

**CITY OF MORRIS  
GRUNDY COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

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**ORDINANCE NO. 3977**

**AN ORDINANCE REDISTRICTING THE WARDS OF THE  
CITY OF MORRIS, GRUNDY COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

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**PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE  
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MORRIS  
THIS 15<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2013.**

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by the authority of the Mayor  
& City Council of the City of  
Morris, Grundy County, Illinois  
this 15<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2013

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**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1.24.010 OF THE MORRIS  
MUNICIPAL CODE REDISTRICTING THE WARDS OF THE  
CITY OF MORRIS, GRUNDY COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

WHEREAS, the Illinois Municipal Code (*65 ILCS 5/3.1-20-25*) permits the City of Morris, Grundy County, Illinois ("City") to redistrict wards in the City to reflect the most recent census information; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to assure the fair and proper election of Aldermen for the City of Morris; and

WHEREAS, the 2010 census conducted by the United State Census Bureau revealed numerical inequalities in population of the wards as currently drawn; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to apportion the wards to assure the wards are as compact and contiguous territory as is practicable with each ward having as near as possible equal population; and

WHEREAS, the Finance and Administration Committee have reviewed the new wards and recommended that the City conduct redistricting; and

WHEREAS, the Morris City Council having considered the recommendation of the Finance and Administration Committee finds that redistricting is necessary and in the best interests of the Morris citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MORRIS, GRUNDY COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Morris City Council hereby finds and determines that the above recitals are true and correct and are hereby incorporated into the body of this Ordinance as though fully set forth herein.

2. That Section 1.24.010 of the Morris Municipal Code is amended in its entirety and shall hereafter read as follows:

For the purposes of all elections for Aldermen held after July 15, 2013, the City is divided into four (4) wards as follows:

- A. First Ward - The first ward shall be comprised of the area as described in Group Exhibit A.
- B. Second Ward - The second ward shall be comprised of the area as described in Group Exhibit A.
- C. Third Ward - The third ward shall be comprised of the area as described in Group Exhibit A.
- D. Fourth Ward - The fourth ward shall be comprised of the area as described in Group Exhibit A.

3. The ward boundaries for each of the four (4) wards of the City of Morris, Illinois, as designated and set forth in the map together with a description of the ward boundaries of each in words comprising, "Group Exhibit A," a copy of which are attached hereto and hereby incorporated by reference, are hereby adopted as the ward boundaries for each of the four (4) wards of the City of Morris, Illinois, in

accordance with this Ordinance. If there is a discrepancy between the ward boundary description by words and the map herein referred to, the word description shall prevail.

4. The City Clerk is hereby directed to notify appropriate election Officials of the change in the ward boundaries to assure all future aldermanic elections in the City are based on the ward boundaries as shown on the attached Group Exhibit A.


5. This Ordinance shall be effective from and following its passage, approval and publication as required by law.

6. Any Ordinances inconsistent with the terms and provisions hereof are hereby repealed and revoked to the extent of any such inconsistencies.

PASSED and APPROVED this 15<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2013.

Ayes	<u>8</u>
Nays	<u>0</u>
Pass	<u>0</u>
Absent	<u>0</u>

  
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RICHARD P. KOPCZICK, Mayor

(SEAL)  
ATTEST:  
  
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BETH WALKER, Deputy City Clerk

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**CLERK'S CERTIFICATE**

I, BETH WALKER, Deputy City Clerk of the City of Morris, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Ordinance No. 3977 as adopted by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Morris at a regular meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2013.

BETH WALKER, Deputy City Clerk

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## Legal Descriptions of Morris Voter Wards

### **Morris Ward 1:**

Ward 1 shall envelop all that portion of the City of Morris that lies north of the CSXT railroad, west of Shabbona Street, south of Edgewood Drive, west of Deerpath Drive, south of Lakeshore Drive, west of Lakewood Drive, west and north of Michael Drive, that portion west of the west line of the southwest quarter of Section 33, Township 34 North, Range 7 East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Grundy County, Illinois, north of the south right of way line of Interstate 80, and west of North Lisbon Road.

### **Morris Ward 2:**

Ward 2 shall envelop all that portion of the City of Morris that lies south of the CSXT railroad, east of North Division Street, south of East North Street, west of Liberty Street and also that portion north of the CSXT railroad, east of Lisbon Street, south of Bedford Road, east of Lakewood Drive, north of Lakeshore Drive, east of Deerpath Drive, north of Edgewood Drive, and east of Shabbona Street.

