



# City of Muscatine



City Council

## STAFF

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Andrew Fangman, Assistant Community Development Director

## SUBJECT

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Resolution Approving a Memorandum of Agreement with Muscatine County Establishing a Combined City-County Muscatine Ninth Precinct

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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Presented for City Council's consideration is a resolution approving a memorandum of agreement with Muscatine County, establishing a combined city-county Muscatine ninth precinct. In order to comply with state regulations prohibiting census blocks to be split between multiple precincts, this resolution approves a memorandum of acceptance between the City of Muscatine and Muscatine County establishing the ninth precinct as a joint City-County precinct containing all of census block 5072000.

## STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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Staff recommends approval.

## BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

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Since the City Council approved the first reading of an ordinance establishing new precinct boundaries at its November 18th meeting, feedback from the Secretary of State's office has resulted in a slight modification of the proposed boundaries of the 9th Precinct. This modification relates to the territory annexed by the City in February of 2020 for the Colorado Senior Lofts project. State regulations do not allow for individual census blocks to be split amongst multiple precincts. Census blocks are drawn in a manner to avoid crossing City boundaries. However, the census block boundaries used for the 2020 Census are based on City limits that were current as of January 1, 2020. As a result, Census Block 5072000, contains territory that is within the City of Muscatine (the under-construction Colorado Senior Lofts at 400 Colorado St) and territory (parcels fronting University Drive between Colorado Street and Highway 22) that remains within unincorporated Muscatine County, see the map of the following page.

When a census block is split such as this, State regulations require an agreement between the City and County to place the entire census block in a joint City/County precinct, which in this case would be the Muscatine Ninth precinct. Under such an agreement the nine people that reside in the unincorporated portion of Census Block 5072000 would cast their votes at the designated polling place of the Muscatine Ninth, but will not cast votes in Muscatine municipal

elections or referendums. The Muscatine County Board of Supervisors approved the attached Memorandum of Agreement on December 6<sup>th</sup>.

#### CITY FINANCIAL IMPACT

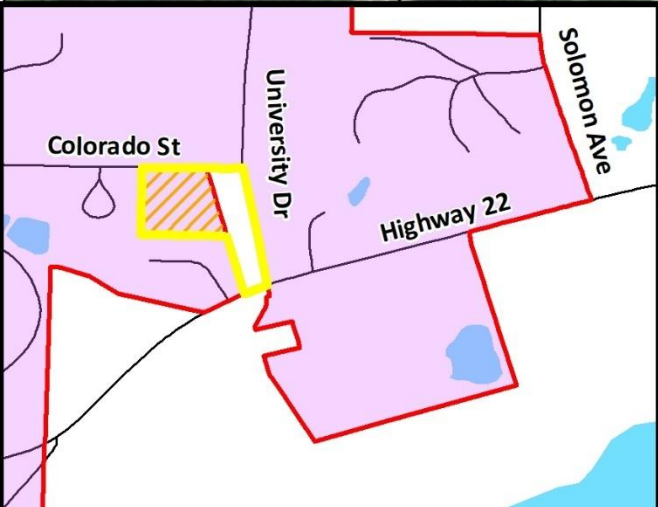
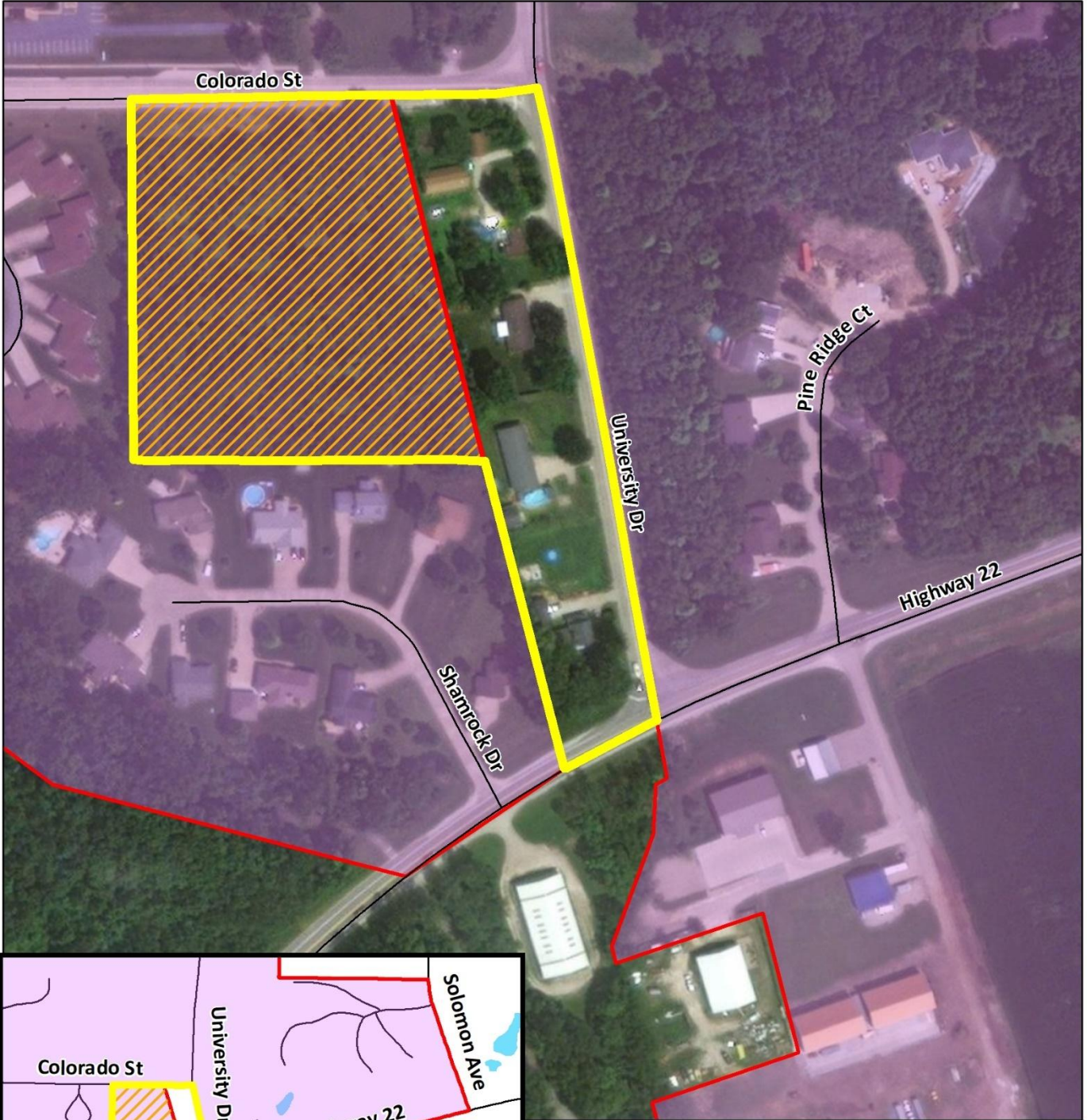
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None.

