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ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE REDISTRICTING THE WARDS WITHIN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, cities have an obligation and a responsibility to insure that wards are of substantially equal population, and serve the public's best interest; and

WHEREAS, a population analysis of each city ward utilizing 2020 Census block data indicates the need for ward redistricting; and

WHEREAS, Ark. Code Ann. § 14-43-311 vests city councils with apportionment and redistricting authority; and

WHEREAS, a redistricting plan has been prepared that equalizes ward population and insures compliance with state statutes and equal protection requirements; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City Council that a new ward redistricting plan be approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, PULASKI COUNTY, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1: That the ward redistricting plan as shown on the map attached hereto Exhibit A is hereby adopted, with said map to serve hereafter as the Official Ward Map for the City of North Little Rock, Arkansas.

SECTION 2: That all previous ward maps and boundary descriptions are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3: That a duly certified copy of said Map shall be submitted to the Pulaski County Election Commission, and filed in the Office of the Pulaski County Clerk.

SECTION 4: That it is hereby found and determined that the redistricting of the wards as provided for herein is to be in the best interests of the City, and is immediately necessary in order to insure the proper and orderly growth of this land and of the City of North Little Rock, Arkansas, and being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare; THEREFORE, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED: APPROVED:

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Mayor Terry C. Hartwick

SPONSOR: ATTEST:

Terry C. Hartwick

Mayor Terry C. Hartwick Diane Whitbey, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Amy Beckman Fields, City Attorney

PREPARED BY THE OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY/kt

FILED 11:00 A.M. _____ P.M.

By A Fields City Atty

DATE 3/22/22

Diane Whitbey, City Clerk & Treasurer
North Little Rock, Arkansas

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EXHIBIT

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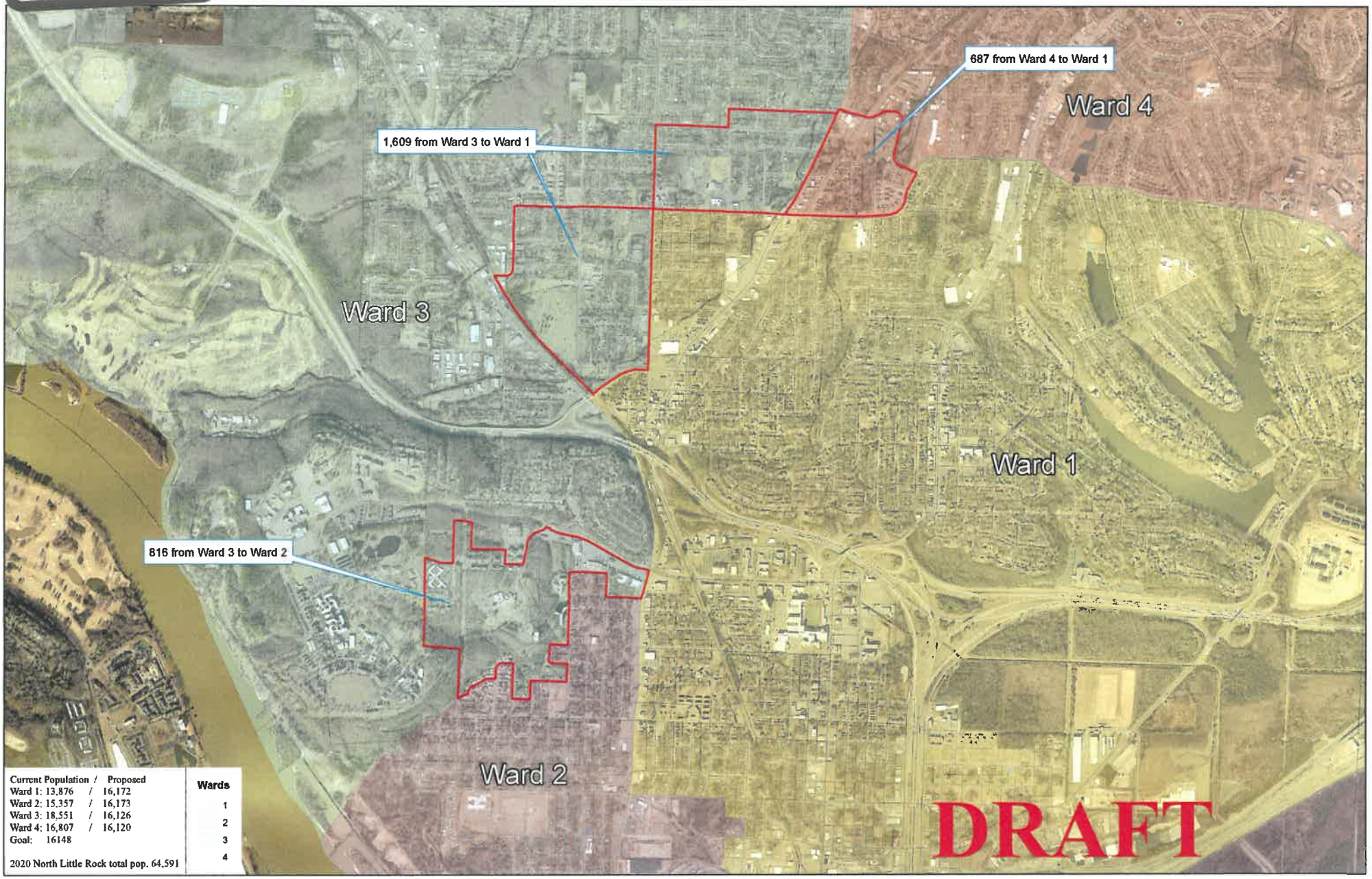
687 from Ward 4 to Ward 1
Ward 4
1,609 from Ward 3 to Ward 1
Ward 3
Ward 1
816 from Ward 3 to Ward 2
Ward 2
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Current Population / Proposed
Ward 1: 13,876 / 16,172
Ward 2: 15,357 / 16,173
Ward 3: 18,551 / 16,126
Ward 4: 16,807 / 16,120
Goal: 16148
2020 North Little Rock total pop. 64,591
Wards
1
2
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