

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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political subdivision of the Commonwealth of
Virginia

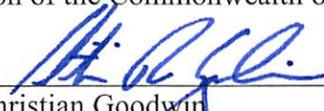
By: 
John A. Budesky,
County Administrator

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:

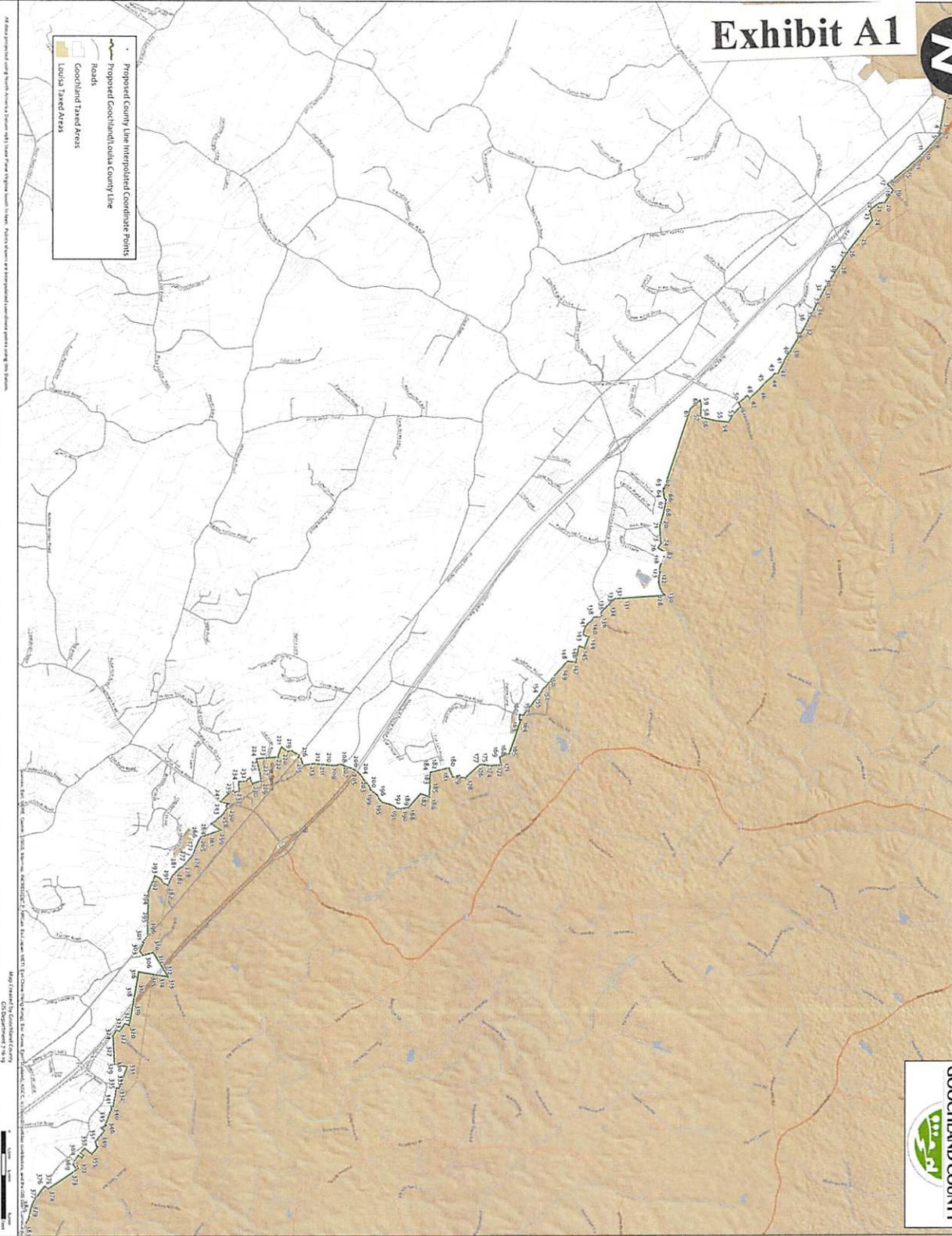


Louisa County Attorney's Office

Exhibit A1



Goochland/Louisa Boundary 2019



Map Created by Goochland County GIS Department 7/2019

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