

**AN ORDINANCE CALLING FOR THE
CREATION OF WARDS IN THE CITY OF
TONTITOWN, ARKANSAS, AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, by virtue of the latest census, the City of Tontitown, Washington County, Arkansas, is a city of the second class as defined under Ark. Code Ann. § 14-37-105; and

WHEREAS, the City is not currently formed into wards; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 14-44-101(a), it is incumbent upon the City Council to form the City into the number of wards that, to the City, will seem to best serve the interests of the City; and

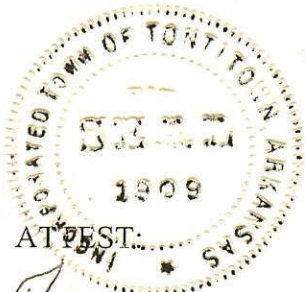
WHEREAS, it is the duty of the City Council to see that each ward has as nearly an equal population to each of the other wards as would best serve the interests of the taxpayers of the City; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to create the proper number of wards and to best equalize the population within each ward, the City Council desires to authorize the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission to undertake a study of the creation of such wards, and to present a proposal to the City Council on that matter;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF TONTITOWN, ARKANSAS, that the City Council shall undertake what steps are necessary to form the City into a number of wards, and further, that the Northwest Arkansas Planning Commission is hereby authorized to determine the number and best method of establishing the wards within the City so as to equalize the population within each ward, and to present its findings to the City Council after such plan is completed.

EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is hereby declared that an emergency exists, and that this Ordinance, being necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety of the citizens of Tontitown, Arkansas, and in order to form the City into a number of wards before the filing deadline for candidates for municipal office to run in the next general election, shall be in effect immediately upon its passage, approval, and publication.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 2nd day of April, 2002.



Daniel R. Watson
Dan Watson, Mayor

Frances Franco
Frances Franco, City Clerk