

CITY OF XENIA, OHIO

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**IT IS OFFICIAL: BUREAU OF CENSUS ADJUSTED 2007 XENIA POPULATION TO 27,291 FROM ITS 23,656 JULY ESTIMATES!**

Enrique Llamas, Chief of the Population Division of the Bureau of Census, has advised Jim Percival, Xenia City Manager, in a letter dated on December 1, 2008 that Xenia's population estimates will be revised to reflect a 27,291 population rather than the 23,656 estimated by the Bureau in July of this year. The Census Bureau conducts a complete census count every ten years and releases annual estimated population updates every July. According to Mr. Percival, "this upward change in the population estimate is a confirmation of what we believed all along. There has been substantial residential and commercial growth in the City; growth that should be reflected in a population increase."

Jim Percival submitted a census challenge on October 1, 2008 after assessing that the Bureau's annual updated estimate of 23,656, which represents a two percent decrease from the 2000 population of 24,164, appeared to be inaccurate. Nimfa Simpson, City Planner, compiled statistics utilizing worksheets and population formulas provided by the Population Division of the Bureau of Census. From these formulas, she was able to determine that the 2007 population of Xenia should be 27,291 rather than the Bureau's 23,656 estimate. This growth projection is attributable to the following factors: major annexations, subdivision developments that have produced a total of 1,499 housing units during the census projection period, in-fill development of vacant land, and a stable housing stock.

The decennial census is approaching in 2010. Jim Percival encourages all residents to send in their responses when they receive their questionnaires in order to get an accurate census count. It is important to remember that positive population growth is an important measure of the vitality of a City because it indicates that the community is an attractive place to live, work and play. Positive population growth is also an economic development stimulus because where there are people, business will follow and this means more jobs for the City and its residents.

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