

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE ST. JOSEPH COUNTY COUNCIL
ESTABLISHING COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICTS AND MAKING FINDINGS**

WHEREAS, Ind. Code §36-2-3-4 and related statutory provisions governing local redistricting (collectively the “Act”) requires the County Council (the “Council”) as the fiscal body of St. Joseph County, Indiana (the “County”) to redistrict the County’s fiscal body districts during the first year after a year in which a federal decennial census is conducted; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 federal decennial census was completed in calendar year 2020, requiring the Council to establish Council Districts by ordinance adopted no later than December 31, 2021 (the “Statutory Deadline”) in accordance with Ind. Code §36-2-3-4(e)(1); and

WHEREAS, on November 16, 2021, the County Board of Commissioners (the “Commissioners”) duly and lawfully adopted Commissioner districts for the County (“Commissioner Districts”) by the adoption of Resolution No. R-28-C 2021 at two (2) separate meetings as required by Ind. Code §36-2-2-4.7(c) with supplemental findings made by the Commissioners under Resolution R-29-C 2021, all in accordance with Ind. Code §36-2-2-4; and

WHEREAS, on November 19, 2021, Resolution No. R-28-C 2021 was filed by the Commissioners with the Clerk of the St. Joseph County Circuit Court as required by Ind. Code §36-2-2-4.7(c), making the Commissioner Districts final and enforceable for all purposes under applicable Indiana law; and

WHEREAS, Ind. Code §36-2-3-4(c) requires the Council to divide the County into nine (9) single member districts (“Council Districts”) with three (3) Council Districts being contained within each of the three (3) Commissioner Districts established by the Commissioners under Ind. Code §36-2-2-4; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the requirement that Council Districts be drawn within the duly and lawfully adopted Commissioner Districts, Ind. Code §36-2-3-4(d) requires that Council districts: “(1) be compact, subject only to natural boundary lines (such as railroads, major highways, rivers, creeks, parks, and major industrial complexes); (2) not cross precinct boundary lines; (3) contain, as nearly as possible, equal population; and (4) include whole townships, except when a division is clearly necessary to accomplish redistricting under this section” (collectively the “Statutory Requirements”); and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance and the maps and legal descriptions incorporated herein (the “Proposed Districts”) are being submitted by the undersigned Council members for consideration by the full Council in accordance with the Act and the undersigned further request that the Council hold a public hearing prior to final adoption of this Ordinance to afford members of the public the opportunity to appear and testify as to their support for or opposition to this Ordinance and the Proposed Districts; and

WHEREAS. The Proposed Districts: meet the Statutory Requirements and in addition: (1) provide for three (3) single member districts within each duly and lawfully enacted Commissioner District; (2) contain only contiguous territory; (3) contain, as nearly as possible,

equal population with a total deviation of 4.23%; and (4) include whole township, except when a division is clearly necessary to accomplish redistricting and equalize population; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned members of the Council request the full Council adopt and establish new Council Districts as provided herein for the elections occurring in 2022 and thereafter and that the full Council approve and adopt the Proposed Districts by the passage of this Ordinance prior to the Statutory Deadline.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE ST. JOSEPH COUNTY COUNCIL THAT:

Section 1. **Findings.** The foregoing Recitals are designated as Findings of Fact of the Council with respect to the establishment of Council Districts, which Findings are fully incorporated into this Resolution by this reference.

Section 2. **Districts Established.** The nine (9) single member Council Districts for St. Joseph County, Indiana are hereby amended and re-established, and shall be comprised as described in Exhibit “A” attached hereto (the “Precinct Description”), which Precinct Description is incorporated herein by reference.

Section 3. **Maps.** Attached to this Resolution as Exhibit “B” are maps showing the boundaries of each Council District collectively and separately (collectively the “Maps”) which maps are incorporated herein by reference.

Section 4. **Conflicts.** If a conflict exists between the Maps and the Precinct Description, in accordance with Ind. Code §36-2-3-4(j), the Precinct Description shall determine the boundaries of the Council Districts.

Section 5. **Omissions.** In the event any territory in the County is not included in one of the Council Districts, in accordance with Ind. Code §36-2-3-4.5(a), the excluded territory shall be included in the Council District that: (i) is contiguous to that territory; and (ii) contains the least population of all Council Districts contiguous to that territory.

Section 6. **Duplications.** If any territory is included in more than one (1) of the Council Districts, in accordance with Ind. Code §36-2-3-4.5(b), the territory shall be included in the Council District that: (i) is one (1) of the Council Districts in which the territory is described in this Resolution; (ii) is contiguous to that territory; and (iii) contains the least population of all Council Districts contiguous to that territory.

Section 7. **Construction.** In accordance with Ind. Code §36-2-3-4(i) this Resolution and the Council Districts established hereby, shall be construed, if possible, to comply with the Act. If a provision of this Resolution or an application of this Resolution violates the Act, the invalidity shall not affect the other provisions or applications of this Resolution that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application. The provisions of this Resolution, and each of them, are severable.

Section 8. **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage by the Council and approval by signature of a majority of the Commissioners as required by Ind.

Code § 36-2-4-8(c)(1) and shall be filed with the Clerk of the St. Joseph County Circuit Court within thirty (30) days of its adoption.

Pass and adopted this _____ day of _____, 20____.

