

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-016**

**A RESOLUTION PROPOSING A CHANGE IN THE BOUNDARIES OF MUNICIPAL WARDS.**

**WHEREAS**, 11 O.S. §20-102 requires if a change in the name, boundaries, or number of wards in a municipality may be proposed at any time by a resolution of the municipal governing body; or, in the manner provided by Title 11, Article 20 of the Oklahoma Statutes, so that the wards are formed of compact and contiguous territory and are substantially equal in population; and

**WHEREAS**, 11 O.S. §20-101(B) requires that, to the extent practicable, the municipal governing body shall not subdivide precincts established by a county election board in establishing ward or Board boundaries; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has determined that it is appropriate to review the wards and ward boundaries and to consider changes to the ward boundaries as provided by law; and

**WHEREAS**, 11 O.S. §20-103 requires that the governing body shall give at least thirty (30) days' notice of the proposal by the governing body to change the name, boundaries, or number of wards. The notice shall be published at least once. After the thirty-day notice period, the governing body may make the proposed changes by ordinance which shall be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of its members; and

**WHEREAS**, 11 O.S. §20-105 provides that unless otherwise provided for by the governing body, the effective date of a change in the name, boundaries, or number of wards shall be the effective date of the ordinance making such change; and

**WHEREAS**, 11 O.S. §20-105 further provides that a change in the boundaries or number of wards shall not disqualify a current city council member or trustee from completing the term for which they were elected;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Watonga, Oklahoma, that the City Council hereby shall review the wards and ward boundaries of the municipality and shall change the boundaries of the wards as set out in Exhibit A. A public meeting shall be held on January 16, 2024, at 6:00 o'clock p.m. to consider the same, and if appropriate, to pass an Ordinance changing the ward boundaries.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by the City Council of the City of Watonga, Oklahoma, this 12th day of December, 2023.



THE CITY OF WATONGA, OKLAHOMA

By Bill Seitter

Bill Seitter, Mayor

ATTEST:

Deborah McGee  
Deborah McGee, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Jared Harrison  
Jared Harrison, City Attorney