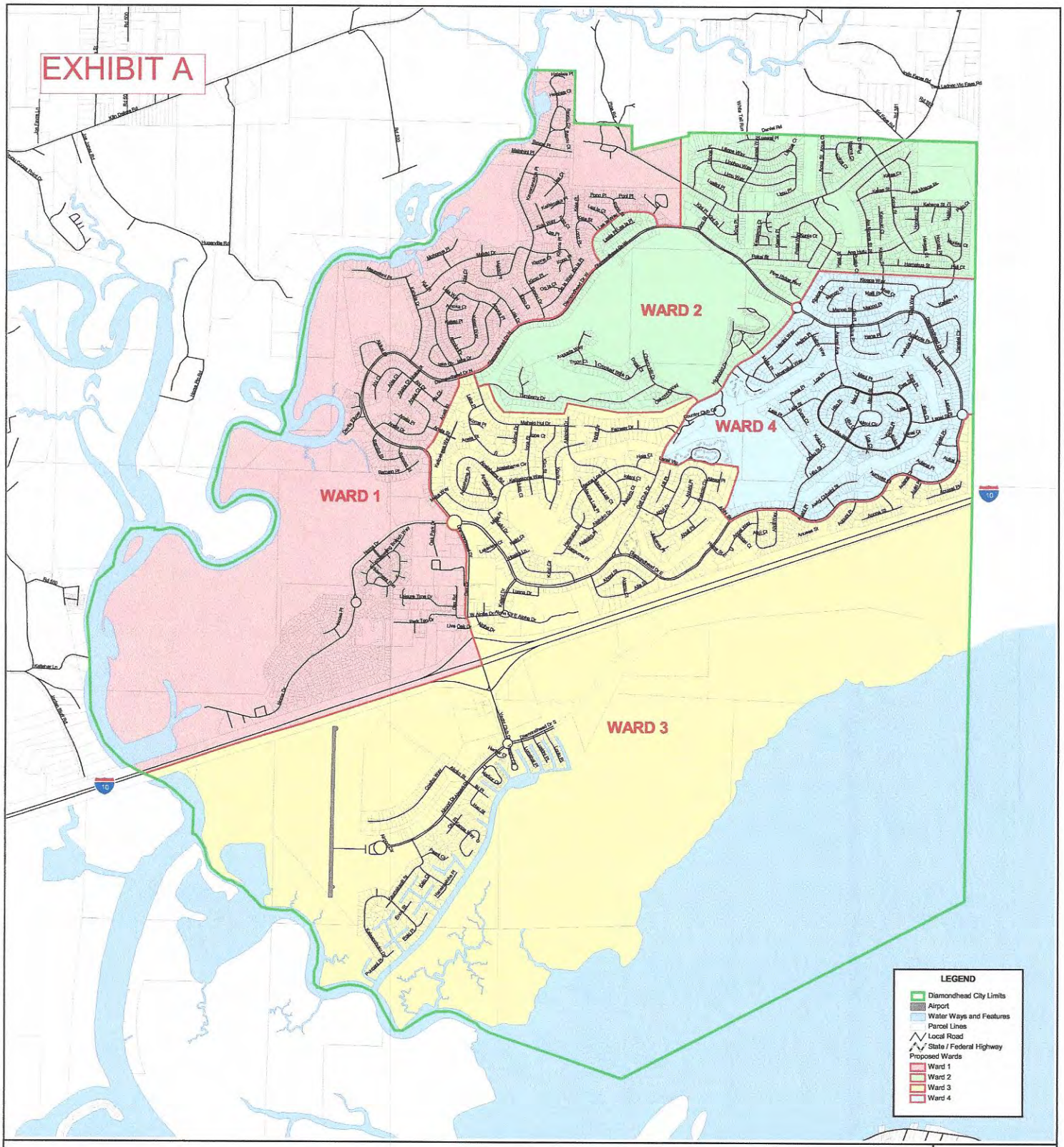

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Proposed Election Districts
Diamondhead, Mississippi

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This map is accurate for planning purposes only.

Data Sources:

MARIS (MSTM) data;
U.S. Census Bureau TIGER 2012;
2010 NAIP Satellite Imagery;
Hancock County GIS Department

April 11, 2012