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VOLUNTEER PACKET

BARTLESVILLE

City Council Recall Effort

Ward 1, 2, and 3

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Explain why a recall (info sheet, show cause statement)
2. Ask if they would like to sign the recall petition
3. Confirm that they:
 - ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE (any party affiliation)
 - LIVE IN WARD 1, 2, OR 3 (use attached map to verify)
4. If yes to BOTH, have them sign the signature sheet. EACH VOTER MUST PHYSICALLY SIGN.
5. **YOU MUST PERSONALLY WITNESS EACH SIGNATURE**

If they want to sign later or help collect signatures, give them the business card -

“Fill out the form on the website and we will contact you”

COMPLETED FORMS OR QUESTIONS:

Text: 405-698-3262 / Email: neokgrassroots@gmail.com



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INFO SHEET

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In September 2022, a drag show took place on public property, with many children in attendance. The community showed up en masse to speak in disapproval at the city council meetings in the following months.

In January, the council voted to have the city attorney draft an ordinance to “define and regulate obscenity in Bartlesville.” Instead, the attorney drafted an “agreement” to allow these events to continue, with children present, on public property, with police protection provided at taxpayer expense.

The people of Bartlesville have clearly spoken, and yet the interests of a single group, OKEQ, have outweighed the concerns of the voters. We need a city council that will listen and defend our values. They are public servants and they represent us, The People. The three council members who voted to adopt this agreement must be recalled.

CURRENT CITY ORDINANCES:

"Lewd" means licentious, lecherous, dissolute, debauched, impure, salacious or pornographic. Every person who willfully either lewdly exposes his person, or private parts thereof, in any public place, or in any place where there are present other persons to be offended or annoyed thereby, or procures, counsels, or assists any person to lewdly expose himself, or to make any other exhibition of himself to public view, or to the view of any number of persons such as is offensive to decency, or is adapted to excite vicious or lewd thoughts or acts, shall be guilty of an offense against the City of Bartlesville, Oklahoma. (Ord. No. 2627, § 1, 21688)

Every person who conducts himself in a **lewd manner, or in any manner suggestive of lewdness, shall be guilty of an offense** against the City of Bartlesville, Oklahoma. (Ord. No. 2628, § 1, 2-16-88)

A person commits an offense if the person knowingly allows a person under the age of eighteen (18) years on the premises of a sexually oriented business. (Ord. No. 3518 , § 1(Exh. A), 12-16-19).

The city council shall have the power, and it shall be its duty, by ordinance or otherwise, to provide for the regulation and control of the use of the city buildings , cemetery, city parks, playgrounds, boulevards, comfort stations, and other public places now owned or hereafter acquired by the city , for use of the city in the conduct of the business and affairs of the city , and for the peace, health, safety, comfort, convenience, and recreation of the people. (Article 15, Section 1)



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Agreement between City of Bartlesville and Oklahomans for Equality, Inc.

A G R E E M E N T

This Agreement ("Agreement") is made this _____ day of March, 2023, by and between the City of Bartlesville, Oklahoma, an Oklahoma municipal corporation, (hereinafter the "City"), and Oklahoman's for Equality, Inc., an Oklahoma not for profit corporation (hereinafter "OKEQ");

W I T N E S S E T H

WHEREAS, City is the owner of the public park known as Tower Center at Unity Square (hereinafter "Unity Square"); and

WHEREAS, OKEQ held its annual "Pride" celebration at Unity Square on or about September 10, 2022, which event featured drag queen performances; and

WHEREAS, following the September 10, 2022 Pride event, the City received a Petition with over 2,000 signatures objecting to adult entertainment in public venues; and

WHEREAS, the drag queen performance at OKEQ's September 10, 2022 Pride event has remained the subject of considerable controversy within the Bartlesville community through the date of this agreement; and

WHEREAS, at least 14 states are now considering bills which would regulate drag shows¹; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma legislature is currently considering Senate Bill 503 and House Bill 2186 which would regulate drag performances in Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, any law or local ordinance passed to regulate drag performances is likely to face legal challenges by interested groups; and

WHEREAS, OKEQ vigorously denies that its Pride event on September 10, 2023 violated any laws, and maintains that drag performances constitute protected speech under the first amendment to the United States Constitution; and

¹ See "GOP Targets Drag Shows With New Bills in at Least 14 States" by Kimberly Kindy, Washington Post February 14, 2023

WHEREAS, the City and OKEQ acknowledge that the law relating to drag performances in public spaces is currently in flux and uncertain; and

WHEREAS, OKEQ desires to hold additional Pride celebrations in Bartlesville in 2023; and

WHEREAS, for the purpose of promoting public safety at Pride events in the City of Bartlesville, and to avoid the need and expense of litigation, the City and OKEQ have reached certain agreements concerning the OKEQ Pride celebrations to be held in Bartlesville in 2023 and wish to reduce the same to writing.

