

CITY OF MILFORD
NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following Ordinance was adopted by Milford City Council on October 24, 2022:

ORDINANCE 2022-35

PROVIDES FOR THE READJUSTMENT OF WARD BOUNDARIES IN THE CITY OF MILFORD PURSUANT TO
ARTICLE II, SECTION 2.07 OF THE CITY OF MILFORD CHARTER

WHEREAS, the City of Milford, Delaware desires to ensure that its voting districts, to be known as Wards, are apportioned in compliance with the United States Constitution, Voting Rights Act and other applicable laws;

WHEREAS, the adoption of this Ordinance will ensure such conformance;

WHEREAS, the City Clerk, City Manager, and Davis, Bowen & Friedel, Inc. Professional Engineer Ring Lardner comprised the Districting Commission;

WHEREAS, Section 2.07(c) requires the Districting Commission to file a report, containing a recommended plan for adjustment of the district boundaries, with the City Clerk no later than the first day of January of the second year following the decennial Census;

WHEREAS, said report must comply with specifications outlined in Subsections 2.07(c)(1) and 2.07(c)(2);

WHEREAS, Section 2.07(c)(1) requires the Census data be used to ensure that council districts are formed of compact, contiguous territory and the population does not differentiate by more than ten percent in the smallest district created;

WHEREAS, the district boundaries have been revised on several occasions, most recently on August 22, 2011, and in accordance with applicable laws;

WHEREAS, it was anticipated that the 2020 Decennial Census of Population would show a need to rebalance district populations;

WHEREAS, the 2020 Federal Decennial Census has been officially published and the data for the State of Delaware, including the City of Milford, released in 2021;

WHEREAS, based on the 2020 Census data, the population data was considered and the council districts reviewed and altered;

WHEREAS, City Staff, City Consultants and the Districting Commission have worked diligently to study legal guidelines to ensure that all required steps will be completed before the next City election scheduled for April 23, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Milford, Delaware will be positively impacted by the adoption of this Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City of Milford hereby ordains:

Section 1.

The boundaries of the City Council Districts, designated as Wards 1, 2, 3 and 4, shall be described as follows:

The First Ward shall consist of all the territory within the City limits as follows: Beginning at a point in the center of the intersection of McColley Street and Southeast Fourth Street; thence along the centerline of Southeast Fourth Street in an easterly direction to the point of intersection with Bridgeham Avenue; then by the centerline of Bridgeham Avenue in a northerly direction to the point of intersection with Southeast Third Street; thence by the centerline of Southeast Third Street in an easterly direction to the point of intersection with Lovers Lane; thence by the centerline of Lovers Lane in a southerly direction to the point of intersection with Lemuel Street; thence by a straight line coincident with the centerline of Lemuel Street in an easterly direction to the point of intersection with Marshall Pond and the corporate limits of the City; thence along the corporate limits, Marshall Pond, and Deep branch in a southerly direction to a point of the lands now or formerly known as Rookery North Course; thence along the corporate limits of the City in a northeasterly direction to the point of intersection of the corporate limits of the City and U.S. Business Route 1 (Rehoboth BLVD); thence continuing with the corporate limits in a southeasterly direction to the intersection of the corporate limits and Kirby Road; thence with the corporate limits and along the Western Right-of-Way of Kirby Road in a northeasterly direction approximately 1,100 feet; thence leaving Kirby Road and continuing with the corporate limits to the intersection of Beaver Dam Road and State Route 1 (Bay Road); then crossing State Route 1 with the corporate limits to the intersection of the corporate limits and Sharps Road; thence along the corporate limits in various directions to a point on the centerline of U.S. Route 1 being approximately 600 feet west of Johnson Road; thence along the corporate limits

in a southwesterly direction to a point at the intersection of Johnson Road and Elks Lodge Road; thence along the corporate limits in various directions to a point on the southwestern most point of the lands now or formerly Rookery North Course; thence along the corporate limits in a westerly direction to the intersection of McCoy Avenue and McColley Street; thence by the centerline of McColley Street in a northerly direction to the point and place of beginning.

The Second Ward shall consist of all territory within the City limits as follows: Beginning at a point in the intersection of Causey Avenue and South Walnut Street; thence along the centerline of South Walnut Street in a southerly direction to the point of intersection with Southeast Second Street; thence along the centerline of Southeast Second Street in an easterly direction to the point of intersection with Columbia Street; thence along the centerline of Columbia Street in a southerly direction to the point of intersection with Southeast Fourth Street; thence along the centerline of Southeast Fourth Street in an easterly direction to the point of intersection with McColley Street; thence along the centerline of McColley Street in a southerly direction to the point of intersection with McCoy Avenue; thence along the centerline of McCoy Avenue in an easterly direction to the point of intersection of the corporate limits; thence along the corporate limits in a southwesterly direction to the point of intersection with Route 113; thence along the corporate limits in a generally northerly direction to the point of intersection with East Lane; thence along the centerline of East Lane in an easterly direction to the point of intersection with the western Right-of-Way of Route 113; thence along the western Right-of-Way of Route 113 in a northerly direction to the point of intersection with the centerline of the railroad tracks; thence along the centerline of the railroad tracks in an easterly direction to its intersection with Causey Avenue; thence with Causey Avenue in an easterly direction to the point and place of beginning.

