

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-031

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 105.01 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF KENT, OHIO, SO AS TO SUBDIVIDE THE CITY INTO WARDS AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 731.06 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE AND ARTICLE XII, SECTION 12.02, OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF KENT, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, Section 731.06 of the Ohio Revised Code requires that this Council must subdivide the City into wards, equal in number to the members of the Council to be elected from wards; and

WHEREAS, Section 105.01 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Kent prescribe the election of six members of Council from wards; and

WHEREAS, Section 731.06 of the Ohio Revised Code further requires that such subdivision into wards shall be accomplished within ninety (90) days after the first day of October of the year following the decennial census year; and

WHEREAS, said Section 731.06 further requires that all wards shall be bounded, as far as practicable, by county lines, streets, alleys, lot lines, avenues, public grounds, canals, watercourses, municipal corporation lines, centerlines of platted streets, or railroads, and shall be composed of adjacent and compact territory, and substantially equal in population; and

WHEREAS, Section 12.02, Article XII of the Charter of the City of Kent requires that the population disparity among wards may not exceed ten percent (10%) and that each ward shall be comprised of compact and contiguous territory; and

WHEREAS, this Council finds that the subdivision of the city into wards herein below complies with the legal requirements described above.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio:

SECTION 1. That Section 105.01 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Kent is hereby amended to read as follows:

(a) **First Ward.** The First Ward shall contain all that territory bounded and described as follows: Bounded on the east, beginning at a point where the centerline of the Akron Barberton Cluster Railroad intersects the east corporation line of the City, thence north along the east corporation line of the City to a point where it intersects the north corporation line of the City. Bounded on the north, at a point where the east corporation line of the City intersects the north corporation line of the City, thence west along the north corporation line of the City to a point where it intersects the west corporation line of the City. Bounded on the west by the west corporation line of the City to a point where it intersects the northern boundary line of the Silver Meadows Subdivision #3. Bounded on the south, starting at a point where the west corporation line and the northern boundary line of the Silver Meadows Subdivision Number 3 intersect, thence east along the northern boundary line of Silver Meadows Subdivision Number 3 to a point where it intersects the east lot line of Sublot Number 36 of the Silver Meadows Subdivision Number 3, thence south along the east lot line of Sublot Number 36 to a point where it intersects the centerline of Carol Drive, thence east along the centerline of Carol Drive to a point where it intersects the centerline of Silver Meadows Boulevard, thence north along the centerline of Silver Meadows Boulevard to a point where it would intersect the extension of the south property line of Sublot #1 of the Havenwood Subdivision, thence west along the south property line of Sublot #1 of the Havenwood Subdivision to a point where it intersects the western boundary line of Havenwood Subdivision, thence north along the western boundary line of Havenwood Subdivision and continuing along the west property lines of City of Kent Parcel #17-028-00-00-018-000 and Parcel #17-028-00-00-020-000 to a point where it would intersect the centerline of Fairchild Avenue, thence east along the centerline of Fairchild Avenue to a point where it intersects the centerline of Majors Lane, thence southwest to a point where Majors Lane intersects Bryce Road, thence south along Bryce Road to a point where it intersects the centerline of West Main Street, thence east along the centerline of West Main

Street to a point where it intersects the centerline of the Akron Barberton Cluster Railroad. Bounded on the east, starting at a point where the centerline of West Main Street intersects the centerline North Water Street thence north along the centerline of North Water Street to the point where it intersects Lake Street, thence northeast along the centerline of the Akron Barberton Cluster Railroad to the point where it intersects with the centerline of Marvin Street, thence south along the centerline of Marvin Street to the point where it intersects the centerline of Lake Street then northeast along the centerline of Lake Street to the east corporation line of the City, and the true point of beginning.

