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MEMORANDUM

To: Council Members
From: Nikki Elsen, City Clerk
Date: March 24, 2022
Re: File 22-0428 -1440 Resolution creating Wards 27 and 28.

The City adopted a new ward map in October 2021 establishing 26 wards - 2 wards per 13 aldermanic districts.

As the City annexes land, new wards are created if the new territory crosses congressional, assembly or supervisory districts. Wisconsin statutes prohibits ward lines crossing district lines.

The two recent annexations cross district lines – both cross supervisory districts lines and potentially assembly districts. The original resolution for File 22-0428 was written considering the legislative maps proposed by Governor Evers that had been approved by the State Supreme Court in February. Since then, the U.S. Supreme Court rejected those maps. Therefore, I am proposing an amended resolution removing the district detail.

Fact is that both annexations cross supervisory districts lines and regardless of what assembly map is approved, two wards must be created for election administration. The new wards are Ward 27 in the 2nd Aldermanic District for the Sunset annexation and Ward 28 in the 11th Aldermanic District for the Shelby Road annexation.

Please contact me if you have questions.

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