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INTRODUCTION

AMENDED

CITY OF COVINGTON
ORDINANCE NO. 2012-09

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON REDISTRICTING THE SINGLE MEMBER COUNCIL DISTRICTS FOR THE CITY OF COVINGTON, LOUISIANA

WHEREAS, Section 8-01 of the Covington Home Rule Charter requires that the City Council shall, by ordinance, alter the council election districts following publication of each decennial census; and

WHEREAS, a study was commissioned by the Covington City Council to determine the 2010 census counts for each council district; and

WHEREAS, the study showed that the single member districts were outside the allowable +/-5% deviation in population and were therefore mal-apportioned; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has conducted public hearings for the purpose of both disseminating and receiving information; and

WHEREAS, the Covington City Council redistricted the single member districts in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local regulations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Covington has a 19.3% black population; and

WHEREAS, the Covington City Council was cognizant of protecting the minority representation on the Council; and

WHEREAS, within the context of generally acceptable traditional redistricting criteria, the Covington City Council endeavored to maximize the minority representation in District A, which is the traditional minority district on the Covington City Council,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Covington City Council that Plan 1C does hereby reapportion the City of Covington single member council

districts using physical features as defined by the 2010 census block boundaries established by the U.S. Census Bureau.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the single-member districts for the City of Covington under Plan 1C be described as follows:

Council District A:

That portion contained within the municipal boundaries of the City of Covington described as:

Commencing at the Point of Beginning at the intersection of the centerlines of North Jefferson Ave. and West 24th St. thence northwesterly on West 24th St. to the boundary of Barkley Parc Phase III Subdivision (Johnson Street extension) of the City of Covington, thence generally northeasterly, northwesterly and northerly to the intersection with the centerline of U.S. Hwy 190 Bypass, thence northeasterly on U.S. Hwy 190 Bypass to the intersection with the centerline of U.S. Hwy 190, also designated as North Collins Blvd., thence southeasterly on North Collins Blvd. to the intersection with the municipal boundaries of the City of Covington, thence that portion of the City of Covington to the west of North Collins Blvd. being generally described as southwesterly, southeasterly, northeasterly, southeasterly, and northeasterly along the municipal boundaries to the intersection with the centerline of State Hwy. 437, also designated as North Columbia St., thence southeasterly on North Columbia St. to the intersection with the centerline of West 33rd Ave., thence easterly on West 33rd Ave. to the intersection with the centerline of North Florida St., thence southerly on North Florida St. to the intersection with the centerline of West Morgan St., thence westerly on West Morgan St. to the intersection with the centerline of State Hwy 437, also designated as North Columbia St., thence southerly on North Columbia St. to the intersection with the centerline of North Jackson St., thence southerly on North Jackson St. to the intersection with the centerline of West 25th St., thence southeasterly on West 25th St. to the intersection with the centerline of North Jefferson Ave., thence southerly on North Jefferson Ave. to the intersection with the centerline of West 24th Ave. and the Point of Beginning.

Council District B:

That portion contained within the municipal boundaries of the City of Covington described as:

Commencing at the Point of Beginning at the intersection of the centerlines of North Jefferson Ave. and East 23rd Ave., thence easterly on East 23rd Ave. to the intersection with the centerline of North Theard St. thence southerly on North Theard St. to the intersection with the centerline of East Gibson St., thence easterly on East Gibson St. to the intersection with the centerline of the Tammany Trace Bike Trail, thence easterly on the Tammany Trace Bike Trail to the intersection with the eastern municipal boundaries of the City of Covington, thence generally northeasterly, northerly, westerly, northerly, easterly, northerly, westerly,

~~northerly, easterly, northerly, easterly, northerly, westerly, southerly, westerly, northerly, easterly, northerly, westerly, northerly, westerly, northerly, southwesterly, southeasterly and southwesterly along the municipal boundaries to the intersection with the centerline of State Hwy 25, thence southeasterly on State Hwy 25 to the intersection with the centerline of U.S. Hwy 190, also designated as North Collins Blvd., thence southeasterly on North Collins Blvd. to the intersection with the municipal boundaries of the City of Covington, thence generally that portion of the municipal boundaries of the City of Covington east of the centerline of North Collins Blvd. to the intersection with the centerline of West 33rd Ave., thence easterly on West 33rd Ave. to the intersection with the centerline of North Florida St., thence southerly on North Florida St. to the intersection with the centerline of West Morgan St., thence westerly on West Morgan St. to the intersection with the centerline of State Hwy 437, also designated as North Columbia St., thence southerly on North Columbia St. to the intersection with the centerline of North Jackson St., thence southerly on North Jackson St. to the intersection with the centerline of West 25th St., thence southeasterly on West 25th St. to the intersection with the centerline of North Jefferson Ave., thence southerly on North Jefferson Ave. to the intersection with the centerline of East 23rd Ave. and the Point of Beginning.~~