(b) Second Ward. The Second Ward shall contain all that territory bounded and described as follows: Bounded on the north, starting at a point where the west corporation line and the northern boundary line of the Silver Meadows Subdivision Number 3 intersect, thence east along the northern boundary line of Silver Meadows Subdivision Number 3 to a point where it intersects the east lot line of Sublot Number 36 of Silver Meadows Subdivision Number 3, thence south along the east lot line of Sublot Number 36 to a point where it intersects the centerline of Carol Drive, thence east along the centerline of Carol Drive to a point where it intersects the centerline of Silver Meadows Boulevard, thence north along the centerline of Silver Meadows Boulevard to a point where it would intersect the extension of the south property line of Sublot #1 of the Havenwood Subdivision, thence west along the south property line of Sublot #1 of the Havenwood Subdivision to a point where it intersects the western boundary line of the Havenwood Subdivision, thence north along the western boundary line of Havenwood Subdivision and continuing along the west property line of City of Kent Parcel #17-028-00-00-018-000 and Parcel # 17-028-00-00-020-000 to a point where it would intersect the centerline of Fairchild Avenue, thence east along the centerline of Fairchild Avenue to a point where it intersects the centerline of Majors Lane, thence southwest to a point where Majors Lane intersects Bryce Road, thence south along Bryce Road to a point where it intersects the centerline of West Main Street, thence east along the centerline of West Main Street to a point where it intersects the centerline of the Cuyahoga River. Starting at a point where the centerline of West Main Street intersects the centerline of the Cuyahoga River, thence southwesterly along the centerline of the Cuyahoga River to a point where it intersects the centerline of Stow Street thence east along the centerline of – Stow Street to a point where it intersects the centerline of Mogadore Road, thence southwest along the centerline of –Mogadore Road to a point where it intersects the centerline of the Wheeling and Lake Erie Railroad, thence northwest along the centerline of the Wheeling and Lake Erie Railroad to a point where it intersects the centerline of Middlebury Road, thence southwest along the centerline of Middlebury Road, to a point where an imaginary line intersects with the north property line of City of Kent Parcel #17-009-00-00-021-006 and continuing west along the north property line. Bounded on the west by the corporation line of the City of Kent, thence north along the west corporation line of the City of Kent to a point where it intersects the north boundary line of Silver Meadows Subdivision #3, and the true point of beginning.

(c) Third Ward. The Third Ward shall contain all that territory bounded and described as follows: Bounded on the north, starting at a point where the centerline of Mogadore Road intersects the centerline of West Summit Street, thence east along the centerline of West Summit Street to a point where it intersects the centerline of Franklin Avenue, thence south along the centerline of Franklin Avenue to a point where it intersects the centerline of West Oak Street, thence east along the centerline of West Oak Street to a point where it intersects the centerline of South Water Street, thence south along the centerline of South Water Street to a point where it intersects the centerline of Bowman Drive, thence east along the centerline of Bowman Drive to a point where the centerline of Bowman Drive intersects with an imaginary line along the east property lines of City of Kent Parcel #17-006-12-00-001-000 and City of Kent Parcel #17-006-12-00-002-000 and continuing south along the east property lines to a point where it intersects with the centerline of Rellim Drive, thence east along the centerline of Rellim Drive to a point where it intersects with the centerline of Morris Road, thence north along the centerline of Morris Road to a point where it intersects the centerline of East School Street, thence east along East School Street to a point where it continues east as an imaginary line along the north property lines of City of Kent Parcel #17-014-10-00-017-00, Parcel #17-014-10-00-022-000, and Parcel #17-014-10-00-056-000, thence south along the east property lines of said Parcels to the point where the imaginary line intersects with the north property line of City of Kent Parcel #17-005-00-00-001-000, thence east along this north property line and continuing east along the north property line of City of Kent Parcel #17-005-00-00-008-000 to the point the north property line intersects with the west property line of City of Kent Parcel # 17-023-00-00-001-000 and continuing northeast to point where the west property line intersects with the centerline of East Summit Street at point

on East Summit where western Kent State University Risman Drive begins, thence southeast along East Summit Street to the point where it intersects with the centerline of Libra Court, a private street, thence south on the centerline of Libra Court to a point where an imaginary line intersects along the south property lines of City of Kent Parcel #17-003-10-00-017-000, Parcel #17-003-10-00-018-000, Parcel #17-003-10-00-019-000 Parcel, #17-003-10-00-020-000, Parcel #17-003-10-00-021-000, Parcel #17-003-10-00-022-000, Parcel #17-003-10-00-023-000, Parcel #17-003-10-00-024-000, Parcel #17-003-10-00-025-000, Parcel #17-003-10-00-026-000, Parcel #17-003-10-00-027-000, Parcel #17-003-10-00-028-000, Parcel #17-003-10-00-029-000, Parcel #17-003-10-00-030-000, thence north along the east property line of City of Kent Parcel #17-003-10-00-056-000 to the point where it intersects with the centerline of East Summit Street, thence east along East Summit Street to the east corporation line of the City at the point where it intersects with the west side of Burnett Road. Bounded on the east by the corporation line of the City at a point where it intersects the centerline of Burnett Road thence south along the centerline of Burnett Road to the point where it intersects the south corporation line of the City. Bounded on the south starting at a point where the south corporation line of the City and the east corporation line of the City intersect, thence west to a point where the west corporation line of the City and the centerline of Mogadore Road intersect, thence northeast along the centerline of Mogadore Road to a point where it intersects the centerline of West Summit Street to the true point of beginning.