/s/ Mark Root *MR*
Mark Root
Member, St. Joseph County Council

/s/ Richard Pfeil *R Pfeil*
Richard Pfeil
Member, St. Joseph County Council

/s/ Mark Telloyan *M.P.T.*
Mark Telloyan
Member, St. Joseph County Council

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EXHIBIT "A"

Precinct Description of Council Districts

Commissioner District No. 1

(Council District A)

Precinct Name	Population
30002	1,319
30003	483
30004	1,332
40001	858
40002	964
40003	1,087
60001	1,623
60002	933
60003	860
70001	769
70002	661
70003	1,429
100001	619
100002	1,891
100003	890
100004	964
120002	1,351
130103	1,382
130110	1,494
130112	1,283
130114	1,275
150001	1,551
150002	1,364
150003	1,410
150004	1,373
150005	1,415
150006	708
130113	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	31,288
DEVIATION	+3.18%

(Council District B)

Precinct Name	Population
20001	854
20002	2,795

20003	771
20004	1,219
20005	1,307
20006	1,394
20008	1,457
20009	1,472
20010	1,053
20011	1,083
20012	813
20013	1,248
20014	1,844
20015	791
20016	996
20018	480
20019	1,081
20020	1,211
20021	1,085
20022	118
20023	1,264
20024	665
20025	1,165
30001	1,433
130111	515
130413	125
130417	<u>1,767</u>
TOTAL	30,006
DEVIATION	-1.05%

(Council District C)

Precinct Name	Population
20007	1,201
20017	1,183
50001	988
50002	1,165
50003	822
50004	1,097
50005	1,153
50006	1,445
50007	1,156
50008	1,418
50009	759
50010	1,382
50011	1,493
50012	1,548

50013	1,671
50014	1,456
50015	946
50016	681
50017	1,466
90603	1,572
90604	1,402
90605	1,317
90606	2,434
90608	304
90607	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	30,059
DEVIATION	-0.87%

Commissioner District No. 2

(Council District D)

Precinct Name	Population
130101	1,609
130102	1,561
130104	1,412
130105	1,138
130106	1,415
130107	1,061
130108	1,349
130109	795
130115	1,599
130201	1,637
130202	1,518
130203	1,592
130204	1,548
130205	1,657
130208	1,493
130211	1,479
130301	1,372
130302	1,910
130303	1,004
130406	511
130410	751
130611	<u>1,662</u>
TOTAL	30,073
DEVIATION	-0.83%

(Council District E)

Precinct Name	Population
120003	733
120005	903
130206	1,570
130207	1,037
130209	1,637
130210	1,378
130308	957
130310	905
130312	1,269
130314	903
130503	816
130510	1,104

130511	1,249
130512	891
130516	1,136
130601	2,177
130602	1,899
130603	2,027
130604	1,674
130605	1,060
130606	2,107
130607	1,773
130609	1,289
130610	0
130612	<u>26</u>
TOTAL	30,520
DEVIATION	+0.65%

(Council District F)

Precinct Name	Population
120001	5,504
120004	1,368
130304	948
130305	1,085
130306	1,199
130307	1,518
130309	1,770
130311	1,505
130313	1,557
130401	930
130402	1,744
130403	971
130404	694
130405	1,188
130407	817
130408	1,534
130409	612
130411	945
130412	1,835
130414	933
130415	853
130416	<u>633</u>
TOTAL	30,143
DEVIATION	-0.6%

Commissioner District No. 3

(Council District G)

Precinct Name	Population
10001	1,229
10002	1,070
10003	1,170
10004	1,163
10005	1,528
80001	1,795
90202	766
90206	1,672
90303	1,171
90304	1,272
110003	1,783
110008	1,529
130501	692
130502	1,145
130504	924
130506	744
130507	795
130508	1,047
130509	792
130513	1,166
130515	1,120
130517	950
130608	1,317
140001	1,097
140002	1,502
140003	<u>879</u>
TOTAL	30,318
DEVIATION	-0.02%

(Council District H)

Precinct Name	Population
90101	1,322
90102	1,526
90103	434
90104	1,619
90105	1,510
90106	1,929
90203	1,486
90204	1,345

90205	1,471
90207	1,108
90208	838
90401	1,036
90402	1,132
90403	1,257
90404	689
90405	1,083
90406	1,597
90407	1,289
90501	778
90506	1,205
90507	997
110009	1,010
110013	95
110014	679
130505	643
130514	<u>2,065</u>
TOTAL	30,143
DEVIATION	-0.6%

