

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF GOOCHLAND COUNTY

**In Re: Change of Boundary Line Between)
Goochland County, Virginia) Case No. CL 19-472
and Louisa County, Virginia)**

FINAL ORDER

This matter came before the Court on the 20 day of August, 2019, upon the Joint Petition (the "Petition") of Goochland County, Virginia ("Goochland"), and Louisa County, Virginia ("Louisa"), to approve the boundary line agreement between Goochland and Louisa, dated August 7, 2019 (the "Agreement"), to change, relocate, and establish the boundary line between the localities pursuant to Section 15.2-3106 *et. seq.* of the *Code of Virginia* (1950), as amended, and

It appearing to the Court that, uncontroverted evidence in support of the proposed boundary line, in the form of submitted affidavits and exhibits, was received by this Court, and

It further appearing that, Goochland and Louisa have jointly executed a Boundary Line Agreement as authorized by Section 15.2-3106 of the *Code of Virginia* (1950), as amended, and dated the 7th day of August, 2019, and have complied with the procedures for notice and hearing as set out in Section 15.2-3107 of the *Code of Virginia* (1950), as amended, and

It further appearing that, Goochland and Louisa filed the Petition within a reasonable time after the adoption of the Agreement in accordance with Section 15.2-3108 of the *Code of Virginia* (1950), as amended, that the Petition is otherwise in proper order, and that any affected property owners of the area affected by the Agreement who may have been permitted to intervene in these proceedings have failed to show cause why the boundary line between Goochland and Louisa should not be established as set forth in the Agreement, it is hereby

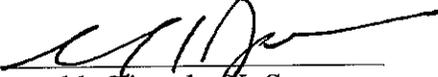
Adjudged, Ordered, and Decreed that:

1. The boundary line agreement between Goochland and Louisa, dated August 7, 2019 (the "Agreement"), is hereby approved and a new boundary line between Goochland and Louisa is hereby established to conform to the boundary line shown on the Geographic Information System (GIS) map (the "Map"), established by Virginia State Plane Coordinates System, South Zone, meeting National Geodetic Survey standards, entitled "Goochland/Louisa Boundary 2019" dated ~~August~~ ^{July} 16, 2019, and prepared by the Goochland County GIS Department (attached to the Joint Petition as Exhibit A1), and
2. A copy of the Agreement and Map are attached to this Final Order and incorporated by reference, and
3. A copy of this Final Order, together with the aforementioned Agreement and Map, shall be recorded in the common law order book of this Court, and the Circuit Court of Louisa County, Virginia, and entered in the land records of this Court, and the Circuit Court of Louisa County, Virginia, and indexed in the names of Goochland County, Virginia and Louisa County, Virginia, and
4. No costs are awarded, with each party to pay its own costs in this matter, and
5. A certified copy of this Final Order, together with the aforementioned Agreement and Map, shall be sent to the Secretary of the Commonwealth by the Clerk of Court.

This Order is entered to become effective as of the 20th day of August, 2019.

AND THIS ORDER IS FINAL.

ENTERED this 20th day of August, 2019.

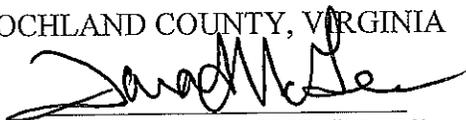


The Honorable Timothy K. Sanner
Chief Judge, Goochland County Circuit Court

WE ASK FOR THIS:

GOOCHLAND COUNTY, VIRGINIA

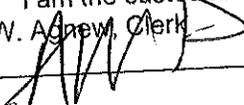
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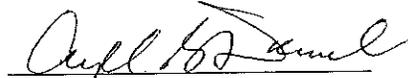
I certify that the document to which this authentication is affixed is a true copy of said document on record in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Goochland County, Virginia, and that

I am the custodian thereof.

Dale W. Agnew, Clerk Date: 8/20/19
By:  D.C.

