CITY OF BRYANT ORDINANCE No. 2011 - 31

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE REVISED WARD BOUNDARIES TO EQUALIZE WARD POPULATIONS AFTER THE 2010 FEDERAL CENSUS AND TO AMEND ORDINANCE Nos. 1992-06 AND 2001-12

WHEREAS, under Ark. Code Ann. § 14-43-311, it is the duty of the City Council to see that each ward has as nearly an equal population as would best serve the interest of the people of the city; and

WHEREAS, under prevailing law, cities are required to revise ward boundaries to maintain substantially equal population in all wards, if a federal census reveals that ward populations have become unbalanced with substantially more residents located in some wards than other wards; and

WHEREAS, the 2010 Federal Census has revealed population differences exceeding ten percent (10%) among the City's four (4) wards; and

WHEREAS, Metroplan has proposed new ward boundaries which substantially equalize each ward's population.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRYANT, ARKANSAS THAT:

Section 1. Boundary Revisions

The Bryant City Council hereby approves the map attached hereto as Exhibit "A" as the new ward boundary map for Bryant which establishes substantially equal populations for each ward and amends Ordinance Nos. 1992-06 and 2001-12 by adopting the new ward boundary map to replace all previous ward boundaries and boundary maps.

Section 2. General Repealer

All ordinances, resolutions, and parts thereof in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 3. Severability

Should any section, clause, or phrase of this ordinance be declared by the courts to be invalid, that validity shall not affect the other provisions of this Ordinance which shall be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 29 day of November, 2011

ATTEST:

Mayor Jill Dabbs

Heather Kizer, City Clerk