(d) Fourth Ward. The Fourth Ward shall contain all that territory bounded and described as follows: Bounded on the east, starting at a point where the centerline of Burnett Road intersects the south corporation line of the City, thence west along the centerline of East Summit Street to the point where it intersects with the center Pisce Drive, thence south on the centerline of Pisce Drive to a point where an imaginary line intersects along the south property lines of City of Kent Parcel #17-003-10-00-017-000, Parcel #17-003-10-00-018-000, Parcel #17-003-10-00-019-000 Parcel, #17-003-10-00-020-000, Parcel #17-003-10-00-021-000, Parcel #17-003-10-00-022-000, Parcel #17-003-10-00-023-000, Parcel #17-003-10-00-024-000, Parcel #17-003-10-00-025-000, Parcel #17-003-10-00-026-000, Parcel #17-003-10-00-027-000, Parcel #17-003-10-00-028-000, Parcel #17-003-10-00-029-000, Parcel #17-003-10-00-030-000, thence north along the west property line of City of Kent Parcel #17-003-10-00-017-000, thence northwest along the centerline of East Summit Street to a point where it intersects the centerline of Fraternity Circle, thence southwest on an imaginary line that extends along the east property line of City of Kent Parcel #17-023-00-00-001-000, thence west on the south property line of said Parcel, thence north on the west property line of said Parcel to the point where it intersects with the centerline of East School Street, thence west on the centerline of East School Street to the point it intersects with the centerline of Morris Road, thence north along the centerline of Morris Road to the point it intersects with an imaginary line along the north property lines of City of Kent Parcel #17-014-10-00-001-001, Parcel #17-014-10-00-038-000, Parcel #17-014-10-00-039-000, thence from an imaginary line that extends from the northeast corner of the north property line of Parcel #17-014-10-00-039-000 to a point where it intersects the centerline of East Summit Street and the centerline of Janik Drive (K.S.U.), thence northeast along the centerline of Janik Drive (K.S.U.) to a point where Janik Drive (K.S.U.) ends and an imaginary line is drawn to continue in same northeast direction, thence at point northwest of Stopher Hall (K.S.U.) an imaginary line is drawn to the south of Taylor Hall (K.S.U.) as to extend directly east to the centerline of Loop Road, thence south along the centerline of Loop Road to a point where the centerline of Loop Road intersects with an imaginary line drawn to the north of 528-530-532 Silver Oaks Place (Private Road) extending east to a point where it intersects with the centerline of Silver Oaks Place (Private Road), thence north along the centerline of Silver Oaks Place (Private Road) to a point where it intersects with an imaginary line drawn to the north of 499-501-517-519 Silver Oaks Place (Private Road), thence extending east along said line to the point the imaginary line intersects the north property lines of the northern parcels at the north end of Glad Boulevard and extending to the east corporation line of the City, thence continuing south and east along the corporation line of the City, to the point where the east corporation line of the City extends south to East Summit Street, thence west along East Summit Street to the point where the centerline of East Summit Street intersects the centerline of Burnett Road to the true point of beginning.

(e) Fifth Ward. The Fifth Ward shall contain all that territory bounded and described as follows: Bounded on the north, starting at a point where the centerline of Midway Drive (K.S.U.) intersects the centerline of East Main Street, thence west along the centerline of East Main Street to a point where it intersects with the centerline of Luther Avenue, thence north along Luther Avenue to the point where it

