

ORDINANCE NO. A 38

TOWN OF DECATUR, MISSISSIPPI

**AN ORDINANCE RE-APPORTIONING THE TOWN OF
DECATUR FIVE (5) ELECTION WARDS AND DEFINING
THE BOUNDARIES OF THE SAME, TO BE EFFECTIVE
AND USED BEGINNING WITH ALL REGULAR AND
SPECIAL ELECTIONS HEREAFTER**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen in the Town of Decatur, Newton County, Mississippi, as follows:

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Decatur has received and reviewed the census 2000 population data, tabulated for each individual election ward within the Town, and such data indicates that it is necessary and desirable for the Town of Decatur to redistrict its election wards in order to comply with applicable state and federal law requiring actual representation for all citizens of the Town, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen have annexed certain territory into the Town of Decatur and such territory must be incorporated into an election ward; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen did hold a public hearing concerning the proposed redistricting plan, seeking input from any interested party wishing to be heard, and following the close of said hearings and considerations of public comments, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen for the Town of Decatur hereby finds that the Redistricting Plan to fairly and equitably divide the Town of Decatur into Five (5) election districts.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Decatur, Mississippi, as follows:

SECTION 1. That the Town of Decatur be and it is hereby reapportioned and divided into Five (5) wards, with each such ward being set out on the map attached hereto and marked Exhibit “A”. The perimeter metes and bounds description of the five (5) wards, as re-apportioned, is described as follows:

WARD 1

Beginning at the point of intersection of the North line of Section 20, Township 7 North, Range 12 East, Newton County, Mississippi, and the West bank of the Okahatta Creek; thence run in a Southeasterly direction following along the West bank of Okahatta Creek to its intersection with the North line of Section 29, Township 7 North, Range 12 East; thence run in a Westerly direction following along the north line of said Section 29 to its intersection with the East right-

of-way of Mississippi Highway 503; thence run Southwesterly along the East right-of-way of Mississippi Highway 503 a distance of 670 feet, more or less, to the Southwest corner of a 29 .5 acre parcel of land conveyed by the Town of Decatur to Hartley Peavy and wife, Melia Peavy, said conveyance being recorded in the Record of Land Deeds, Book 194 Page 374 in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Newton County, Mississippi, thence run East a distance of 2,277 .6 feet, more or less to the West bank of Okahatta Creek; thence run in a Southeasterly direction following along the West bank of the Okahatta Creek to its intersection with the East line of Section 29, Township 7 North, Range 12 East, thence run in a Southerly direction along the East line of said Section 29 to the Northeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of Southeast Quarter of said Section 29, thence run West to the Westerly right-of-way of Mississippi Highway 503; thence run Northwesterly following along the Westerly right-of-way of Mississippi Highway 503 to a point lying 500 feet South of the South right-of-way of Country Club Road, said point being measured perpendicular to said South right-of-way of Country Club Road; thence run due East to the centerline of Mississippi Highway 503; thence run Northwesterly along the centerline of Mississippi Highway 503 to a point on the North line of Section 29, Township 7 North, Range 12 East; thence continue Northwesterly along the centerline of Mississippi Highway 503 for a distance of approximately 675 feet to the centerline of an unnamed drainage tributary of the Okahatta Creek; thence run Northwesterly along the centerline of said unnamed drainage tributary to its intersection with the centerline of Mississippi Highway 15, said point of intersection occurring more or less on the North line of the South $\frac{1}{2}$ of the South $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 19, Township 7 North, Range 12 East; thence run Northerly along the centerline of said Mississippi Highway 15 to its intersection with the centerline of 7th Street; thence run West along the centerline of said 7th Street to its intersection with the centerline of 5th Avenue; thence run North along the centerline of said 5th Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of West Broad Street; thence run East along the centerline of said West Broad Street to its intersection with the centerline of 4th Avenue; thence run North along the centerline of said 4th Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of Mississippi Highway 15; thence run Northerly along the centerline of said Mississippi Highway 15 to its intersection with the North line of the South $\frac{1}{2}$ of the South $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 18, Township 7 North, Range 12 East; thence run East to the Northeast corner of the West $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of the Southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section 18; thence run South to the centerline of the Decatur-Little Rock Road; thence run Easterly along the centerline of said Decatur-Little Rock Road to its intersection with the West bank of the Okahatta Creek; thence run in a Southeasterly direction following along the West bank of the Okahatta Creek to its intersection with the North line of Section 20, Township 7 North, Range 12 East and the point of beginning.