### **Morris Ward 3:**

Ward 3 shall envelop all that portion of the City of Morris that lies east of North Division Street, south of McKinley Street, east of the north 822.46 feet of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 3, Township 33 North, Range 7 East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Grundy County, Illinois, and also that portion of the City of Morris lying west of North Division Street, north of East North Street, east of Liberty Street, south of CSXT railroad and also that portion of the City of Morris lying within the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of section 34, Township 34 North, Range 7 East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Grundy County, Illinois as described as follows (herein referred to as Exception A): commencing at the southwest corner of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of said Section 34 thence east 231.68 feet along the south line of said Section 34 to a point of beginning, thence North 16 Degrees 32 Minutes 34 Seconds West for a distance of 106.49 feet, thence South 78 Degrees 2 Minutes 24 Seconds East for a distance of 430.91 feet to a point on the south line of said section 34, thence west along the south line of said section 34 for a distance of 391.44 to the point of beginning, and also that portion of Morris City Limits lying north of the south line of Section 34, Township 34 North, Range 7 East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Grundy County, Illinois, south and east of the CSXT railroad, and also that portion of the City of Morris as described as follows (herein referred to as Exception B): commencing at the point of intersection between the west line of Section 35, Township 34 North, Range 7 East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Grundy County, Illinois and the centerline of the CSXT railroad as the point of beginning, thence North 50 Degrees 01 Minutes 07 Seconds East for a distance of 1,707.73 feet along said railroad centerline to point, thence

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North 04 Degrees 51 Minutes 16 Seconds West for a distance of 61.13 feet to a point on the northern right of way of said CSXT railroad, thence North 00 Degrees 47 Minutes 29 Seconds West for a distance of 261.20 feet to a point on the southern line of the northwest quarter of said section 35, thence North 00 Degrees 32 Minutes 49 Seconds West for a distance of 670.89 feet, thence North 87 Degrees 11 Minutes 26 Seconds East for a distance of 1,192.65 feet to a point on the northern right of way of said CSXT railroad, thence South 02 Degrees 23 Minutes 26 Seconds East for a distance of 63.10 feet to a point along the centerline of said CSXT railroad, thence in a northeasterly direction along the centerline of said CSXT railroad to a point on the north line of said Section 35, thence in a westerly direction along the north line of said Section 35 to a point on the north right of way line said CSXT railroad, thence in a westerly direction along the north line of said Section 35 for a distance of 1,313.80 feet to a point on the north line of said Section 35, thence North 00 Degrees 54 Minutes 10 Seconds West for a distance of 2,643.06 feet to a point on the north line of the southeast quarter of Section 26, Township 34 North, Range 7 East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Grundy County, Illinois, thence in a westerly direction along the north line of the southeast quarter of said Section 26 to a point at the northeast corner of the southwest quarter of said Section 26, thence westerly along the north line of the southwest quarter of said Section 26 to a point at the northwest corner of the southwest quarter of said Section 26, thence southerly along the west line of said Section 26 for a distance of 2,166.76 feet to a point on the west line of said Section 26, thence South 88 Degrees 21 Minutes 01 Seconds West for a distance of 1,318.69 feet, thence South 00 Degrees 19 Minutes, 20 Seconds West for a distance of 485.31 feet to a point on the south line of Section 27, Township 34 North, Range 7 East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Grundy County, Illinois, thence South 54 Degrees 35 minutes 00 Seconds West for a distance of 299.64 feet, thence South 00 Degrees 30 Minutes 24 Seconds West for a distance 138.72, thence South 26 Degrees 45 Minutes 36 Seconds West for a distance of 142.16 feet, thence South 56 Degrees 57 Minutes 18 Seconds West for a distance of 218.29 feet, thence South 71 Degrees 30 Minutes 29 Seconds West for a distance of 170.79 feet, thence South 00 Degrees 41 Minutes 19 Seconds East for a distance of 729.68 feet, thence South 00 Degrees 53 Minutes 19 Seconds East for a distance of 1,320.89 feet to a point on the north line of the southeast quarter of Section 34, Township 34 North, Range 7 East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Grundy County, Illinois, thence easterly along the north line of the southeast quarter of said Section 34 for a distance of 660.21 feet, thence South 00 Degrees 33 Minutes 06 Seconds East for a distance of 440.10 feet, thence North 88 Degrees 13 Minutes 23 Seconds East for a distance of 1,328.92 feet to a point on the east line of said Section 34, thence southerly along the east line of said section 34 for a distance of 943.39 feet to the point of beginning, and also all that portion of the City of Morris extending east of and contiguous to Exception B.

### **Morris Ward 4:**

Ward 4 shall envelop all that portion of the City of Morris that lies east of Lisbon Street, north of the CSXT railroad, west of North Division Street, south of Bedford Road, and also that portion of the City of Morris north of Bedford Road, east and south of Michael

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Drive, that portion east of the west line of the southwest quarter of Section 33, Township 34 North, Range 7 East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Grundy County, Illinois, south of the south right of way line of Interstate 80, west of North Division Street, and also that portion of the City of Morris north of the south right of way line of Interstate 80, east of North Lisbon Road, and also that portion of the City of Morris east of North Division Street, north of McKinley Street, west of the north 822.46 feet of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 3, Township 33 North, Range 7 East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Grundy County, Illinois, south of the south right of way line of Interstate 80 except that portion of the City of Morris as described in Exception A within the description of Morris Ward 3, also excepting that portion of the City of Morris as described in Exception B also within the description of Morris Ward 3, and also excepting all that portion of the City of Morris extending east of and contiguous to said Exception B.