intersects with the centerline of Crain Avenue, thence northwest along the centerline of Crain Avenue to the point where it intersects with the centerline of North Water Street, thence south on North Water Street to the point where it intersects with the centerline of East Main Street, thence west on the centerline of East Main Street to to a point where it intersects the centerline of the Akron Barberton Cluster Railroad. Bounded on the west, along the centerline of the Akron Barberton Cluster to a point where it intersects the centerline of Stow Street, thence east along the centerline of West Summit Street to a point where it intersects the centerline of Franklin Avenue, thence south along the centerline of Franklin Avenue to a point where it intersects the centerline of West Oak Street, thence east along the centerline of West Oak Street to a point where it intersects the centerline of South Water Street, thence south along the centerline of South Water Street to a point where it intersects the centerline of Bowman Drive thence east along the centerline of Bowman Drive to the point where the centerline of Bowman Drive intersects with an imaginary line along the east property lines of City of Kent Parcel #17-006-12-00-001-000 and City of Kent Parcel #17-006-12-00-002-000 and continuing south along the east property lines to a point where it intersects with the centerline of Rellim Drive, thence west along the centerline of Rellim Drive to the point where it intersects with the centerline of Morris Road, thence north on Morris Road to the point where the centerline intersects with an imaginary line along the north property lines of City of Kent Parcel #17-014-10-00-003-000, Parcel #17-014-10-00-036-000, Parcel #17-014-10-00-041-000, thence from an imaginary line that extends from the northeast corner of the north property line of Parcel #17-014-10-00-041-000 to a point where it intersects the centerline of East Summit Street and the centerline of Janik Drive (K.S.U.), thence northeast along the centerline of Janik Drive (K.S.U) to point where Janik Drive (K.S.U.) ends, thence continuing in same northeast direction along an imaginary line drawn to a point directly northwest of Stopher Hall (K.S.U.), thence along an imaginary line drawn south of Taylor Hall (K.S.U.) and which extends east to a point where it intersects the centerline of Midway Drive (K.S.U.), thence north along the centerline of Midway Drive (K.S.U.) to a point where it intersects the centerline of Theater Drive (K.S.U.), thence along an imaginary line drawn to extend west from Theater Drive (K.S.U.) to a point near the south west corner of Verder Hall, thence along an imaginary line drawn north to intersect with the centerline of East Main Street, to the true point of beginning.

(f) Sixth Ward. The Sixth Ward shall contain all that territory bounded and described as follows: Bounded on the north, starting at a point where the centerline of Lake Street intersects the east corporation line of the City, thence west along the centerline of Lake Street to a point where it intersects the centerline of Marvin Street, thence north along the centerline of Marvin Street to a point where the centerline of Marvin Street intersects the centerline of the Akron Barberton Cluster Railroad, thence southwest along the centerline of the Akron Barberton Cluster Railroad to a point where it intersects the centerline of Crain Avenue thence southeast along the centerline of Crain Avenue to a point where it intersects the centerline of Luther Avenue, thence south along the centerline of Luther Avenue to a point where it intersects the centerline of East Main Street, thence east along the centerline of East Main Street to a point where it intersects Midway Drive (K.S.U.), thence south along the centerline of Midway Drive (K.S.U.) to a point where it intersects the extended centerline of Theater Drive (K.S.U.), thence east along the centerline of Theater Drive (K.S.U.) to a point where the centerline of Theater Drive (K.S.U.) and the centerline of Midway Drive (K.S.U.) meet, thence south along the centerline of Midway Drive (K.S.U.) to the Ward 4 northern boundary. Bounded on the south, beginning at the north boundary line of Ward 4 and the intersection of Midway Drive (K.S.U.), thence east along an imaginary line located south of Koonce Hall and extending to the centerline of Loop Road, thence south along the centerline of Loop Road to an imaginary line drawn north of 528-530-532 Silver Oaks Place (private road) and extending east to the centerline of Silver Oaks Place (Private Road), thence north along the centerline of Silver Oaks Place (Private Road) to an imaginary line located north of 499-501-517-519 Silver Oaks Place (private road) and extending east, thence east along said line continuing along the north property lines of the northern most parcels on the north end of Glad Boulevard to the east corporation line of the City. Bounded on the east, at a point where the north boundary line of Ward 4 (as previously described above) intersects the east corporation line of the City, thence north along the east corporation line of the City, to the true point of beginning.

SECTION 2. That the Clerk shall transmit a certified copy of this ordinance to the Portage County Board of Elections.

SECTION 3. That the subdivision herein described shall be effective for the first municipal primary election occurring at least one hundred fifty (150) days after passage thereof.

SECTION 4 That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this council and that all deliberations of this Council, and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 5. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the residents of this City, for which reason and other reasons manifest to this Council this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force immediately after passage.

PASSED: April 17, 2024
Date

EFFECTIVE: April 17, 2024
Date

ATTEST: Amy Wilkens
Amy Wilkens, CMC
Clerk of Council

Jerry T. Fiala
Jerry T. Fiala
Mayor and President of Council

I, AMY WILKENS, CLERK OF COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF KENT, COUNTY OF PORTAGE, AND STATE OF OHIO, AND IN WHOSE CUSTODY THE ORIGINAL FILES AND RECORDS OF SAID COUNCIL ARE REQUIRED TO BE KEPT BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF OHIO, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF *ORDINANCE No. 2024-031*, ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT ON April 17, 20 2024.

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Amy Wilkens
AMY WILKENS, CMC
CLERK OF COUNCIL