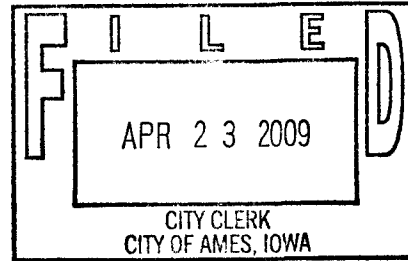




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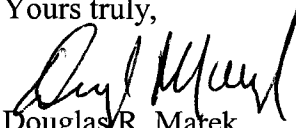
Re: Ordinance to Attach Annexed Territory to Established Wards and Precincts,
and to Update Descriptions of Wards and Precincts

Dear Mayor Campbell and Council Members:

The Code of Iowa states that when territory is annexed, the City Council may attach all or any part of the annexed territory to any established precinct. See § 49.8(2). This proposed ordinance makes the attachment for 1820 South Dayton, which was annexed into the City on October 28, 2008.

This ordinance also updates the descriptions of wards and precincts to incorporate into the boundary descriptions all territories recently annexed and attached to wards and precincts by the City. The descriptions of wards and precincts have not been updated since October 2003. Since that time, several annexed territories have been attached to appropriate precincts and listed in the Ames Municipal Code Section 6.14, but not incorporated into the boundary descriptions.

During the recent process of adding such annexed territory to the wards and precincts, corrections and updates to boundary descriptions were also made. With the availability of Geographic Information Systems (GIS), boundaries may now be described with much greater accuracy. This process resulted in a relatively significant redraft of all descriptions, so that with this new ordinance Ames residents will have a straight-forward, up-to-date resource for determining their voting wards and precincts.

Yours truly,

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