WARD 2

Beginning at the Southeast corner of Section 30, Township 7 North, Range 12 East, Newton County, Mississippi, thence run North along the East line of said Section 30 to a point lying 500 feet South of the South right-of-way of Country Club Road, said point being measured perpendicular to said South right-of-way of Country Club Road; thence run Northeasterly parallel to and 500 feet South of the South right-of-way of Country Club Road to a point on the Westerly right-of-way of Mississippi Highway 503; thence run due East to the centerline of

Mississippi Highway 503; thence run Northwesterly along the centerline of Mississippi Highway 503 to a point on the North line of Section 29, Township 7 North, Range 12 East; thence continue Northwesterly along the centerline of Mississippi Highway 503 for a distance of approximately 67 5 feet to the centerline of an unnamed drainage tributary of the Okahatta Creek; thence run Northwesterly along the centerline of said unnamed drainage tributary to its intersection with the centerline of Mississippi Highway 15, said point of intersection occurring more or less on the North line of the South $\frac{1}{2}$ of the South $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 19, Township 7 North, Range 12 East; thence run Northerly along the centerline of said Mississippi Highway 15 to its intersection with the centerline of 7th Street; thence run West along the centerline of said 7th Street to its intersection with the centerline of 5th Avenue, thence run North along the centerline of said 5th Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of West Broad Street; thence run West along the centerline of said West Broad Street to its intersection with the centerline of South 7th Avenue; thence run South along the centerline of said South 7th Avenue and an extension thereof to a point on the North line of the South $\frac{1}{2}$ of the South $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 19, Township 7 North, Range 12 East; thence run West to a point in the centerline of Turkey Creek Road; thence run Southwesterly along the centerline of said Turkey Creek Road to its intersection with the centerline of Simkins Road; thence run Southerly along the centerline of said Simkins Road and an extension thereof to a point lying 500 feet South of the South right-of-way of Spence Road, said point being measured perpendicular to the said South right-of-way of Spence Road; thence run Southeasterly parallel to and 500 feet South of the South right-of-way of Spence Road to a point on the Westerly right-of-way of Mississippi Highway 15; thence run Southwesterly along the Westerly right-of-way of Mississippi Highway 15 to the South line of Section 30, Township 7 North, Range 12 East; thence run East along the South line of said Section 30 to the Southeast corner thereof and the point of beginning.

WARD 3

Beginning at the intersection of the centerline of Decatur-Carthage Road and O. Smith Road; thence run East along the centerline of said O. Smith Road to its intersection with the centerline of Mississippi Highway 15; thence run Northerly along the centerline of said Mississippi Highway 15 to its intersection with the North line of Section 18, Township 7 North, Range 12 East; thence run West along the North line of said Section 18 and continuing along the North line of Section 13, Township 7 North, Range 11 East to a point on the Western boundary of an easement for right-of-way conveyed to Mississippi Power Company, said point of intersection lying approximately at the Northwest corner of the Northeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of the Northeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section 13; thence run in a Southerly direction and following along the Western limits of said Mississippi Power Company easement for right-of-way through said Section 13 and into Section 24, Township 7 North, Range 11 East to a point in the centerline of a railroad track; thence continue in a Southerly direction and following along the Western limits of said Mississippi Power Company easement for a distance of approximately 250 feet to the centerline of an unnamed drainage ditch; thence run Northeasterly along the centerline of said unnamed drainage ditch to its intersection with the centerline of an unnamed drainage tributary of Okahatta Creek, said point of intersection lying approximately 2,090 feet North and 400 feet East of the Southwest corner of Section 19, Township 7 North, Range 12 East; thence run Southeasterly along the

centerline of said unnamed drainage tributary of Okahatta Creek to its intersection with the centerline of South 5th Street; thence run Northeasterly along the centerline of said South 5th Street to its intersection with the centerline of Medgar Evers Drive; thence run West along the centerline of said Medgar Evers Drive to its intersection with the centerline of the Easterly end of Woodlawn Circle; thence run Northerly and Westerly along the centerline of said Woodlawn Circle to its intersection with the centerline of the Southerly extension of Thames Street; thence run Northerly along the centerline of the said Southerly extension of Thames Street to its intersection with the centerline of West Broad Street; thence continue Northerly following along the centerline of 9th Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of 10th Street; thence run West along the centerline of said 10th Street a distance of approximately 445 feet to its intersection with the centerline of a railroad track; thence run Northwesterly along the centerline of said railroad track to its intersection with the North line of the South $\frac{1}{2}$ of the South $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 13, Township 7 North, Range 11 East; thence run East to the Northeast corner of the South $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of the Southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section 13, thence run North to the Northwest corner of the South $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 18, Township 7 North, Range 12 East; thence run East to the centerline of Decatur Carthage Road; thence run Northwesterly along the centerline of said Decatur-Carthage Road to its intersection with the centerline of O. Smith Road and the point of beginning.

