

WELLS COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 2013- 11

**AN ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO IC 36-2-3-4
DIVIDING THE COUNTY INTO FOUR (4) CONTIGUOUS,
SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS**

WHEREAS, the Indiana legislature has mandated under the terms of IC 36-2-3 et seq. that the County Executive shall divide the county into four (4) contiguous, single-member districts; and

WHEREAS, that mandate provides that the single-member districts established must: (1) be compact, subject only to natural boundary lines (such as railroads, major highways, rivers, creeks, parks, and major industrial complexes); (2) not cross precinct boundary lines; (3) contain, as nearly as possible, equal population; and (4) include whole townships, except when a division is clearly necessary to accomplish redistricting under this section; and

WHEREAS, the Wells County Election Board has caused a study to be made in order to conform with the directives of the statute, and has presented several alternatives to the County Fiscal Body and to the County Executive to accomplish redistricting under IC 36-2-3-4; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Wells is satisfied that their study is accurate and they are in compliance with the legislation.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Wells, that:

Section 1. The County Council Districts shall be as follows:

District No. 1: This district shall consist of: Chester, Jackson, Liberty, Nottingham, and Rockcreek Townships, and Harrison East and Harrison West precincts in Harrison Township.

District No. 2: This district shall consist of: Lancaster East, Lancaster West, Bluffton Lancaster 03, Bluffton Lancaster East, and Bluffton Lancaster West precincts in Lancaster Township, and Jefferson East precinct in Jefferson Township.

District No. 3: This district shall consist of: Jefferson West, Ossian East, and Ossian West precincts in Jefferson Township, and Union Township.



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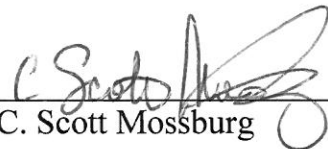
District No. 4: This district shall consist of: Bluffton 2, Bluffton 3, Bluffton 4, Bluffton 5, and Bluffton 6 precincts in Harrison Township.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

Section 3. A copy of this Ordinance shall be filed with the Circuit Court Clerk.

All as Passed and Ordained this 7th day of December, 2013.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF WELLS:



C. Scott Mossburg




Kevin S. Woodward



Blake Gerber

ATTEST:



Beth Davis, Auditor

This instrument was prepared by the Wells County Attorney, Roy R. Johnson, Attorney No. 4937-90, 222 West Market St., P.O. Box 295, Bluffton, IN 46714. I affirm, under penalties for perjury, that I have taken reasonable care to redact each Social Security number in this document, unless required by law. Beth Davis.