LOUISA COUNTY, VIRGINIA

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BOUNDARY LINE AGREEMENT

THIS BOUNDARY LINE AGREEMENT is made this 7th day of August, 2019, between Goochland County, Virginia, a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and Louisa County, Virginia, a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia (collectively, the "Counties").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Counties are contiguous political subdivisions of the Commonwealth of Virginia committed to providing appropriate public services and protecting the health and welfare of the citizens of their respective jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the taxing boundary recognized between the Counties does not coincide with the United States Census Bureau boundary used to establish election districts and precincts, thereby causing certain Goochland County residents to be assigned to vote in Louisa County, as well as certain Louisa County residents to be assigned to vote in Goochland County; and

WHEREAS, the situation involving the voters has recently come to light and has caused significant concern from the Counties' citizens and governing bodies, particularly in light of the upcoming local elections on November 5, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Counties are committed to changing, relocating, and establishing an official boundary line between them that will be recognized by all local, state, and federal agencies, so that their residents will be assigned to vote in election districts and precincts in the jurisdiction in which they reside and pay taxes; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of these objectives, the Counties recently submitted electronic geographic information system (GIS) data reflecting the tax-based parcel boundary to the United States Census Bureau in an effort to update the census boundary to coincide with the taxing boundary that has been agreed upon by the Counties; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Code § 15.2-3106 et seq. authorizes Virginia localities to relocate, change, and establish the boundary line existing between them by agreement in accordance with the specific statutory procedures contained therein; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Code § 15.2-3108 allows localities to use a GIS map that meets certain criteria in the production of documentation to accompany the required petition to the Circuit Court to establish and identify the boundary line between the Counties;

WHEREAS, the staff of the two Counties have conducted numerous meetings and engaged in significant research regarding the utilization of GIS mapping technology to generate and show the agreed upon changes to the boundary line between the two Counties, and have agreed to an official boundary line map; and

WHEREAS, the Counties agree to the proposed boundary line, but also acknowledge that, based on the jurisdictional information in individual surveys and/or deeds, there are Louisa-taxed areas located in Goochland and Goochland-taxed areas located in Louisa that the Counties intend to resolve in coordination with the impacted residents in the future; and

WHEREAS, the Counties consider the official change in and establishment of the boundary line between them to be in the best interests of the citizens of the Counties and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Counties hereby agree as follows:

1. The official boundary line between Goochland County, Virginia and Louisa County, Virginia, is established as depicted on the GIS map, established by Virginia State Plane Coordinates System, South Zone, meeting National Geodetic Survey standards, dated July 16, 2019, entitled "Goochland/Louisa Boundary 2019", and prepared by the Goochland County Office of Mapping and Geographic Information (hereinafter the "Map"), which Map is attached as Exhibit A;

2. The Goochland County Attorney and the Louisa County Attorney are hereby authorized to act on behalf of the Counties, respectively, to prepare, file, and sign any documents, pleadings, and orders reasonably necessary to ensure that a court order establishing the new boundary line be entered in accordance with Virginia Code § 15.2-3106 et seq.

3. In accordance with the provisions of Virginia Code § 15.2-3107, each locality shall bear the cost of its separate advertisements and notices and shall equally share the cost of any jointly prepared advertisements and notices.

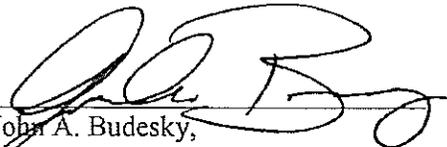
4. The change and relocation of the boundary line between the Counties shall become effective no later than the date specified in the Circuit Court order establishing the new boundary line.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Counties have caused this Boundary Line Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized representatives.

