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MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council Members

Cc: Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator

From: Andrew Fangman, City Planner

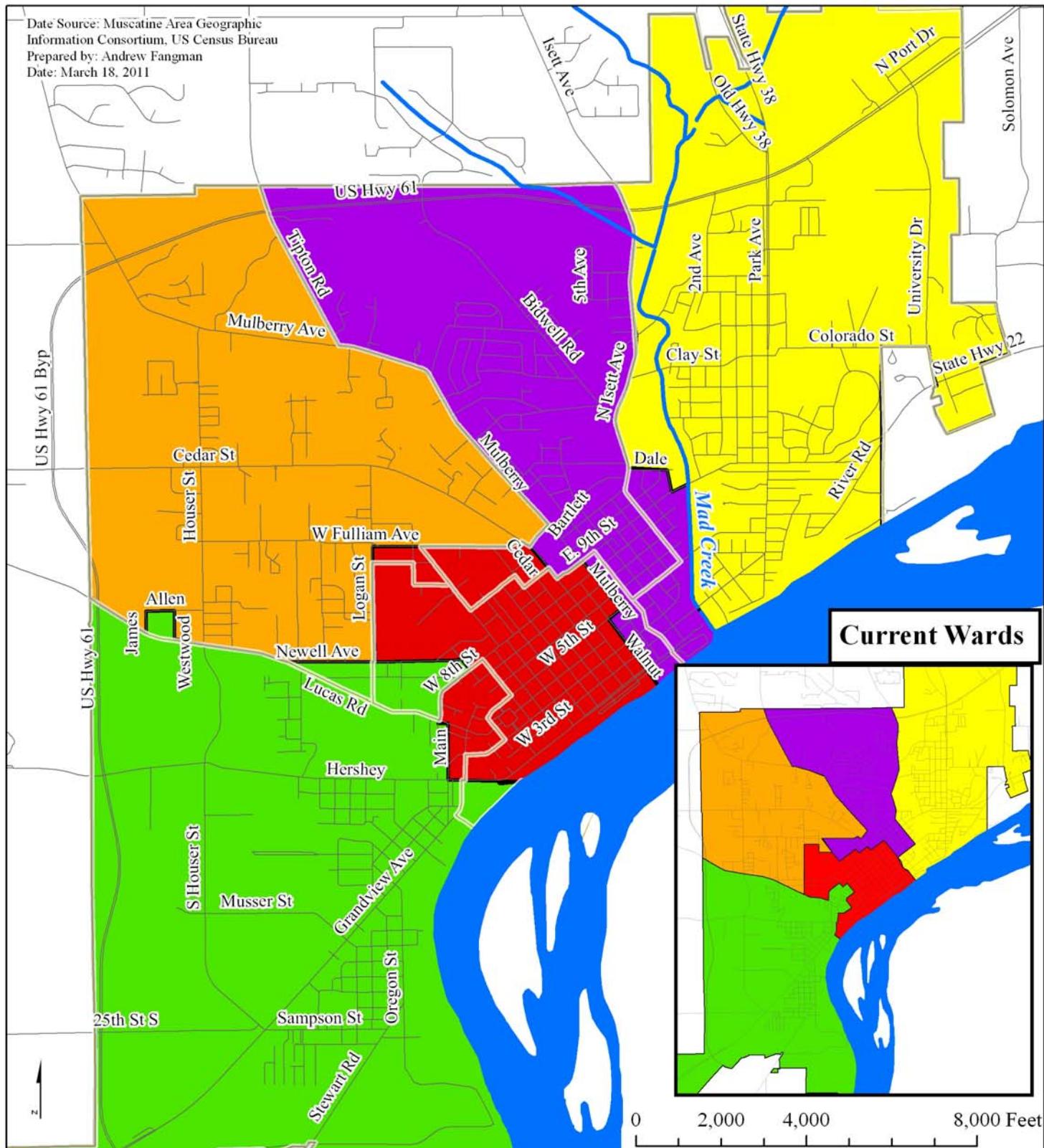
Date: May 10, 2011

Re: Update on Drawing Precinct and Ward Boundaries Based on 2010 Census Information

State law requires that upon release of the new decennial census information that ward boundaries be adjusted, by September 1, 2011, to ensure that they comply with the standards contained in state law. The following are the relevant standards.

- Wards must follow precinct boundaries [§372.13(7)(a)]
- Wards must be composed of contiguous territory [§42.4(3), 372.13(7)(c)]
- Wards must be as compact as possible. Detailed standards for compactness are found in *Iowa Code* §42.4(4). [§42.4(3), 372.13(7)(c)]
- Ward populations must be as close as possible to the ideal population, the population of the city divided by the number of wards

Based on the 2010 Census Population 22,886, each ward must have a population as close to 4,577 as possible. The attached map depicts the precinct and ward boundaries that staff feels most closely conform to the standards contained in state law.



Possible New Wards

	Ward 1		Ward 4
	Ward 2		Ward 5
	Ward 3		Current Ward Boundaries

**Difference Between a Ward Population and 4,577
 (1/5 the Total Population)**

	Current	Proposed
Ward 1	397	-7
Ward 2	-305	3
Ward 3	-190	4
Ward 4	234	9
Ward 5	301	-8