

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY COUNCIL FOR RICHLAND COUNTY  
ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_-21HR

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING NEW ELECTORAL DISTRICTS FOR THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL PURSUANT TO THE UNITED STATES CENSUS OF 2020 AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 4-9-90 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS, 1976, AS AMENDED.

Pursuant to the authority granted by the Constitution and the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina, BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL FOR RICHLAND COUNTY:

SECTION I. Incident to the adoption of this Ordinance, the County Council of Richland County, South Carolina, finds, as a fact, that each of the statements hereinafter set forth is in all respects true and correct:

(a) The United States Department of Commerce has declared final the results of the federal decennial census of 2020 (the “2020 Census”); and

(b) In compliance with the United States Constitution, the Constitution of the State of South Carolina, Section 4-9-90 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended, Act No. 881, 1976 S.C. Acts 2501, and relevant portions of the United States Voting Rights Act, as amended, the Council has determined to realign the electoral districts for the election of members of Council in accordance with the 2020 Census and is adopting this Ordinance for that purpose.

SECTION II. From and after the effective date of this Ordinance as defined hereinafter, the County shall be divided into eleven (11) new districts for the purpose of electing members to the Council. Each new district shall be entitled to elect one (1) member of Council in accordance with Section 4-9-90 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended. The new districts are as defined and delineated on the schedule of precincts and voting districts [Exhibit A], and as shown on the series of eleven (11) maps [Exhibit B], all of which are attached hereto and incorporated herein.

SECTION III. The Richland County Board of Elections and Voter Registration is hereby directed, immediately upon the effective date hereof, to undertake, by and with the South Carolina Election Commission, all steps necessary for holding elections for members of the Council according to the regular schedule for the general election on November 8, 2022, in such of the new districts as is required in accordance with Section 4-9-90 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended.

SECTION IV. Severability. If any section, subsection, or clause of this ordinance shall be deemed to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, the validity of the remaining sections, subsections, and clauses shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION V. Conflicting Ordinances Repealed. All other ordinances previously adopted establishing electoral districts for the members of the Richland County Council that are inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed as of the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION VI. Effective Date. This Ordinance is effective immediately upon third reading of the same.

RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Paul Livingston, Chair

ATTEST this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
\_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

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Anette Kirylo  
Clerk of Council

First Reading:  
Public Hearing:  
Second Reading:  
Third Reading: