

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: **ASSIGNING A WARD AND PRECINCT FOR AUBURN TRAIL ANNEXATION**

BACKGROUND:

Following an annexation, the City needs to assign the newly annexed territory to the appropriate ward and precinct for local election purposes as required by *Code of Iowa*, Section 49.8. In most instances, the territory is assigned to the immediately adjacent ward and precinct. However, state law also allows newly annexed territory to be designated its own precinct provided that there are no fewer than fifty registered voters. The recently annexed Auburn Trail does not yet contain that number of voters.

A map of the existing and the proposed precincts is found in Attachment 1. The most recent annexation that now needs to be assigned is noted below.

1. Territory annexed by Resolution #17-698 on 12/12/17 (Auburn Trail) is attached to Ward 2, Precinct 5;

ALTERNATIVES:

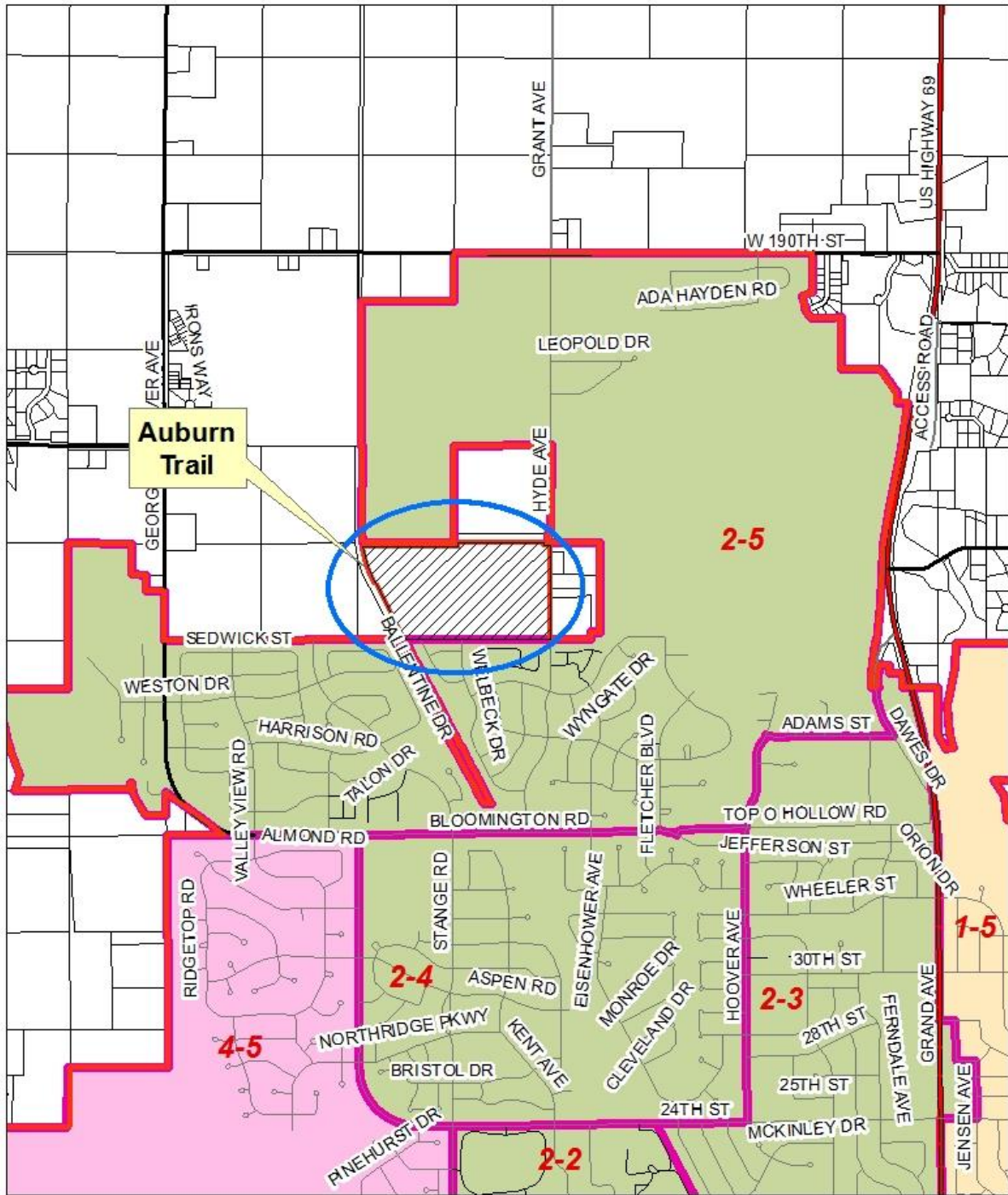
1. The City Council can approve the assignment of the annexed territory to Ward 2, Precinct 5.
2. The City Council can defer action on this request and refer it back to City staff with specific direction.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

A territory annexed by the City needs to be assigned to an appropriate ward and precinct. There is little to no discretion in the assignments since the wards and precincts have to be contiguous.



Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council act in accordance with Alternative #1, which is to approve the assignment of the Auburn Trail annexation to Ward 2, Precinct 5. If approved, the ordinance will be recorded and the County Commissioner of Elections will notify the residents (if any) of their new voting locations.

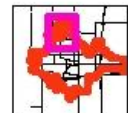
ATTACHMENT 1: CURRENT WARDS AND PRECINCTS WITH AUBURN TRAIL



Auburn Trail

Legend

-  Auburn Trail
-  Ames City Limits



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ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF AMES, IOWA, BY ENACTING A NEW SUBSECTION 6.14 (10), THEREOF, FOR THE PURPOSE OF UPDATING WARDS AND PRECINCTS; REPEALING ANY AND ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT TO THE EXTENT OF SUCH CONFLICT; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ENACTED, by the City Council for the City of Ames, Iowa, that:

Section One. The Municipal Code of the City of Ames, Iowa shall be and the same is hereby amended by enacting a new Section 6.14 (10) as follows:

“Sec. 6.14. ANNEXATIONS.

Pursuant to Section 49.8(2) Code of Iowa, territory annexed to the City of Ames is attached to established precincts that are contiguous to the annexed territory as follows:

...

(10) Territory annexed by Resolution #17-698, 12/12/2017 (Outlot Z of Cochrane Farm Subdivision) is attached to Ward 2, Precinct 5.”

Section Two. All ordinances, or parts of ordinances, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, if any.

Section Three. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as required by law.

Passed this _____ day of _____, _____.

Diane R. Voss, City Clerk

John A. Haila, Mayor