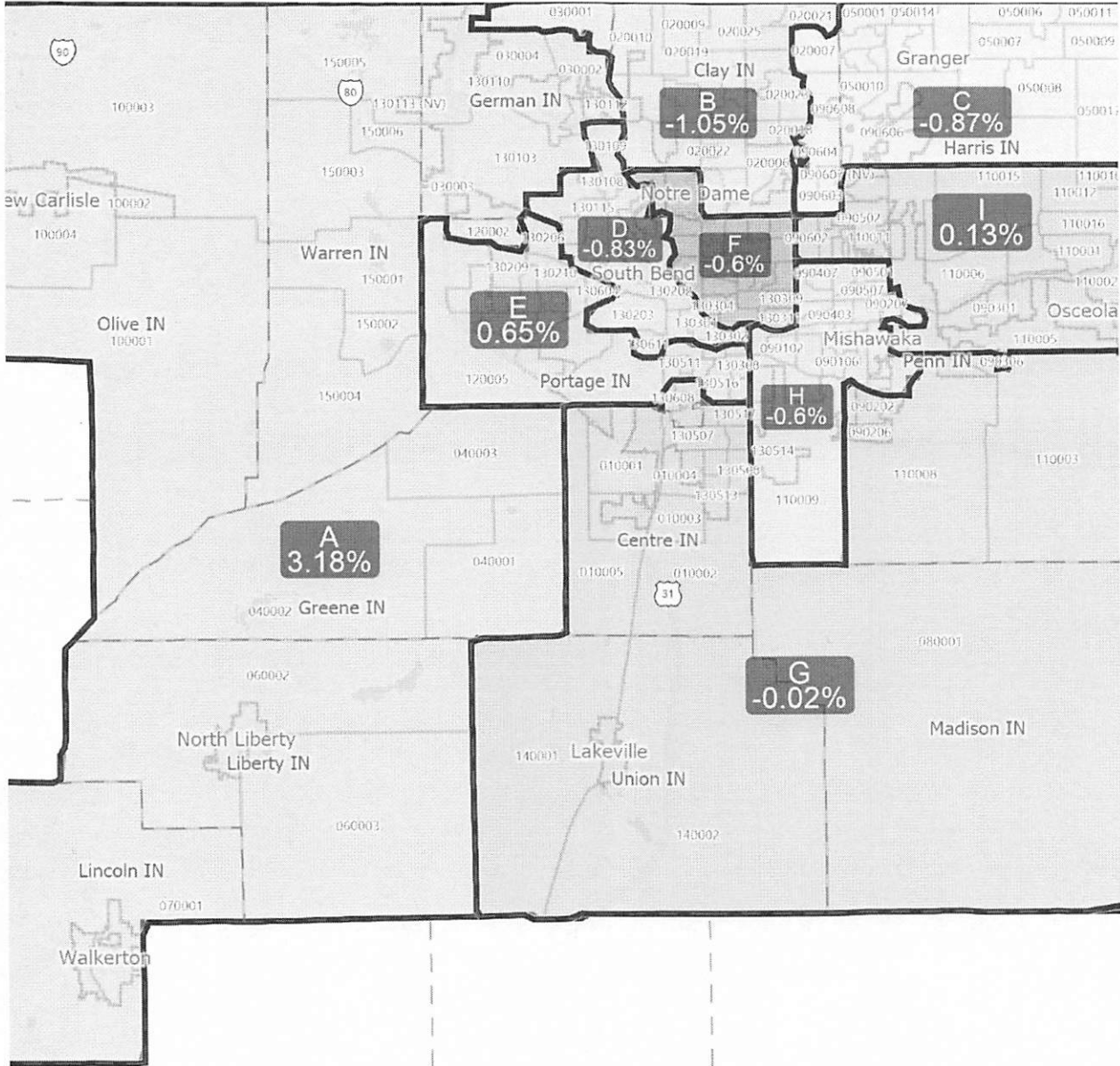
(Council District I)

Precinct Name	Population
90201	437
90301	1,313
90302	1,049
90305	1,432
90306	353
90307	1,043
90502	1,845
90503	766
90504	1,053
90505	1,071
90601	1,250
90602	1,869
110001	1,793
110002	1,076
110004	2,590
110005	1,409
110006	989
110007	964
110010	1,087
110011	1,109
110012	1,281

110015	1,370
110016	1,652
110017	<u>1,561</u>
TOTAL	30,362
DEVIATION	+0.13%

EXHIBIT "B"

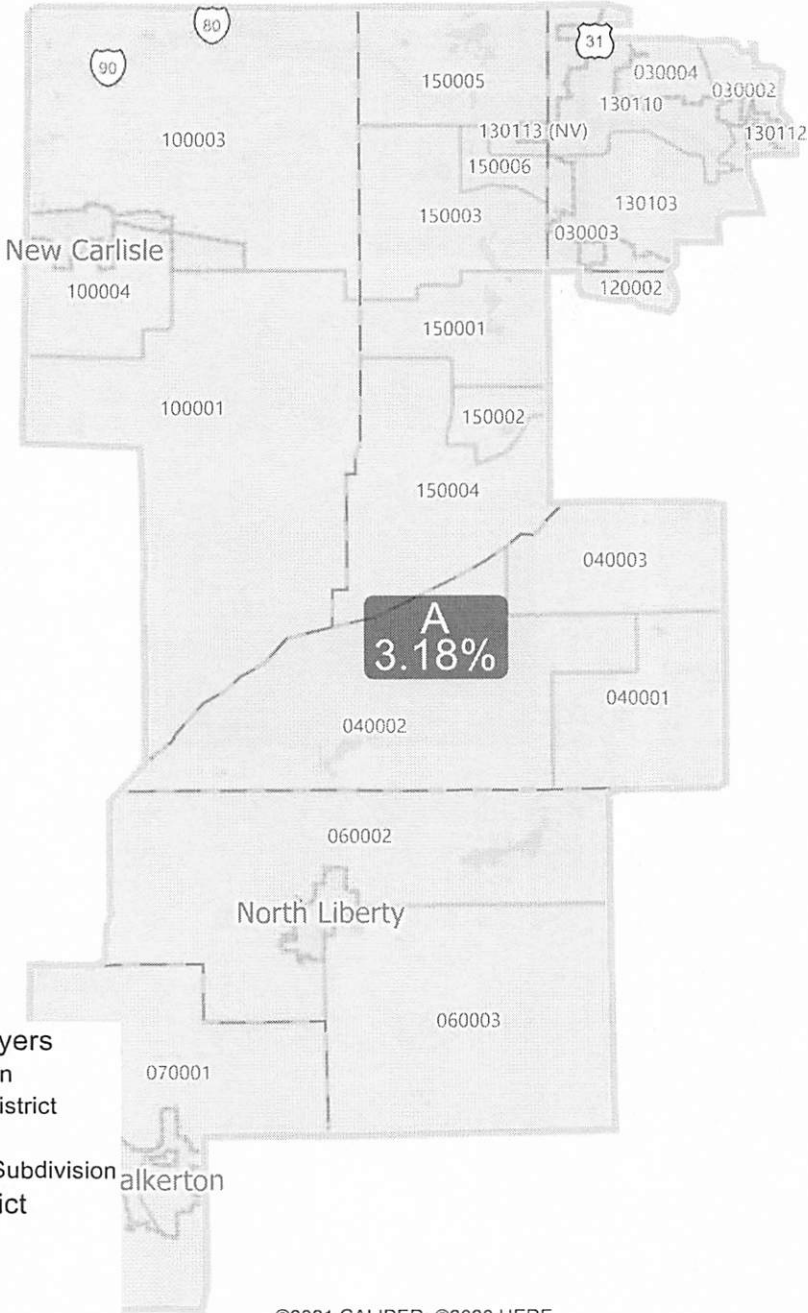
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District: A

