

11/7/03, 11/13/2003, 11/24/03

**103-O-03**

**AN ORDINANCE**

**Amending Title 1, Chapter 13, Section 4,  
"Wards and Precincts" of the Evanston City Code**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Evanston is an Illinois municipal corporation having home rule powers under Article VII of the 1970 Illinois Constitution; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Article VII, Section 6 of the Illinois Constitution of 1970 a Home Rule of Government may exercise and perform concurrently with the State any power or function of a Home Rule Unit to the extent that the General Assembly by law does not specifically limit the concurrent exercise or specifically declare the State's exercise to be exclusive; and

**WHEREAS**, among the powers granted to a home rule unit by Article VII, Section 6 of the 1970 Illinois Constitution is the power to exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, the apportionment and redistricting of the Wards of the City of Evanston is a matter pertaining to the government and affairs of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the Rules Committee of the Evanston City Council has on June 2, 2003, August 4, 2003, September 3, 2003, October 7, 2003 and October 20, 2003, as well as on many occasions prior to June 2, held either public hearings, public comment or public meetings on the redistricting of the City of Evanston; and

**WHEREAS**, all citizens and residents of the City have been encouraged and solicited to present redistricting maps and proposals to the Rules Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, no less than fifteen proposed redistricting maps have been presented to the Rules Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, the Rules Committee has considered in its redistricting deliberations, Traditional Districting Concepts, including but not limited to; compactness, contiguity, natural geographic boundaries, protection of incumbency, communities of interests (including residential property owners, municipal taxpayers, lakefront properties owners, commercial business interests, and student population) man-made geographic boundaries, traditional Evanston neighborhoods and the minimization of voter confusion as well as the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and the Voting Rights Act of 1965; and

**WHEREAS**, the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution requires that each Legislative District (Ward) be as approximately equal in population as is practicable; and

**WHEREAS**, the Rules Committee has determined that the appropriate population basis for an Equal Protection analysis is total population as determined by the most recent U.S. Census; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 prohibits the denial or abridgement of the right of any citizen of the United States to vote on account of race, or color or membership in a language minority group; and

**WHEREAS**, the Rules Committee has recommended to the City Council the adoption of the redistricting map as set forth in Exhibit A herein; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council does hereby adopt the findings and considerations of the Rules Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council specifically finds that in adopting a Redistricting Map, the Council has considered all the aforementioned Traditional Districting principles, as well as the requirements of the Fourteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution protecting "one person one vote" and the requirements of the Voting Rights Act prohibiting voter dilution; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council does find that the redistricting map as shown in Exhibit A does reflect all the aforesaid considerations and;

**WHEREAS**, such map is in the best interests of all the citizens and residents of the City of Evanston,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EVANSTON, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS:**

**SECTION 1:** Title 1, Section 1-13-4 of the Code of the City of Evanston, as amended, be and the same is hereby amended so that the Sections enumerated below shall hereafter read as follows:

**1-13-4:**       **WARDS AND PRECINCTS:** The City is hereby divided into nine (9) wards, all in Evanston Township. Precinct boundaries shall be those as established and revised by the Cook County Board of Commissions.

**1-13-4-1:**     The Wards shall be as set forth as in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

**SECTION 2:** The City Manager or his designee is hereby directed to provide a meets and bounds or other legal or written description of the ward boundaries as set forth in Exhibit A.

**SECTION 3:** That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 4:** That this ordinance shall be published in the manner provided by law and shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of the municipal election August 1, 2004.

Introduced: November 10, 2003

Adopted: December 15, 2003

Approved:

December 18, 2003  
Louanne A. Norton  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary J. Morris  
City Clerk