NOW, THEREFORE, for valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, City and OKEQ agree as follows:

1. The term of this Agreement shall be from March 1, 2023 to February 29, 2024. It is the intent of the parties to be bound by the terms of this Agreement only during the term thereof.

2. During the term of this Agreement, OKEQ agrees to limit any drag performances hosted by it, its officers, members, or affiliates to venues which are indoors unless on private property.

3. During the term of this Agreement, the City agrees to take no action to further regulate drag performances or adult entertainment. This Agreement does not prohibit the City from faithfully enforcing any local, state or federal law or ordinance in effect prior to the term of this Agreement.

4. During the term of this Agreement, the City agrees to take no action to prevent OKEQ, its officers, members or affiliates from conducting a Pride celebration.

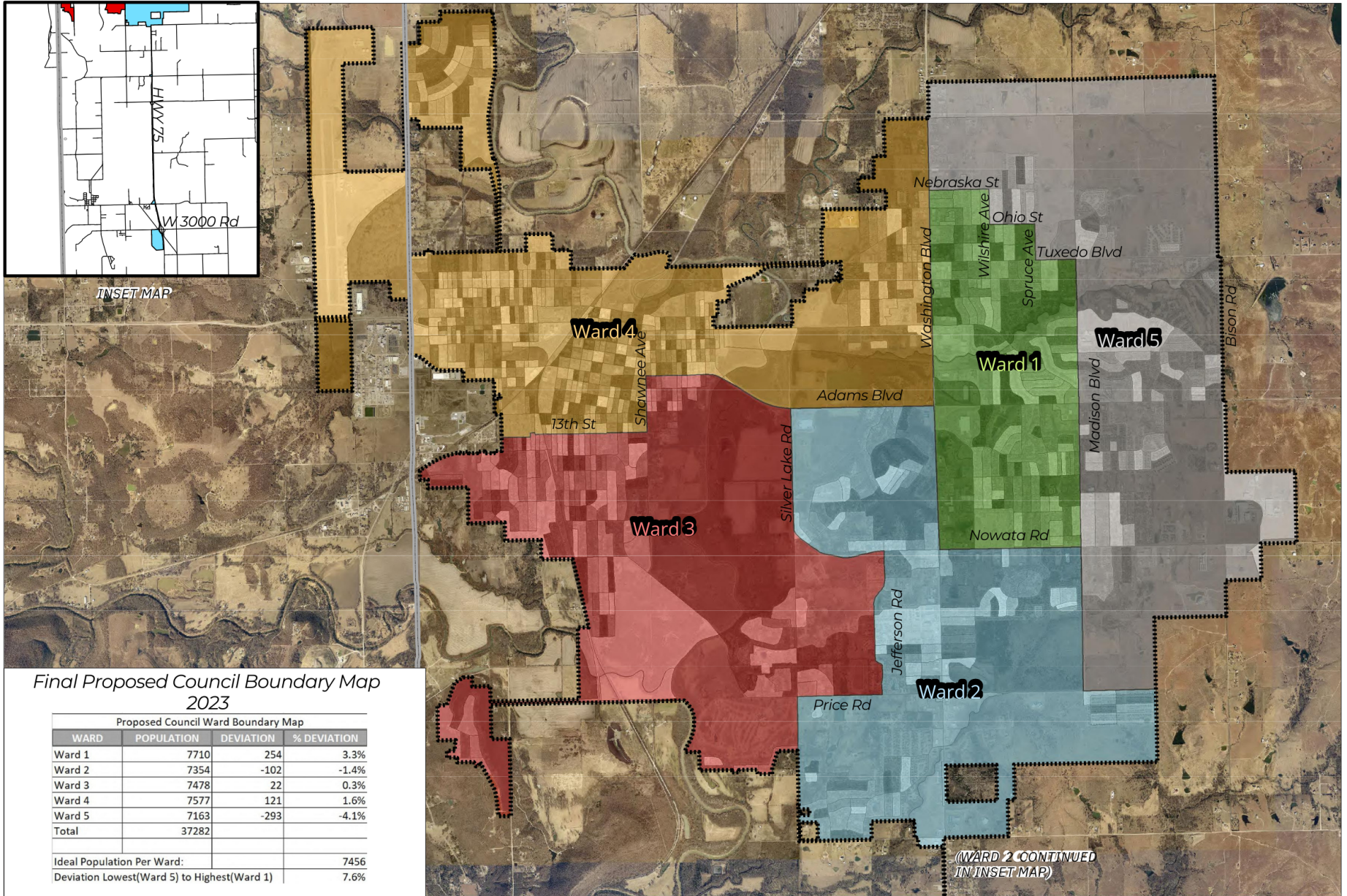
5. During the term of this Agreement, the City agrees to provide two on-duty, uniformed officers during OKEQ's 2023 Pride celebration, at the City's sole expense, to help ensure the safety of all parties.