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Population	31288
% Deviation	3.18%



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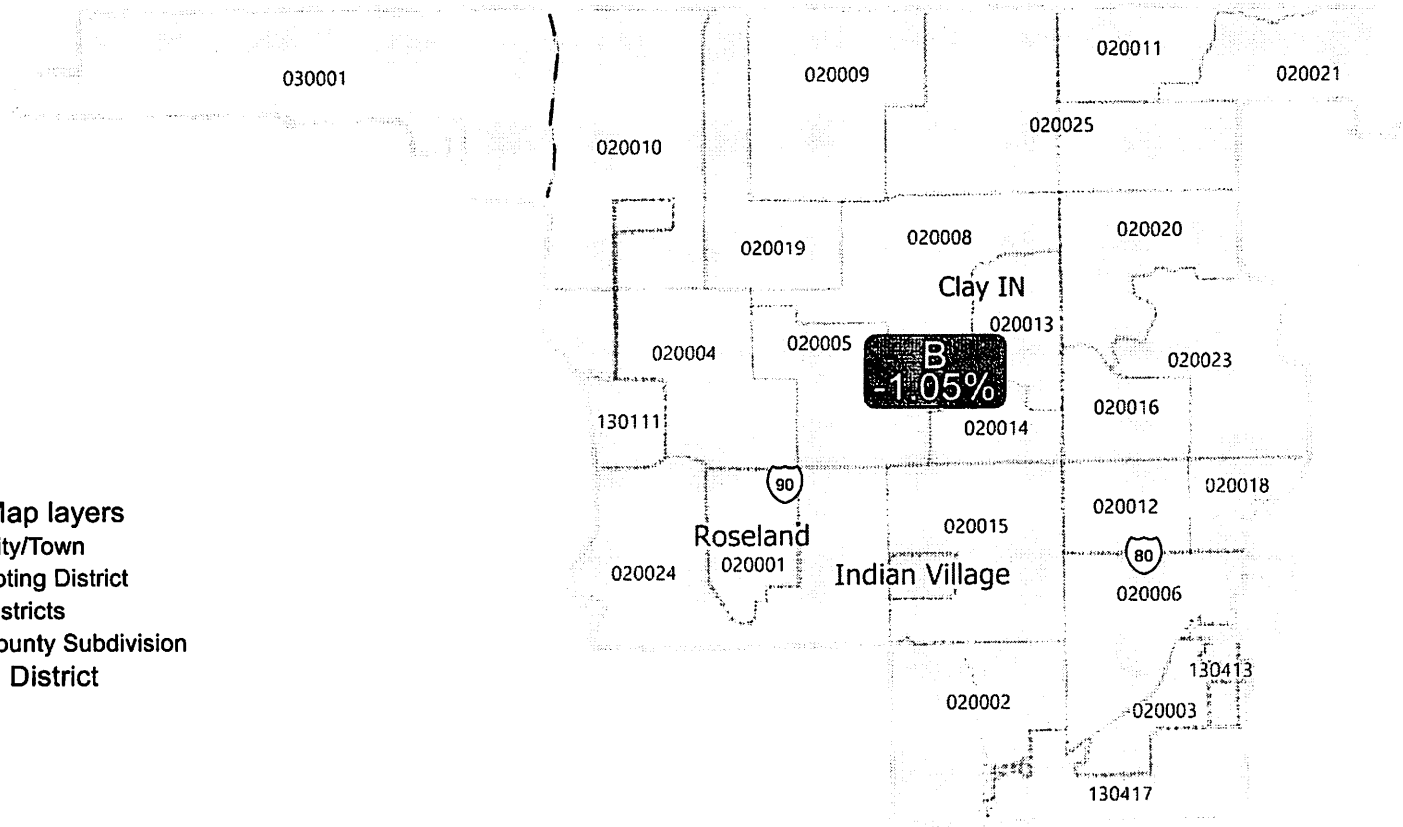
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District: B

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Population	30006
% Deviation	-1.05%