The Third Ward shall consist of all territory within the City limits as follows: Beginning at a point in the center of the intersection of South Walnut Street and Southeast Second Street; thence along the centerline of South Walnut Street continuing onto North Walnut Street in a northerly direction to the point of intersection with Rehoboth Boulevard; thence along the centerline of Rehoboth Boulevard in a northerly direction to the point of intersection with Route 113; thence along the centerline of Route 113 and U.S. Route 1 in a northerly direction to the point of intersection with Millwood Drive and the corporate limits of the City; thence along the corporate limits in a northerly direction to the northern most point of the City; thence along the corporate limits in a generally southeasterly direction to a point on the corporate limits being 350' south of the intersection of State Route 36; thence along the corporate limits in a generally westerly direction to a point formed by the extension of the centerline of Lemuel Street to the corporate limits; thence leaving the corporate limits and following the centerline of Lemuel Street in a westerly direction to the point of intersection with Lovers Lane; thence along the centerline of Lovers Lane in a northerly direction to the point of intersection with Southeast Third Street; thence along the centerline of Southeast Third Street in a westerly direction to the point of intersection with Bridgeham Avenue; thence along the centerline of Bridgeham Avenue in a southerly direction to the point of intersection with Southeast Fourth Street; thence along the centerline of Southeast Fourth Street in a westerly direction to the point of intersection with Columbia Street; thence along the centerline of Columbia Street in a northerly direction to the point of intersection with Southeast Second Street; thence along the centerline of Southeast Second Street in a westerly direction to the point and place of beginning.

The Fourth Ward shall consist of all territory within the City limits as follows: Beginning at a point in the center of the intersection of South Walnut Street and Southeast Second Street; thence along the centerline of South Walnut Street continuing on to North Walnut Street in a northerly direction to the point of intersection with Rehoboth Boulevard; thence along the centerline of Rehoboth Boulevard in a northerly direction to the point of intersection with Route 113; thence along the centerline of Route 113 and U.S. Route 1 in a northerly direction to the point of intersection with Millwood Drive and the corporate limits of the City; thence along the corporate limit of the city in a generally westerly direction to the point of intersection with Church Hill Road; thence continuing along the corporate limits in a generally southerly direction to the point of intersection with Williamsville Road; thence continuing along the corporate limits in a generally easterly direction to the point of intersection with East Lane; thence along the centerline of East Lane in an easterly direction to the point of intersection with the western Right-of-Way of Route 113; thence along the western Right-of-Way of Route 113 in a northerly direction to the point of intersection with the centerline of the railroad tracks; thence along the centerline of the railroad tracks in an easterly direction to its intersection with Causey Avenue; thence with Causey Avenue in an easterly direction to

the point of intersection with South Walnut Street; thence along the centerline of South Walnut Street in a southerly direction to the point and place of beginning.

Section 2.

The boundaries of all four (4) wards shall at all times be shown on a map to be retained in the Office of the City Clerk and designated as the Official Ward Map, Milford, Delaware and signed by the Mayor, attested by the City Clerk and bearing the seal of the City.

Section 3.

Territory annexed into the City shall become a part of the ward it abuts as assigned in the resolution finalizing the annexation of said territory.

Section 4.

This Ordinance has been properly advertised and copies of the Ordinance and related materials will be made available to the public beginning Monday, September 26, 2022.

Section 5.

All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby expressly repealed.

Section 6.

The new Council districts and boundaries, as of the date of enactment, shall supersede previous Council districts and boundaries for the purposes of the next regular City election, including nominations. The new districts and boundaries shall supersede previous districts and boundaries for all other purposes as of the date on which all Councilpersons elected at the regular City election take office. Legal descriptions, contained herein, and official map shall be filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

Section 7.

Official Ward Maps (attached)

#1 Previous Wards

#2 Adopted Wards

Section 8.

Ordinance & Map Publication Dates:

Delaware State News 09/23/2022, 09/25/2022, 10/16/2022

Wilmington News Journal 09/23/2022, 09/25/2022, 09/26/2022

Section 9.

Dates:

Introduction 09/26/2022

Adoption 10/24/2022

Effective 11/03/2022

A complete copy of the City of Milford Charter and/or Code is available for review at the City Clerk's Office at Milford City Hall, 201 South Walnut Street, Milford, Delaware or on the website cityofmilford.com.

By: Terri K. Hudson, MMC
City Clerk

Attachment: Map Delineating the Boundaries of Four Ward

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