



Date January 23, 2012

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN
A CHALLENGE TO THE CITY BOUNDARIES
AS REPORTED BY THE 2010 U.S. CENSUS**

WHEREAS, the 2010 U.S. Census data for the City of Des Moines, Iowa, was based upon an incorrect boundary for the City, and failed to include much of the territory recently annexed into the City of Des Moines; and

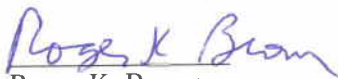
WHEREAS, the local jurisdictions, such as the City of Des Moines, may request a correction to the 2010 U.S. Census data to reflect the correct jurisdictional boundaries by submitting a Count Question Resolution ("CQR") Challenge signed by the highest elected official with the U.S. Census Bureau; and,

WHEREAS, the City staff have prepared a Count Question Resolution Challenge for submission to the U.S. Census Bureau seeking to correct the City boundaries used for the 2010 census.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to sign the Count Question Resolution Challenge on behalf of the City of Des Moines, Iowa.

MOVED by _____ to adopt.

FORM APPROVED:



Roger K. Brown

Assistant City Attorney

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CERTIFICATE

I, DIANE RAUH, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

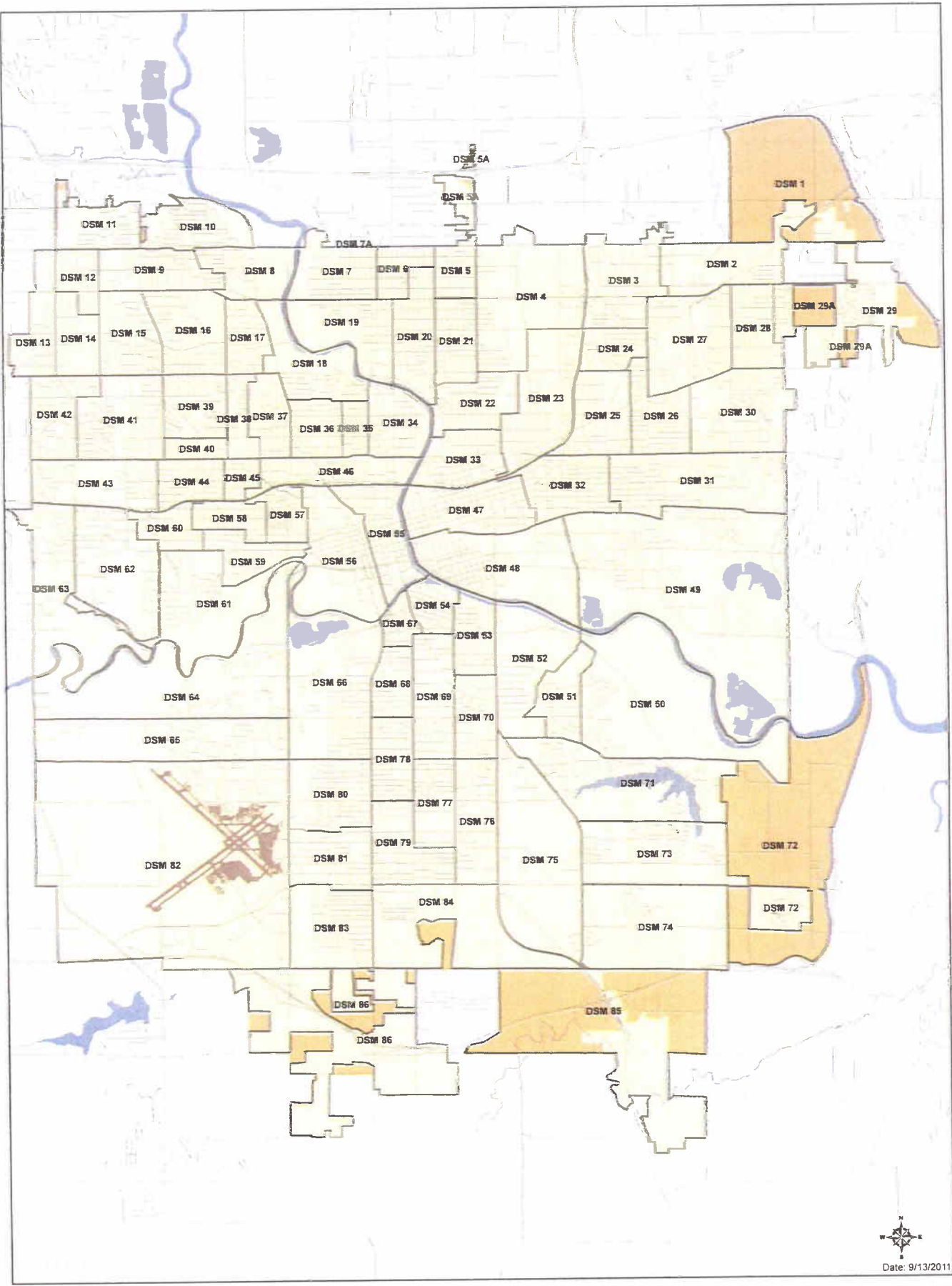
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

MOTION CARRIED APPROVED

Mayor

City Clerk

Differences between Des Moines Corporate Boundary and Census Boundary



- Annexed Area or Boundary Discrepancy
- 2010 Census Des Moines Corporate Limit
- Proposed Precinct

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January 20, 2012

HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS
OF THE DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL

RE: Item 26 on the City Council agenda for January 23, 2012; Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a challenge to the City boundaries as reported by the 2010 U.S. Census.

The 2010 U.S. Census data for the City of Des Moines is based upon an incorrect boundary for the City, and failed to include much of the territory recently annexed into the City. This will affect the amount of funding the City receives from various state and federal sources, such as the road use tax, and community development block grant funds that consider the population and boundaries of the City. The U.S. Census Bureau has an established process to correct the census data, called a Count Question Resolution (CQR) Challenge. The City Staff have prepared a CQR Challenge seeking to have the census data corrected to reflect the actual boundaries and population of the City of Des Moines.

Attached is a map which identifies the more significant discrepancies between the actual boundaries and the boundaries reflected in the census data. The principal difference is the area annexed into the City by the large involuntary annexation which became effective on June 26, 2009.

There are approximately 409 dwelling units located within the omitted areas with an estimated population of 748 people. The original 2010 Census data reflects a 2010 population for Des Moines of 203,433. With the inclusion of the previously omitted areas, the City staff estimates the actual City population to be approximately 204,181. The recent reapportionment for wards and precincts was based on the 204,181 estimate, which was approved by the Iowa Secretary of State.

The U.S. Census Bureau requires that the Count Question Resolution Challenge be signed by the highest elected official of the jurisdiction. Agenda Item 26 on the City Council agenda for January 23, 2012, authorizes the Mayor to sign the Count Question Resolution Challenge.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions regarding the above.

Respectfully submitted,



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*cc: Richard Clark, City Manager
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enc: Map*