

TOWN OF MUNSTER, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA

ORDINANCE NO: 1886

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWN ORDINANCE NO. 1578, BEING "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWN CODE OF THE TOWN OF MUNSTER TO ADOPT DISTRICTS FOR THE AT LARGE ELECTION OF EACH RESPECTIVE MEMBER OF THE TOWN COUNCIL" PERTAINING TO THE GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES OF DISTRICTS (WARDS) IN THE TOWN OF MUNSTER, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA, AND REPEALING ALL TOWN CODE SECTIONS AND ORDINANCES, OR PARTS THEREOF, IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Munster, Lake County, Indiana, (hereinafter the "Town Council"), review the applicable provisions of the Indiana Code, specifically, I.C. § 36-5-2-4.1, 36-5-2-5, and 3-11-1.5-32, each as amended from time to time pertaining to ward boundary districts within the Town for the purpose of conducting elections of Town Officers; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council, has been informed and advised that it has been mandated by applicable statute to re-establish the boundaries of districts (wards) within the Town on the basis of the Y2020 Census for purposes of conducting elections of Town Officials; and

WHEREAS, on December 28, 2012, the Town Council did adopt Ordinance No. 1578, the same being "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWN CODE OF THE TOWN OF MUNSTER TO ADOPT DISTRICTS FOR THE AT LARGE ELECTION OF EACH RESPECTIVE MEMBER OF THE TOWN COUNCIL"; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has reviewed the provisions of adopted Town Council Ordinance No. 1578 pertaining to the current District (Ward) Boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has reviewed the current census data from the Y2020 Census relating to the population increase throughout the Town of Munster; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has determined that the present Ward Boundary District delineations set forth in adopted Town Ordinance No. 1578, require amendment based upon the current census data; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has determined and concluded that it is advisable and necessary to redistrict the Town of Munster during the current year in order to comply with the applicable provisions of I.C. § 36-5-2-4.1, 36-5-2-5, and 3-11-1.5-32, as each are or have been amended from time to time, in order for the Town Districts (Wards) to be composed of contiguous territory, be reasonably compact, and contain (as nearly as possible) equal population; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council, having reviewed applicable State law and the current Town Districts (Wards) Ordinance No. 1578, now concurs that it is advisable, necessary, and in the best interests of the residents of the Town of Munster that amendments be made to the Town Districts (Wards) Ordinance to comply with applicable law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MUNSTER, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION ONE: That Town Ordinance No. 1578 be and the same is amended to read, add, and provide hereafter as follows, namely:

The Town of Munster shall be divided into the following districts (wards) for the purposes of conducting elections of Town Officials, to-wit:

DISTRICT (WARD) 1

(see attached legal description) – Exhibit A

DISTRICT (WARD) 2

(see attached legal description) – Exhibit B

DISTRICT (WARD) 3

(see attached legal description) – Exhibit C

DISTRICT (WARD) 4

(see attached legal description) – Exhibit D

DISTRICT (WARD) 5

(see attached legal description) – Exhibit E

Such described Ward District boundaries are shown on the map attached hereto as Exhibit “F”, which map is made a part hereof and incorporated herein.

SECTION TWO: All existing Town Code Sections and Ordinances, or parts thereof, in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance, are hereby deemed null, void, and of no legal effect, and are specifically repealed.

SECTION THREE: If any section, clause, provision, or portion of this Ordinance shall be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such decisions shall not affect any other section, clause, provision, or portion of this Ordinance.

SECTION FOUR: This Ordinance shall take effect January 1, 2023, pursuant to I.C. § 36-5-2-4.1, as amended, from and after its passage by the Town Council of the Town of Munster, Lake County, Indiana, and shall further be filed with the Clerk of the Lake County Circuit Court in conformance with applicable law.

ALL OF WHICH IS ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF
THE TOWN OF MUNSTER, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA THIS _____ DAY OF
_____, 2022,

Chuck Gardner, Town Council President

ATTEST:

Wendy Mis, Clerk-Treasurer