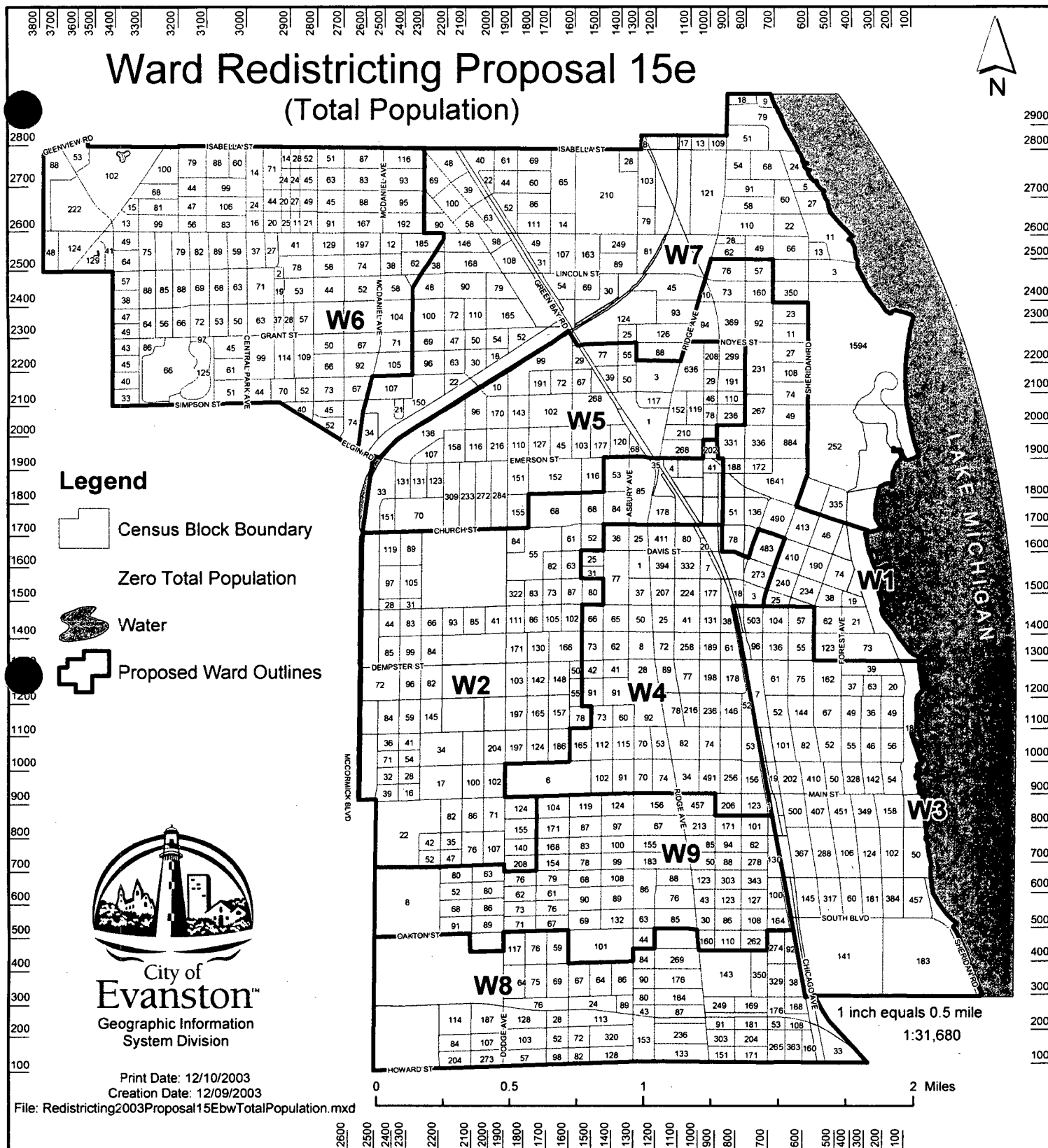
Approved as to form:

[Signature]  
Corporation Counsel

EXHIBIT A

# Ward Redistricting Proposal 15e

## (Total Population)



Proposal 15e - Total Population											(optimal ward total value: 8249)		
Ward	Total	Deviation	White	% Black	% Total18	Total18	White18	%T18	Black18	%T18	Minor18	%T18	
W1	7,996	-253	6,159	77.0	437	5.5	7,474	5713	76.4	424	5.7	1761	23.6
W2	8,041	-208	2,522	31.4	4,135	51.4	5,864	1976	33.7	2937	50.1	3888	66.3
W3	8,197	-52	7,074	86.3	427	5.2	7,136	6212	87.1	348	4.9	924	12.9
W4	8,122	-127	6,488	79.9	768	9.5	6,884	5547	80.6	623	9.0	1337	19.4
W5	7,965	-284	2,429	30.5	4,453	55.9	5,998	2123	35.4	3060	51.0	3875	64.6
W6	8,563	314	7,971	93.1	189	2.2	6,401	6010	93.9	137	2.1	391	6.1
W7	8,676	427	7,380	85.1	312	3.6	7,186	6053	84.2	270	3.8	1133	15.8
W8	8,642	393	3,348	38.7	4,009	46.4	6,141	2762	45.0	2554	41.6	3379	55.0
W9	8,037	-212	5,058	62.9	1,974	24.6	6,154	4124	67.0	1363	22.1	2030	33.0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>74,239</b>		<b>48,429</b>		<b>16,704</b>		<b>59,238</b>	<b>40,520</b>		<b>11,716</b>		<b>18,718</b>	

Map compiled by the City of Evanston from U.S. Census Bureau's Census 2000 Summary File 1. For more information on Census data see <http://www.census.gov>  
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