~~**Council District C:**~~

~~That portion contained within the municipal boundaries of the City of Covington described as:~~

~~Commencing at the Point of Beginning at the intersection of the centerlines of U.S. Hwy 190 Business, also designated as West 21st Ave. and South Johnston St., thence southwesterly on South Johnston St. to the intersection with the centerline of West 15th Ave, thence southeasterly on West 15th Ave. to the intersection with the centerline of South Filmore St., thence southwesterly on South Filmore St. to the intersection with the centerline of West 11th Ave., thence northwesterly on West 11th Ave. to the intersection with the centerline of the drainage lateral east of Mile Branch Court, thence southerly on said drainage lateral to southwestern municipal boundaries of the City of Covington marked by the Tchefuncta River, thence generally northwesterly, easterly, northerly, westerly, northerly, easterly, northerly, easterly, southerly, easterly, northwesterly, northerly, easterly, southeasterly, northeasterly, northwesterly, and northeasterly to the intersection with the centerline of State Hwy 25, thence southeasterly on State Hwy 25 to the intersection with the centerline of U.S. Hwy 190 Bypass, thence southwesterly on the U.S. Hwy 190 Bypass to the municipal boundaries of the City of Covington, thence generally southerly, westerly, southerly, easterly, southerly, northeasterly, southerly, southeasterly, northeasterly, southeasterly, and southwesterly, and southerly to the intersection with the centerlines of U.S. Hwy 190 Business, also designated as West 21st St. and South Johnson St. and the Point of Beginning.~~

~~**Council District D:**~~

~~That portion contained within the municipal boundaries of the City of Covington described as:~~

~~Commencing at the Point of Beginning at the intersection of the centerlines of U.S. Hwy 190 Business, also designated as West 21st. Ave. and South Johnston St., thence southwesterly on South Johnston St. to the intersection with the centerline of West 15th Ave, thence southeasterly on West 15th Ave. to the intersection with the centerline of South Filmore St., thence southwesterly on South Filmore St. to the intersection with the centerline of West 11th Ave., thence northwesterly on West 11th Ave. to the intersection with the centerline of the drainage lateral east of Mile Branch Court, thence southerly on said drainage lateral to southwestern municipal boundaries of the City of Covington, thence generally southeasterly, southerly, southwesterly, westerly, northwesterly, westerly, southeasterly, southerly, easterly, northeasterly, easterly, northeasterly, northwesterly, northeasterly, southerly, easterly, northerly, easterly, southerly, easterly, northerly, easterly, northerly, northeasterly and southeasterly along the municipal boundaries to the centerline of the drainage lateral just east of the end of West 5th Ave., thence northerly on said drainage lateral to the intersection with the centerline of West 8th Ave., thence southeasterly on West 8th Ave. to the intersection with the centerline of South Jefferson Ave., thence northeasterly on South Jefferson Ave. to the intersection with the centerline of West 24th St., thence northwesterly on West 24th St. to the intersection with the municipal boundaries of the City of Covington, thence southwesterly on the municipal boundary to the intersection with the centerline of U.S. Hwy 190 Business, also designated as West 21st St. and South Johnson St. and the Point of Beginning.~~

~~**Council District E:**~~

~~That portion contained within the municipal boundaries of the City of Covington described as:~~

~~Commencing at the Point of Beginning at the intersection of the centerlines of North Jefferson Ave. and East 23rd Ave., thence easterly on East 23rd Ave. to the intersection with the centerline of North Theard St. thence southerly on North Theard St. to the intersection with the centerline of East Gibson St., thence easterly on East Gibson St. to the intersection with the centerline of the Tammany Trace Bike Trail, thence easterly on the Tammany Trace Bike Trail to the intersection with the eastern municipal boundaries of the City of Covington, thence generally southerly, easterly, and those portions of the City of Covington southerly along both sides of State Hwy 21, thence those portions of the City of Covington southerly on both sides of U.S. Hwy 190, thence returning northerly and westerly to the municipal boundaries marked by the Bogue Falaya River, thence southerly to the Chestnut Street area, thence southeasterly, southwesterly, northwesterly, thence southerly along the Bogue Falaya River to the municipal boundaries marked by the Tchefuncta River, thence northerly along the municipal boundaries of the City of Covington to the centerline of the drainage lateral just east of the end of West 5th Ave., thence northerly on said drainage lateral to the intersection with the centerline of West 8th Ave., thence southeasterly on West 8th Ave. to the intersection with the centerline of South Jefferson Ave., thence northeasterly on South Jefferson Ave. to the intersection with the centerline of East 23rd St. and the Point of Beginning.~~