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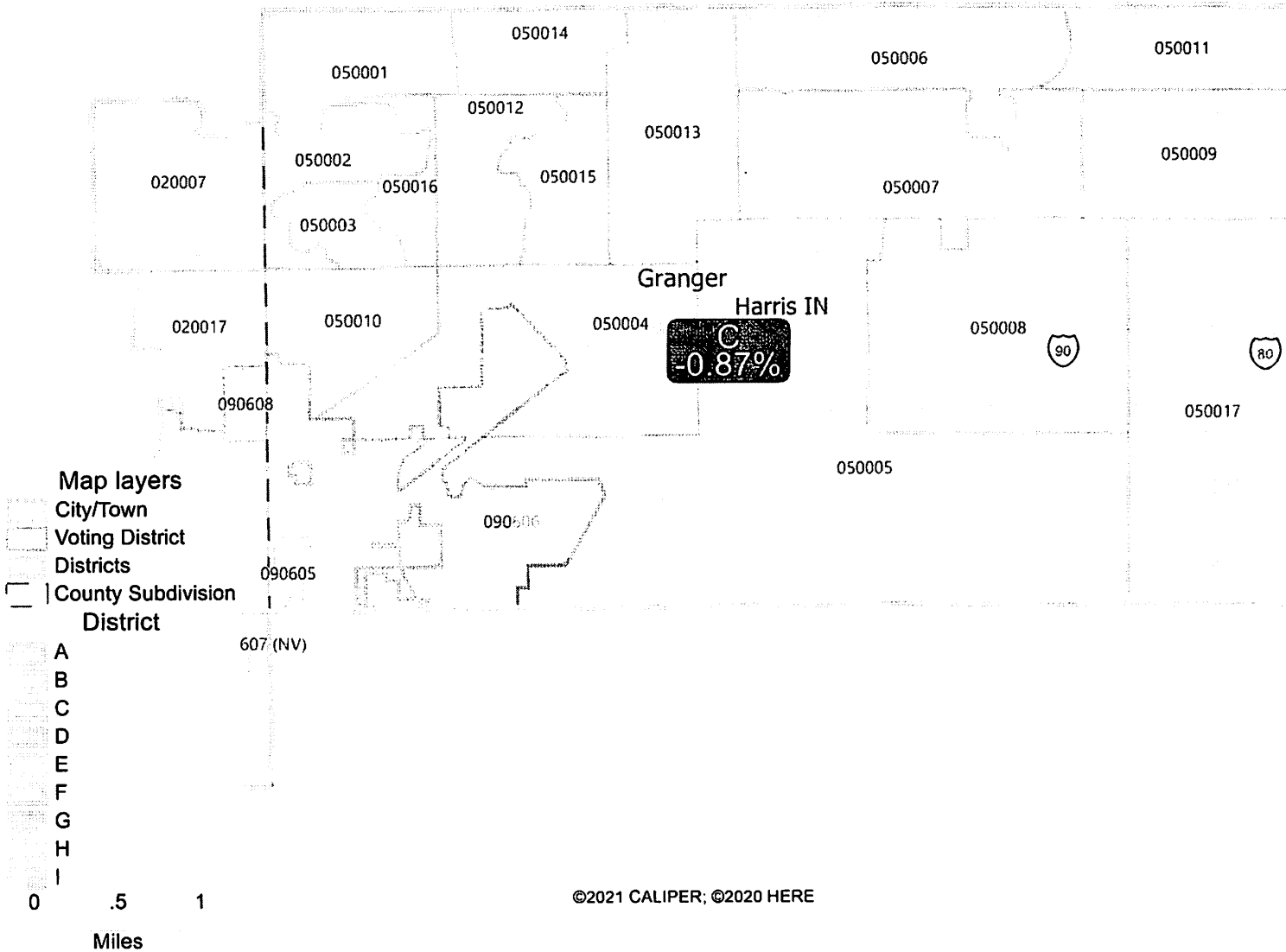
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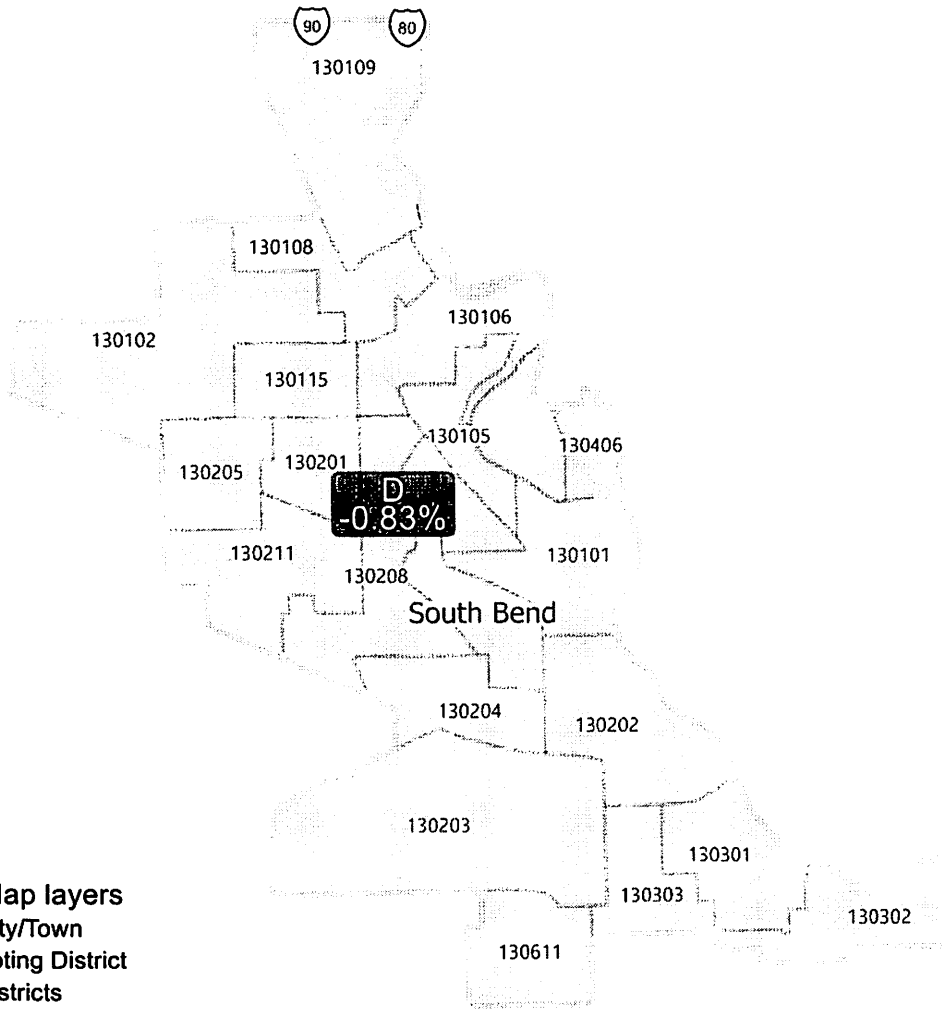
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% Deviation	-0.87%