WARD 4

Beginning at the intersection of the centerline of 5th Avenue and West Broad Street; thence run West along the centerline of said West Broad Street to its intersection with the centerline of South 7th Avenue, thence run South along the centerline of said South 7th Avenue and an extension thereof to a point on the North line of the South $\frac{1}{2}$ of the South $\frac{1}{2}$ of section 19, Township 7 North, Range 12 East; thence run West to a point in the centerline of Turkey Creek Road; thence run Southwesterly along the centerline of said Turkey Creek Road to its intersection with the centerline of Simkins Road; thence run Southerly along the centerline of said Simkins Road and an extension thereof to a point lying 500 feet South of the South right-of-way of Spence Road, said point being measured perpendicular to the said South right-of-way of Spence Road; thence run Westerly parallel to and 500 feet South of the South right-of-way of Spence Road to a point on the Western limits of an easement for right-of-way conveyed to Mississippi Power Company and recorded in the Record of Land Deeds, Book 272 Page 189, in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Newton County, Mississippi, thence run in a Northerly direction and following along the Western limits of said Mississippi Power Company easement for right-of-way to the North line of Section 25, Township 7 North, Range 11 East, thence continue Northerly along the Western limits of said Mississippi Power Company easement for a distance of approximately 1,630 feet to the centerline of an unnamed drainage ditch; thence run Northeasterly along the centerline of said unnamed drainage ditch to its intersection with the centerline of an unnamed drainage tributary of Okahatta Creek, said point of intersection lying approximately 2,090 feet North and 400 feet East of the Southwest corner of Section 19, Township 7 North, Range 12 East; thence run Southeasterly along the centerline of said unnamed drainage tributary of Okahatta Creek to its intersection with the centerline of South 5th Street; thence run Northeasterly along the centerline of said South 5th Street to its intersection

with the centerline of Medgar Evers Drive; thence run West along the centerline of said Medgar Evers Drive to its intersection with the centerline of the Easterly end of Woodlawn Circle; thence run Northerly and Westerly along the centerline of said Woodlawn Circle to its intersection with the centerline of the Southerly extension of Thames Street; thence run Northerly along the centerline of the said Southerly extension of Thames Street to its intersection with the centerline of West Broad Street; thence continue Northerly following along the centerline of 9th Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of 10th Street; thence run East along the centerline of said 10th Street to its intersection with the centerline of North 5th Avenue, thence run South along the centerline of said North 5th Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of 8th Street; thence run East along the centerline of said 8th Street to its intersection with the centerline of 4th Avenue, thence run South along the centerline of said 4th Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of West Broad Street; thence run West along the centerline of said West Broad Street to its intersection with the centerline of 5th Avenue and the point of beginning.

WARD 5

Beginning at intersection of the centerline of 10th Street and the centerline of North 5th Avenue, thence run South along the centerline of said North 5th Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of 8th Street; thence run East along the centerline of said 8th Street to its intersection with the centerline of 4th Avenue; thence run North along the centerline of said 4th Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of Mississippi Highway 15; thence run Northerly along the centerline of said Mississippi Highway 15 to its intersection with the North line of the South $\frac{1}{2}$ of the South $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 18, Township 7 North, Range 12 East; thence run East to the Northeast corner of the West $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of the Southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section 18; thence run South to the centerline of the Decatur-Little Rock Road; thence run Easterly along the centerline of said Decatur-Little Rock Road to its intersection with the West bank of the Okahatta Creek; thence run in a Northwesterly direction following along the West bank of the Okahatta Creek to its intersection with the North line of Section 18, Township 7 North, Range 12 East; thence run West along the North line of said Section 18 to its intersection with the centerline of Mississippi Highway 15; thence run Southerly along the centerline of said Mississippi Highway 15 to its intersection with the centerline of O. Smith Road; thence run West along the centerline of said O. Smith Road to its intersection with the centerline of Decatur-Carthage Road; thence run Southeasterly along the centerline of said Decatur Carthage Road to its intersection with the North line of the South $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 18, Township 7 North, Range 12 East; thence run West to the Northwest corner of the South $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section 18, thence run South to a point on the North line of the South $\frac{1}{2}$ of the South $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 13, Township 7 North, Range 11 East; thence run West a distance of approximately 680 feet to a point in the centerline of a railroad track; thence run Southeasterly along the centerline of said railroad track to its intersection with the centerline of 10th Street; thence run East along the centerline of said 10th Street to its intersection with the centerline of North 5th Avenue and the point of beginning.

