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# City of Grand Island

## Item F1

### **#8704 Consideration of Proposed Modifications to City Council Ward Boundaries Resulting From Redistricting (Final Reading)**

*This ordinance relates to Council action taken on November 6, 2001 and November 20, 2001, whereby Council approved Ordinance #8704 on first and second reading. It has been recommended that this item be brought before the Council on three different readings.*

*Every 10 years, in conjunction with the release of Census data, governing bodies are required to review the boundaries of their existing wards to address any population shifts that might result in a need to equalize population. In July, the City Council formed a Redistricting Committee to review the boundaries of the City Council wards, make recommendations relative to proposed ward boundary modifications and explore the idea of amending the make-up of the elected municipal body to allow for at-large representatives.*

*Census data provided to the Committee indicated that redrawing or balancing of the wards is required to more equitably equalize population and representation. According to the 2000 Census figures for overall city population, the approximate number of residents per ward should be 8,588. Current population figures are:*

*Ward 1 9,307  
Ward 2 9,164  
Ward 3 8,980  
Ward 4 7,683  
Ward 5 7,807*



**Tuesday, December 04, 2001**

**Council Session**

ORDINANCE NO. 8704

An ordinance to amend Chapter 14 of the Grand Island City Code pertaining to Elections; to amend Section 14-3 pertaining to wards and boundaries; to define the boundaries of the Wards in the City of Grand Island; to adopt a revised map of such wards; to repeal Section 14-3 as currently existing; and to provide for publication and the effective date of this ordinance.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA:

SECTION 1. Section 14-3 of the Grand Island City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

**§14-3. Wards; Boundaries**

The City of Grand Island, Nebraska, is hereby divided into five wards, numbered 1 through 5, the boundaries of such wards defined as shown on the drawing entitled, "*Election Ward Map of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska*," dated November 1, 2001, which drawing is attached hereto and is hereby adopted and made a part of this ordinance by reference, to have the same force and effect as if such drawing and all notations, references, and other information shown thereon were fully set forth and described herein. The drawing and ordinance shall remain on file in the office of the city clerk.

SECTION 2. Section 14-3 of the Grand Island City Code as currently existing is hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall be in force and take effect from and after its passage and publication, within fifteen days in one issue of the Grand Island Independent as provided by law.

Enacted: December 4, 2001.

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Ken Gnadt, Mayor

Attest:

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RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form ? _____ November 30, 2001 ? City Attorney
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