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District: D

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District	D
Population	30073
% Deviation	-0.83%



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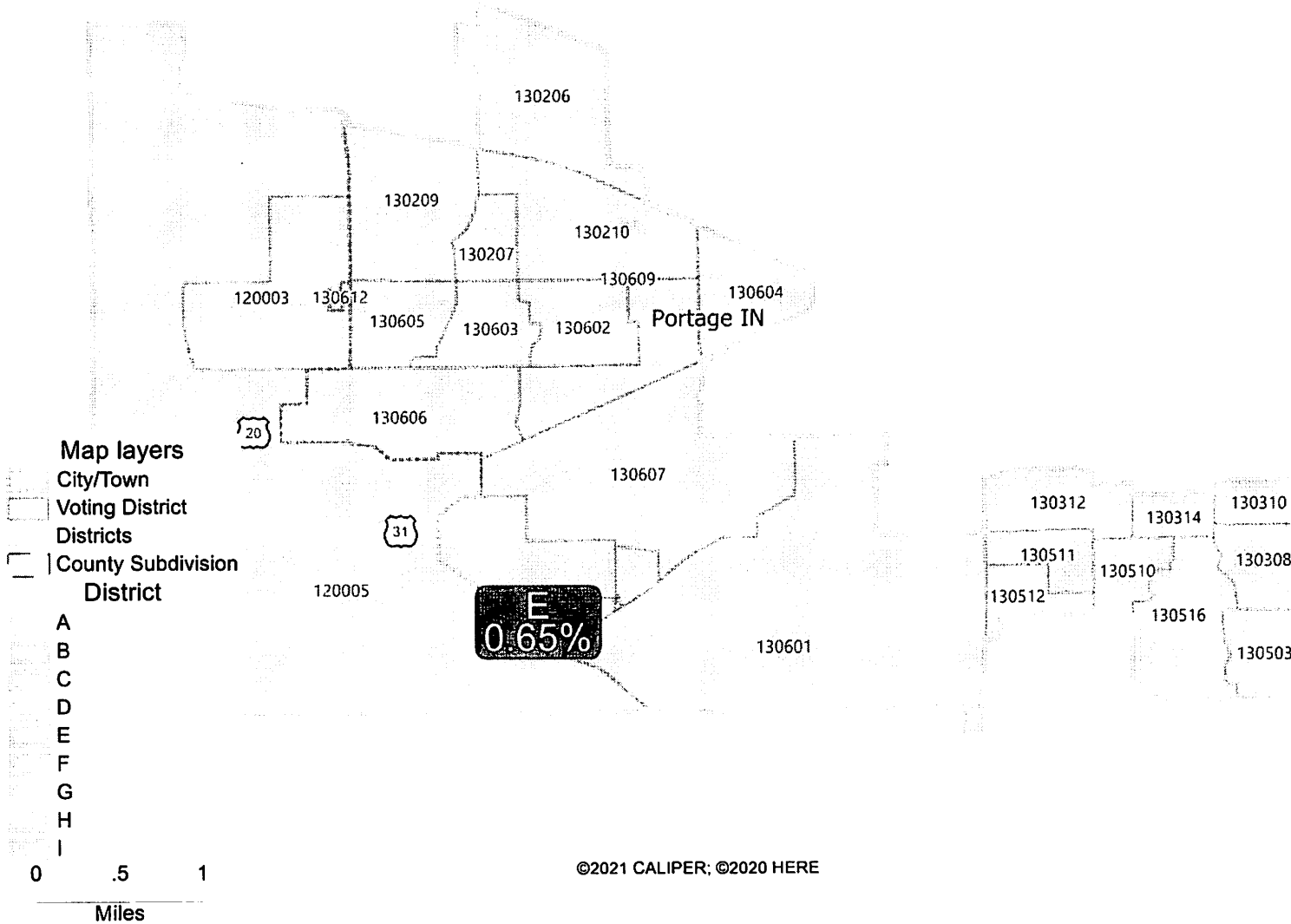
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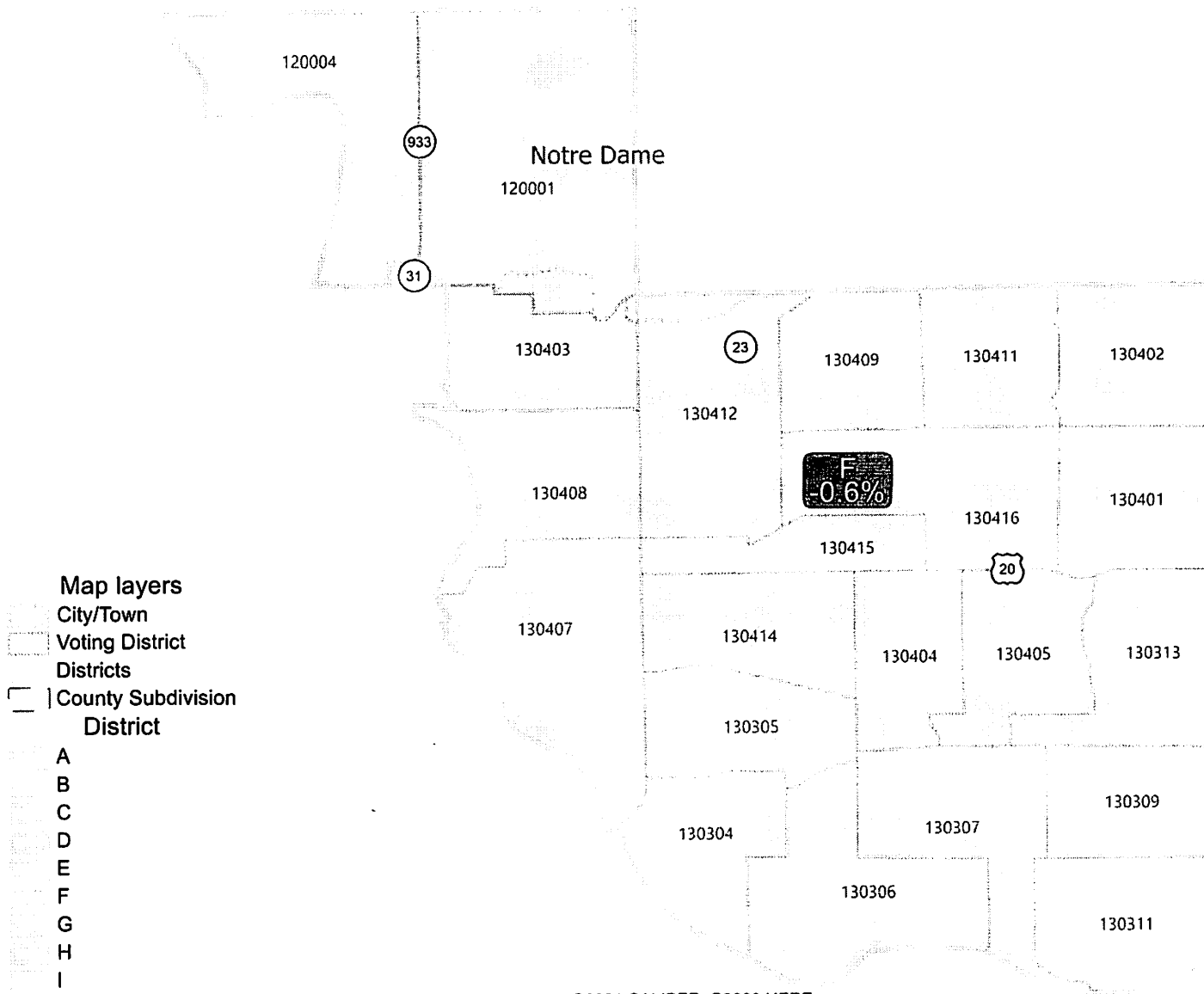
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Population	30520
% Deviation	0.65%