#### ATTACHMENTS

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1. Map of Census Block 5072000
2. Resolution Approving a Memorandum of Agreement with Muscatine County Establishing a Combined City-County Muscatine Ninth Precinct
3. Memorandum of Agreement with Muscatine County Establishing a Combined City-County Muscatine Ninth Precinct



-  Census Block 5072000
-  Balance of the City of Muscatine

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-0458

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING A MEMORANDA OF AGREEMENT  
WITH MUSCATINE COUNTY ESTABLISHING A COMBINED  
CITY-COUNTY MUSCATINE NINTH PRECINCT**

**WHEREAS**, State law requires that upon release of the new decennial census information that ward and precinct boundaries be adjusted to ensure that they comply with the standards contained in state law;

**WHEREAS**, Election precincts which are composed partially of unincorporated territory within a county and partially of part of a city may be established, if an agreement which is mutually satisfactory to the board of supervisors of the county and to the city council of the city is adopted and submitted to the state commissioner as part of the certification of precinct boundaries;

**WHEREAS**, The City and County desire to have one combined precinct, namely (Muscatine Ninth Precinct) and agree that Muscatine Ninth Precinct shall be composed of an incorporated population of 2,386 persons who are residents of the City and an unincorporated population of 9 persons who are residents of Sweetland Township, in the County;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council for the City of Muscatine, that the attached memoranda of agreement with Muscatine County establishing a combined City-County Sweetland Precinct be approved and signed.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** by the City Council for the City of Muscatine, Iowa, on this, the 16<sup>th</sup> day of December 2021.

  
Diana L. Broderson (Dec 22, 2021 10:46 CST)

Diana L. Broderson, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Carol Webb (Dec 22, 2021 11:51 CST)

Carol Webb, City Clerk



MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

The parties to this agreement are the City of Muscatine, Iowa (City), and Muscatine County, Iowa (County). This agreement is entered into and shall be effective as of January 15, 2022.

WHEREAS:

Following the federal decennial census, and after the redistricting of congressional and legislative districts, city councils and county boards of supervisors are required to complete any changes in precinct and ward boundaries (for cities) or precinct and supervisor districts (for counties).