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that maps setting out the single member districts and statistical summary for the City of Covington as set out in Plan 1C are attached hereto as Exhibit A.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that descriptions of the single member districts for the City of Covington under Plan 1C are ~~be described as follows:~~ attached hereto as Exhibit B.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the 2010 Census demographics of Plan 1C as described are:

Dist.	2010 Pop	% Deviation	White	% White	Black	% Black	18+ Pop	18+ Wht	% 18+ Wht	NH18+ Black	% NH18+ Black
A	1670	-4.7%	568	34.0%	1058	63.4%	1073	400	37.3%	639	59.6%
B	1659	-5.4%	1086	65.5%	524	31.6%	1269	863	68.0%	365	28.8%
C	1768	0.9%	1688	95.5%	34	1.9%	1389	1333	96.0%	21	1.5%
D	1871	6.7%	1744	93.2%	60	3.2%	1500	1411	94.1%	38	2.5%
E	1798	2.6%	1731	96.3%	19	1.1%	1440	1383	96.0%	13	0.9%
Totals	8766		6817	77.8%	1695	19.3%	6671	5390	80.8%	1076	16.1%

~~**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that the maps of the above described districts are attached hereto as Exhibit A.~~

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the two City Council members to be elected from the City "at large" shall remain unaffected by the provisions of this ordinance;

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that upon approval by the U.S. Department of Justice under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 the single member council district boundaries shall go into effect for the 2015 general election for elected officials of the City of Covington.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision of this ordinance shall be held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions herein

which can be given effect without the invalid provision and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

This ordinance having been submitted in writing, having been read by title and adopted at a public meeting of the City Council of the City of Covington, State of Louisiana, was then submitted to an official vote as a whole, the vote thereon being as follows.

MOVED FOR ADOPTION as amended by Rolling, seconded by O'Keefe.

YEAS: 6 **NAYS:** 0

ABSTAIN: 0 **ABSENT:** 1 (Wright)

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 17th day of April, 2012.

Lee S. Alexius
LEE S. ALEXIUS
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Bonnie D. Champagne
BONNIE D. CHAMPAGNE
CLERK TO THE COUNCIL

Presented to the Mayor this 19th day of April, 2012, at 10:10 o'clock A.M.

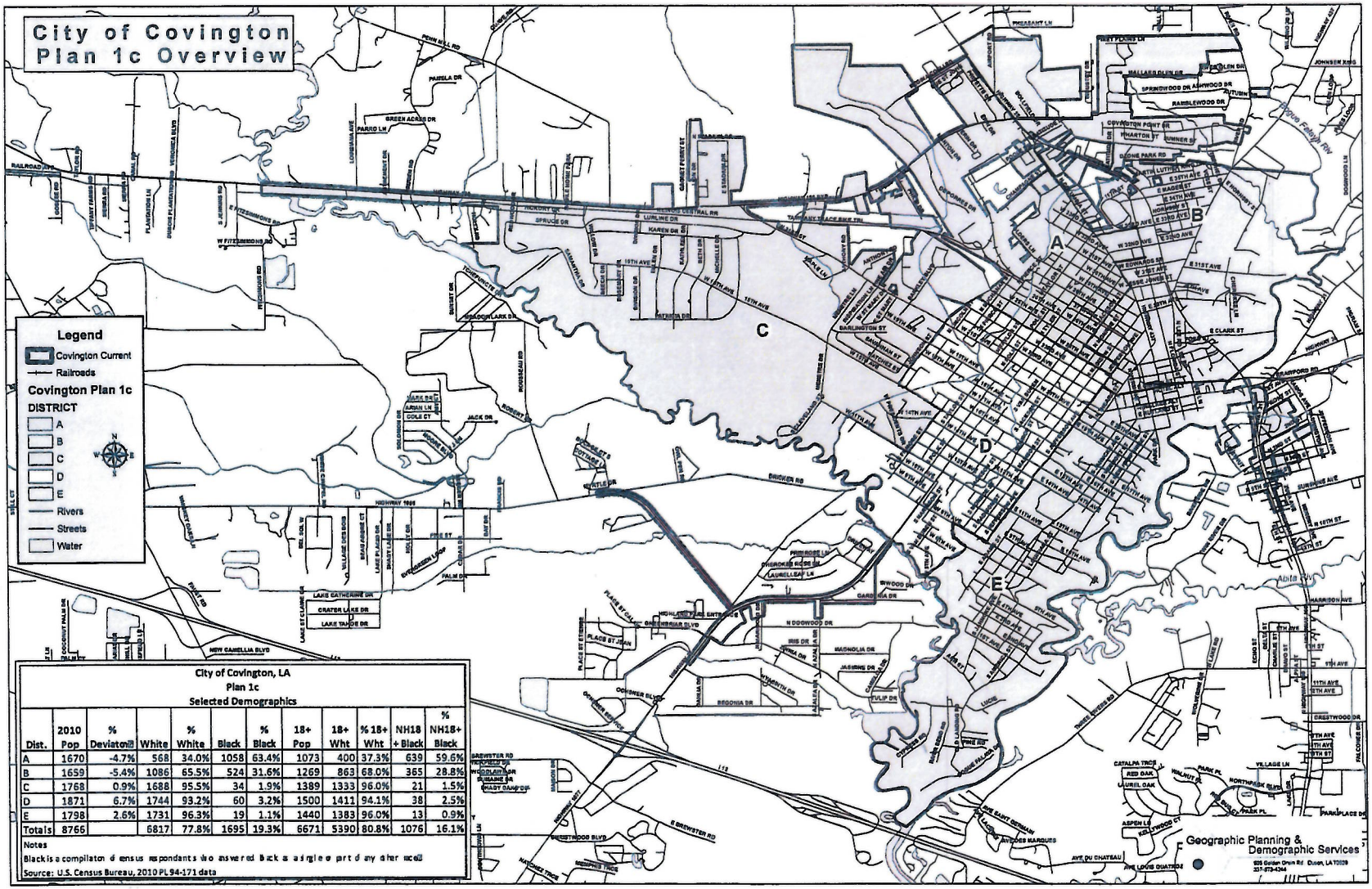
Bonnie D. Champagne
BONNIE D. CHAMPAGNE
CLERK TO THE COUNCIL