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District: F

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District	F
Population	30143
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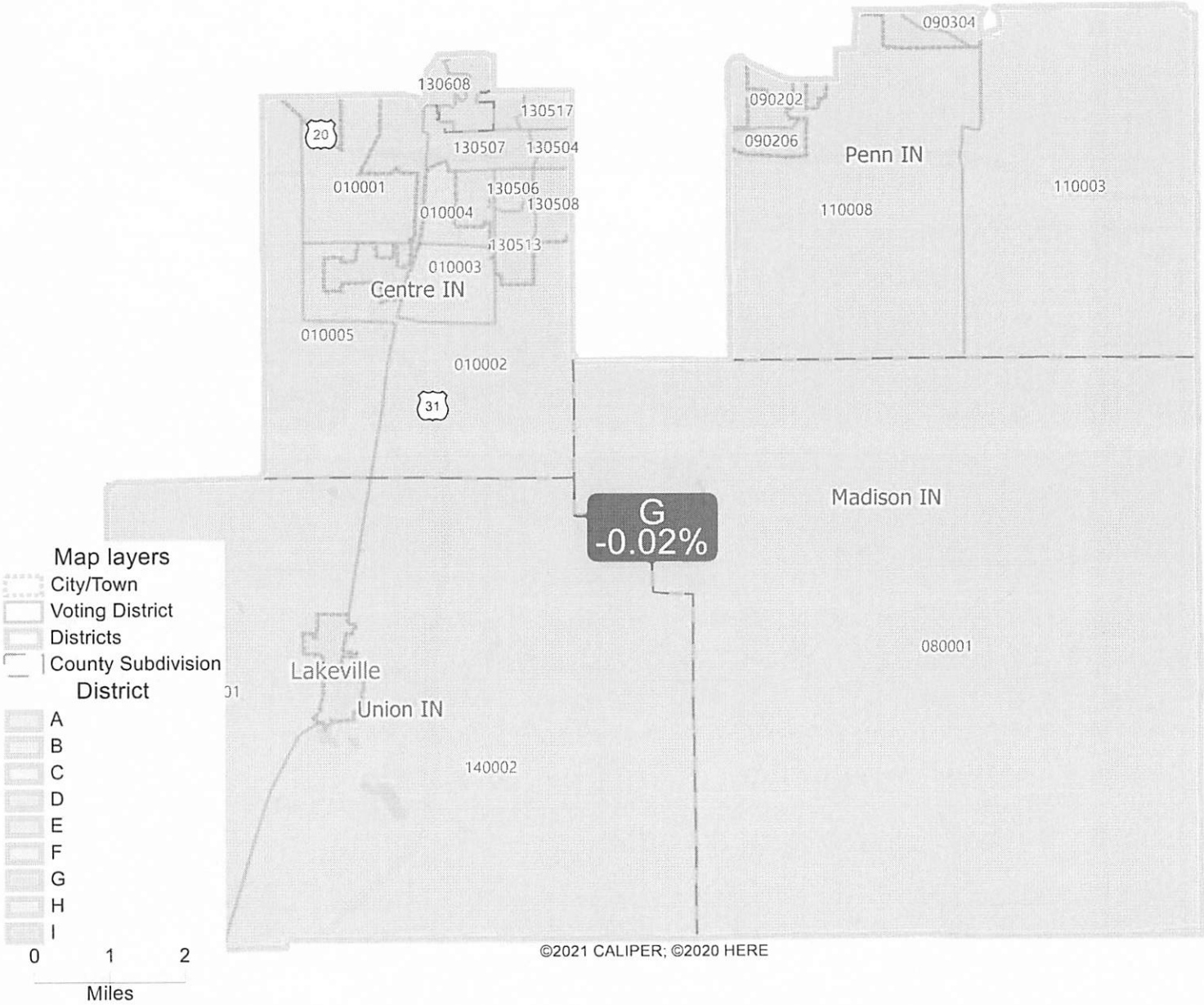
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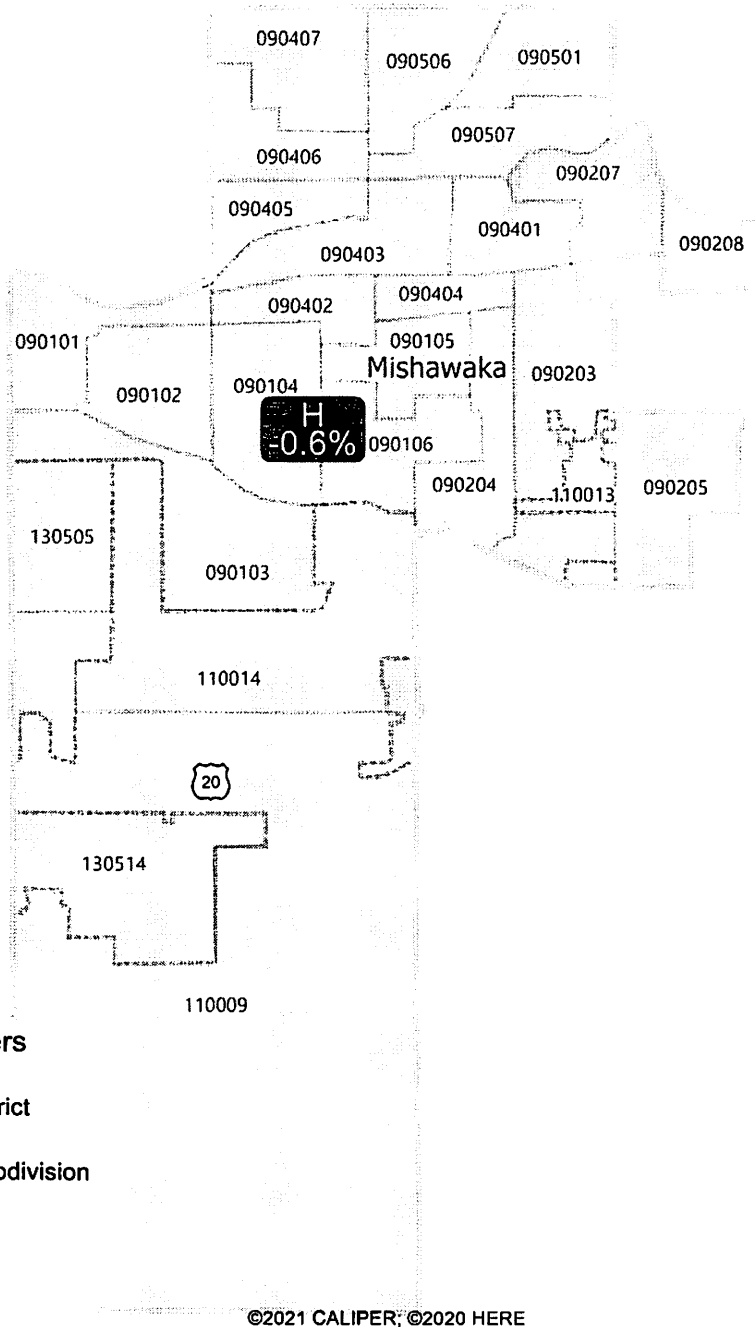
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St. Joseph County Council

District: H

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District	H
Population	30143
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District: I

Field	Value
District	I
Population	30362
% Deviation	0.13%