6. It is specifically understood that the Parties' purpose for entering into this Agreement is to promote public safety at Pride events within the City of Bartlesville, and to seek clarity on what the Parties' rights and obligations will be concerning drag performances under developing law. The terms and conditions of this Agreement shall not be presumed to operate as a waiver of any right, power or privilege claimed by either party, nor will it be presumed to preclude any subsequent or further exercise of such right, power or privilege or the exercise of any right, power or privilege claimed by either party after the term of this Agreement.

7. To the extent that either the City or OKEQ has control over third-parties to this Agreement, they shall not suffer such third parties to conduct themselves so as to frustrate the purpose of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties have caused this Agreement to be executed under the day and year first above written.

PRIOR TO SIGNING - PLEASE ENSURE YOUR ADDRESS FALLS WITHIN THE APPROPRIATE WARD!



WARNING

**It is a felony for anyone to sign
an initiative or referendum petition with any name other than his
own, or knowingly to sign his name more than once for the measure,
or to sign such petition when he is not a legal voter.**

**PETITION FOR RECALL
BARTLESVILLE CITY COUNCIL**

WARD 1 - DALE COPELAND

We, the undersigned, being qualified electors in the city of Bartlesville, Oklahoma, pursuant to Bartlesville Municipal Code | Amended Charter of the City of Bartlesville | Article 4 | Section 2 hereby demand the removal of Dale Copeland, Mayor, Bartlesville City Councilman Ward 1 for the reasons stated in the corresponding show cause statement.

SHOW CAUSE STATEMENT WARD 1 - DALE COPELAND

Whereas, the Bartlesville City Council acknowledged the objections of Bartlesville Citizens to drag shows hosted in public and attended by children, and as a result voted to pursue “drafting options for possible municipal ordinances...which seeks to define and regulate obscenity in Bartlesville.”

Whereas the Bartlesville City Council instead adopted an agreement with OKEQ (“Agreement”) to continue allowing drag shows in the City of Bartlesville.

Whereas, Dale Copeland voted to adopt the Agreement at the Bartlesville City Council meeting on April 3, 2023.

We, the undersigned, demand the removal of Mayor Dale Copeland.

Mayor Dale Copeland voted to adopt an agreement with OKEQ to continue drag shows in the city of Bartlesville.
This is a petition to recall Mayor Copeland.

WARD 1 - DALE COPELAND

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**PETITION FOR RECALL
BARTLESVILLE CITY COUNCIL**

WARD 2 - LOREN ROSZEL

We, the undersigned, being qualified electors in the city of Bartlesville, Oklahoma, pursuant to Bartlesville Municipal Code | Amended Charter of the City of Bartlesville | Article 4 | Section 2 hereby demand the removal of Loren Roszel, Bartlesville City Councilman Ward 2 for the reasons stated in the corresponding show cause statement.

SHOW CAUSE STATEMENT WARD 2 - LOREN ROSZEL

Whereas, the Bartlesville City Council acknowledged the objections of Bartlesville Citizens to drag shows hosted in public and attended by children, and as a result voted to pursue “drafting options for possible municipal ordinances...which seeks to define and regulate obscenity in Bartlesville.”

Whereas the Bartlesville City Council instead adopted an agreement with OKEQ (“Agreement”) to continue allowing drag shows in the City of Bartlesville.

Whereas, Loren Roszel voted to adopt the Agreement at the Bartlesville City Council meeting on April 3, 2023.

We, the undersigned, demand the removal of Councilman Loren Roszel.

Councilman Loren Roszel voted to adopt an agreement with OKEQ to continue drag shows in the city of Bartlesville.
This is a petition to recall Councilman Roszel.

WARD 2 - LOREN ROSZEL

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**PETITION FOR RECALL
BARTLESVILLE CITY COUNCIL**

WARD 3 - JIM CURD JR.

We, the undersigned, being qualified electors in the city of Bartlesville, Oklahoma, pursuant to Bartlesville Municipal Code | Amended Charter of the City of Bartlesville | Article 4 | Section 2 hereby demand the removal of Jim Curd Jr., Vice Mayor, Bartlesville City Councilman Ward 3 for the reasons stated in the corresponding show cause statement.

SHOW CAUSE STATEMENT WARD 3 - JIM CURD JR.

Whereas, the Bartlesville City Council acknowledged the objections of Bartlesville Citizens to drag shows hosted in public and attended by children, and as a result voted to pursue “drafting options for possible municipal ordinances...which seeks to define and regulate obscenity in Bartlesville.”

Whereas the Bartlesville City Council instead adopted an agreement with OKEQ (“Agreement”) to continue allowing drag shows in the City of Bartlesville.

Whereas, Jim Curd Jr. voted to adopt the Agreement at the Bartlesville City Council meeting on April 3, 2023.

We, the undersigned, demand the removal of Vice Mayor Jim Curd Jr.

Vice Mayor Jim Curd Jr. voted to adopt an agreement with OKEQ to continue drag shows in the city of Bartlesville.
This is a petition to recall Vice Mayor Curd.

WARD 3 - JIM CURD JR.

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