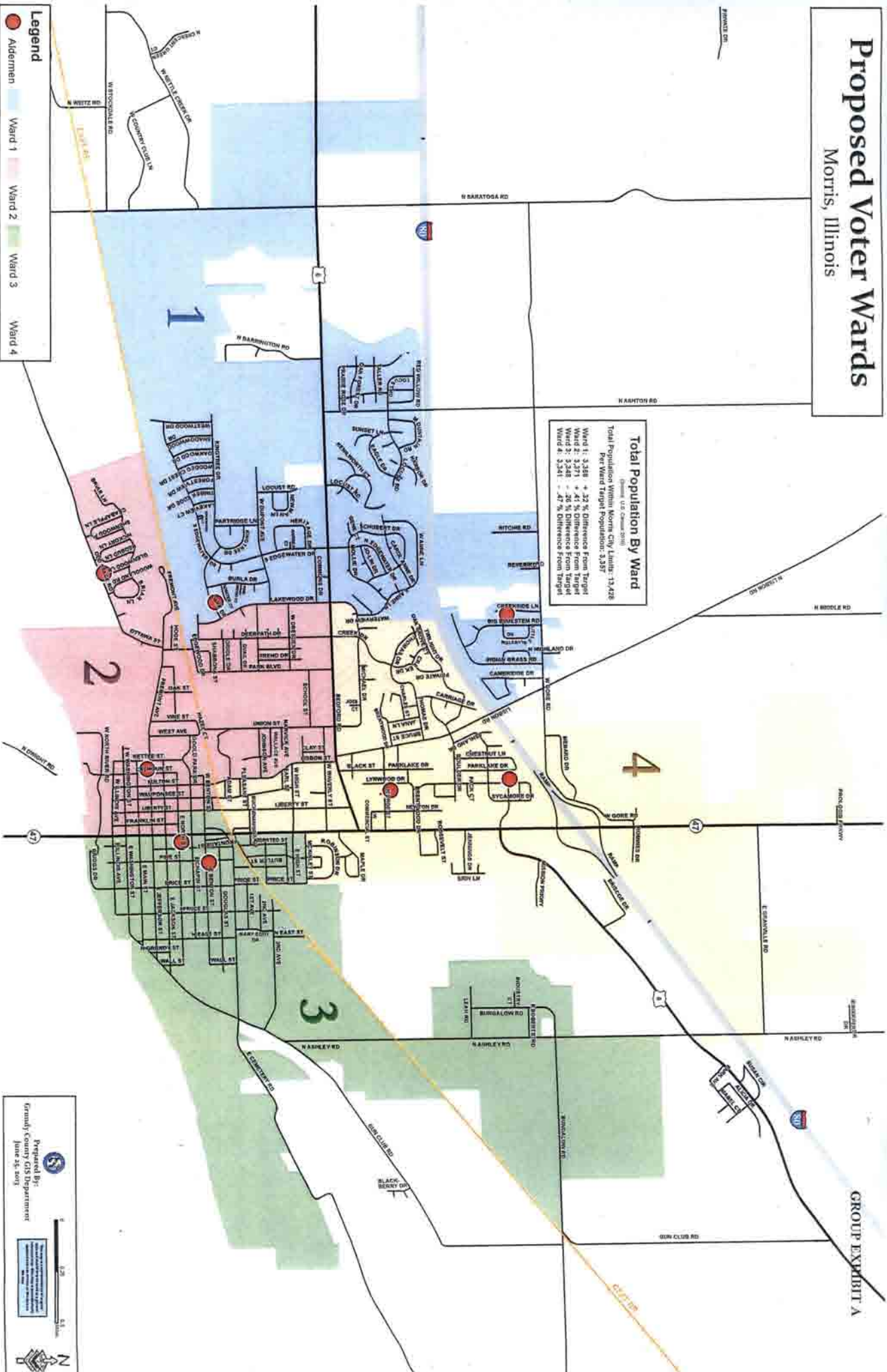
# Proposed Voter Wards

Morris, Illinois

GROUP EXHIBIT A

**Total Population By Ward**  
(Based on U.S. Census 2010)  
 Total Population Within Morris City Limits: 13,428  
 Per Ward Target Population: 3,357

Ward 1:	3,358	+ 33 % Difference From Target
Ward 2:	3,271	+ 41 % Difference From Target
Ward 3:	3,248	- 38 % Difference From Target
Ward 4:	3,551	- 47 % Difference From Target



**Legend**

- Aldermen
- Ward 1
- Ward 2
- Ward 3
- Ward 4

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 June 25, 2013

Scale: 1" = 1/4" (1/4 mile)

North Arrow