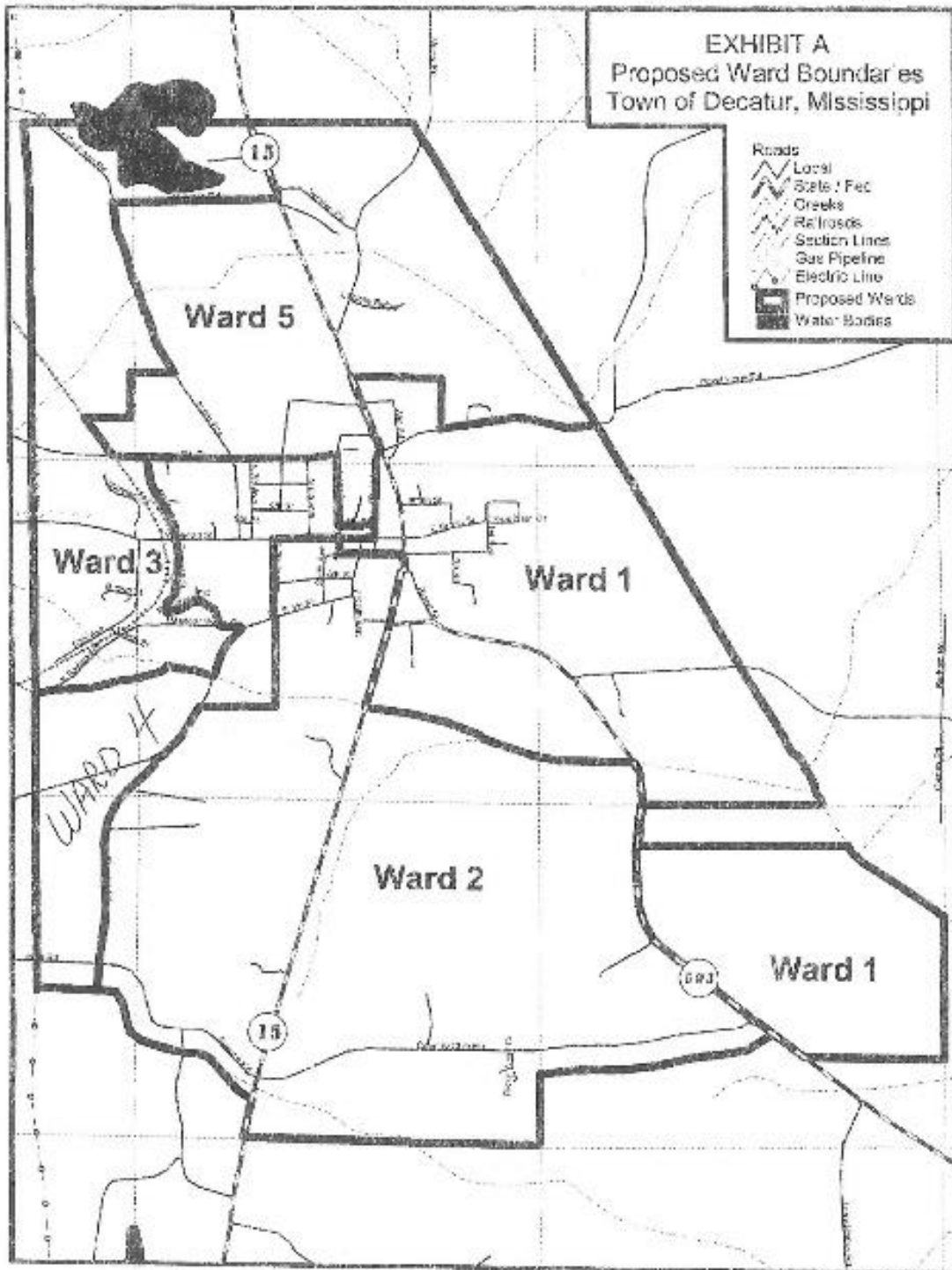
SECTION 2. That these election district boundaries shall be utilized beginning with all regular and special elections hereafter.

SECTION 3. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances of the Town of Decatur, Newton County, Mississippi in conflict with this Ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 4. That the city attorney is hereby directed to cause to be prepared and submitted the necessary documentation to the United States Attorney General for administrative pre-clearance in accordance with Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and extended.

SECTION 5. That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force as is provided by law.

The Ordinance having received the affirmative vote of the majority of the members of the Board of Aldermen, section by section and as a whole, the Mayor declared the same adopted, this the 17th day of May, 2005.



Call your local newspaper
or Sue at (601) 981-3060 for info.



(SEAL) GEORGE HAYES

Chancery Clerk of
Newton County, MS

A map of the proposed new election districts along with a demographic profile of each is on file and available for public review in the office of the Town Clerk for the Town of Decatur, said office located at Decatur Town Hall, 66 7th Street, Decatur, Mississippi. The public is invited to review the proposed plan and demographics, and to attend this hearing and offer comments.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert M. Logan, Substitute Trustee, will on May 11, 2005, offer for sale at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, within legal hours (between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.) at the North door of the Newton County Courthouse in Decatur, Mississippi, the following-described property: Start at the Northeast corner of the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4, Section 33, Township 6 North,

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