Approved ✓ or Vetoed ___ by the Mayor on this 19th day of April, 2012.

MICHAEL B. COOPER
MAYOR

Received from the Mayor on the 19th day of April, 2012, at 3:00 o'clock P.M.

Bonnie D. Champagne
BONNIE D. CHAMPAGNE
CLERK TO THE COUNCIL



City of Covington, LA
Plan 1c
Selected Demographics

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Notes
Black is a compilation of census respondents who answered Black as a single or part of any other race

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 PL 94-171 data

EXHIBIT A 04/17/12

Council District A

City Council District A shall consist of that part of the city bounded by a line described as beginning at the intersection of North Collins Boulevard, Hwy. 25, Branch Crossing Road and Hwy. 190 Bypass (Ronald Reagan Hwy.), run thence south on North Collins Boulevard to its intersection with North Columbia Street; thence run southeast on North Columbia Street to its intersection with East 33rd Avenue; thence east on East 33rd Avenue to its intersection with North Florida Street; thence south on North Florida Street to its intersection with East Morgan Street; thence west on East Morgan Street to its intersection with North Columbia Street; thence southeast on North Columbia Street to its intersection with North Jackson Street; thence southwest on North Jackson Street to its intersection with West 25th Avenue; thence southeast on West 25th Avenue to its intersection with North Jefferson Avenue; thence southwest on North Jefferson Avenue to its intersection with West 24th Avenue; thence northwest on West 24th Avenue to the boundary of Barkley Parc Subdivision Phase III; thence generally northeast, northwest, generally north, west and north to the intersection with Hwy. 190 Bypass (Ronald Reagan Hwy.); thence northeast along Hwy. 190 Bypass (Ronald Reagan Hwy.) to the point of beginning. (Includes all discontiguous portions of the city lying between the aforementioned boundaries.)

Council District B

City Council District B shall consist of that part of the city bounded by a line described as beginning at the intersection of North Collins Boulevard, Hwy. 25, Branch Crossing Road and Hwy. 190 Bypass (Ronald Reagan Hwy.); thence run northwest on Hwy. 25 to the intersection with Airport Road; thence run generally in a clockwise direction northeast, south, east, north, east, south, east, south, west and south to Branch Crossing Road; thence run generally east, north, east, north and east to the intersection with River Road; thence generally south, west, south, west, south, west; thence generally south, east, south, east, south, west, south and east along the meanders of the city limits to the intersection with the Bogue Falaya River; thence continue generally south along the meanders of the city limits and the Bogue Falaya River to its intersection with the St. Tammany Parish Trace; thence west on the Trace and East Gibson Street to the intersection with East 23rd Avenue; thence northwest on East 23rd Avenue to its intersection with North Jefferson Avenue; thence run northeast on North Jefferson Avenue to its intersection with West 25th Avenue; thence northwest on West 25th Avenue to its intersection with North Jackson Street; thence northwest on North Jackson Street to its intersection with North Columbia Street; thence northwest on North Columbia Street to its intersection with East Morgan Street; thence east on East Morgan Street to its intersection with North Florida Street; thence north on North Florida Street to its intersection with East 33rd Avenue; thence west on East 33rd Avenue to its intersection with North Columbia Street; thence northwest on North Columbia Street to its intersection with North Collins Boulevard; thence north on North Collins Boulevard to the point of beginning. (Also includes those discontiguous portions of the city lying generally on the east side of River Road.)