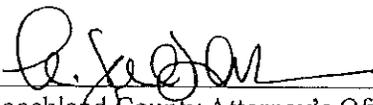
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Signature Page to Boundary Line Agreement

GOOCHLAND COUNTY, VIRGINIA, a
political subdivision of the Commonwealth of
Virginia

By: 
John A. Budesky,
County Administrator

Approved as to Form:

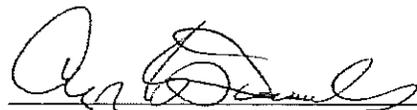

Goochland County Attorney's Office

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LOUISA COUNTY, VIRGINIA, a political
subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia

By: 
Christian Goodwin,
County Administrator

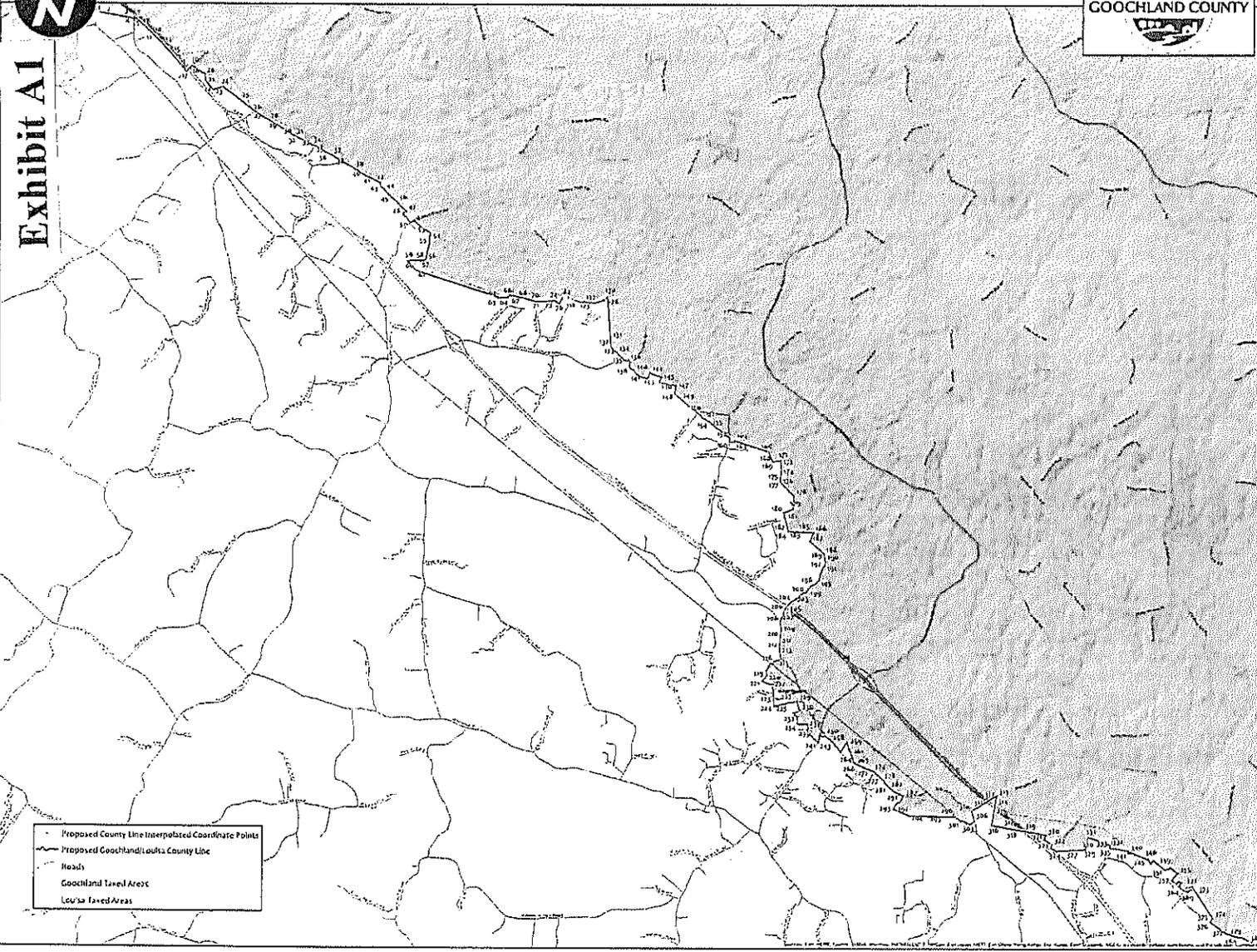
Approved as to Form:


Louisa County Attorney's Office



Goochland/Louisa Boundary 2019

Exhibit A1



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