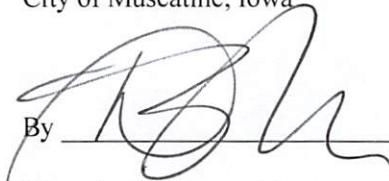
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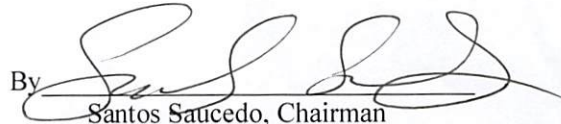
THEREFORE, the parties agree that the Muscatine Ninth Precinct shall be composed of an incorporated population of 2,386 persons who are residents of the City and an unincorporated population of 9 persons who are residents of Sweetland Township, in the County, as shown on the map attached hereto.

Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.


City of Muscatine, Iowa

By   
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Diana L. Broderson, Mayor

Muscatine County, Iowa

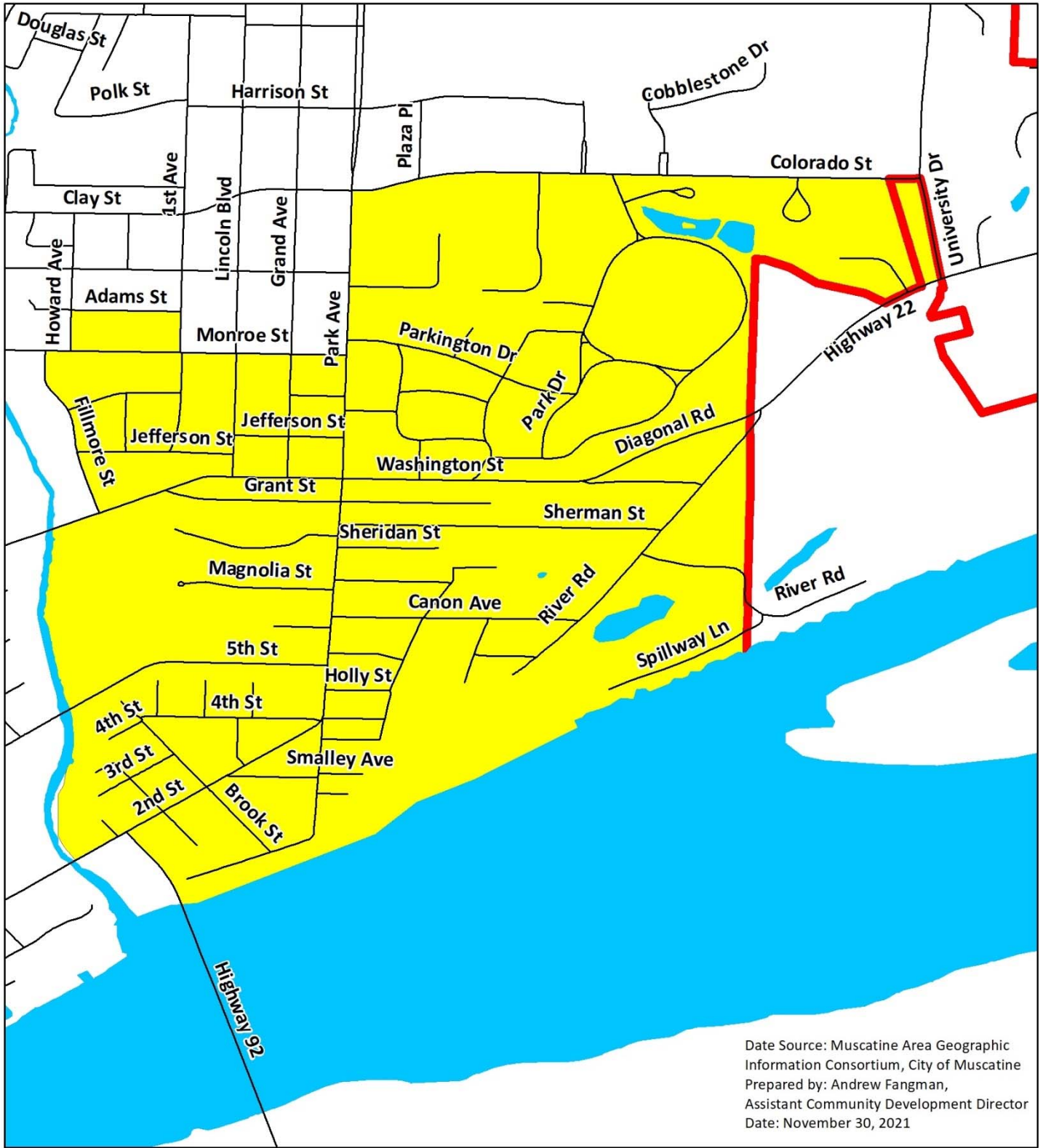
By   
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Santos Saucedo, Chairman  
Board of Supervisors

Attest:

By   
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Carol Webb, City Clerk



Attest:

By   
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Tibe Vander Linden, County Auditor



# Muscatine Ninth Precinct

## Legend

-  Muscatine Corporate Limit
-  Muscatine Ninth Precinct