Council District C

City Council District C shall consist of that part of the city bounded by a line described as beginning at the intersection of West 21st Avenue (U.S. 190) and South Johnson Street, run thence southwest on South Johnson Street to its intersection with West 15th Avenue; thence run southeast on West 15th Avenue to its intersection with South Filmore Street; thence run southwest on South Filmore Street to its intersection with West 11th Avenue; thence northwest on West 11th Avenue to its intersection with Mile Branch; thence run south on Mile Branch to its intersection with the Tchefuncte River and the city limits; thence run generally west, northwest and north along the Tchefuncte River and the city limits to a point where the city limits departs from the Tchefuncte River to the east; thence continue east and north along the city limits to its intersection with Hwy. 190; thence run east on Hwy. 190 and the city limits meandering north, east and south in a clockwise direction to the intersection with Hwy. 190; thence east on Hwy. 190 to a point (immediately west of Lion Drive) where the city limits departs Hwy. 190 to the north; thence follow the city limits generally north, east and south, in a clockwise manner, to its intersection with Hwy. 190; thence run east on Hwy. 190 and the city limits to its intersection with West 21st Avenue and the Hwy. 190 Bypass (Ronald Reagan Hwy.); thence run generally southeast along the city limits, in a clockwise manner, to its intersection with South Johnson Street, the point of beginning. (Includes portions of land northeast of West 21st Avenue (Hwy. 190 Bus.) between the abandoned ICRR tracks and Hwy. 190 Bypass; land south of Hwy. 190 Bypass; and land north of Hwy. 190 Bypass between West 21st Avenue and Hwy. 25.)

Council District D

City Council District D shall consist of that part of the city bounded by a line described as beginning at the intersection of West 21st Avenue (U.S. 190) and South Johnson Street; thence run northeast on extended North Johnson and the boundary of Barkley Parc Subdivision to its intersection with West 24th Avenue; thence run southeast on West 24th Avenue to its intersection with North Jefferson Avenue; thence run southwest on North Jefferson Avenue and South Jefferson Avenue to its intersection with West 8th Avenue; thence run northwest on West 8th Avenue to its intersection with an unnamed drainage ditch; thence run southeast and southwest on the unnamed drainage ditch to its intersection with the Tchefuncte River and the city limits; thence run generally northwest along the meanders of the Tchefuncte River and the city limits to its intersection with Mile Branch; thence run north on Mile Branch to its intersection with West 11th Avenue; thence run southeast along West 11th Avenue to its intersection with South Filmore Street; thence northeast on South Filmore Street to its intersection with West 15th Avenue; thence northwest on West 15th Avenue to its intersection with South Johnson Street; thence run northeast on South Johnson Street to its intersection with West 21st Avenue (U.S. 190), the point of beginning. (Includes those discontiguous portions of the city lying generally west and south of the Tchefuncte River.)

Council District E

City Council District E shall consist of that part of the city bounded by a line described as beginning at the intersection of East Boston Street, the city limits, and the Bogue Falaya River; thence run generally south, west and southwest, in a clockwise manner, along the meanders of the city limits and the Bogue Falaya River to its confluence with the Tchefuncte River; thence continue generally northeast and north, in a clockwise manner, along the city limits and the Tchefuncte River (past the extension of Washington Street), to its intersection with an unnamed canal; thence run northeast and northwest along the unnamed canal to its intersection with West 8th Avenue; thence run southeast on West 8th Avenue to its intersection with South Jefferson Avenue; thence run northeast on South Jefferson Avenue to its intersection with East 23rd Avenue; thence run southeast on East 23rd Avenue to its intersection with East Gibson Street; thence run east on East Gibson Street to its end; thence along the St. Tammany Parish Trace to its intersection with the city limits and the Bogue Falaya River; thence run generally south to the point of beginning. (Includes those discontiguous portions of the city lying generally east of the Bogue Falaya River, and south of East Boston Street.)