

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
 )  
COUNTY OF EDGEFIELD )

ORDINANCE NO: 20-21-795

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

WHEREAS, Section 4-9-90 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended, requires South Carolina Counties in which council members are elected from single-member election district to reapportion the boundaries of such districts subsequent to adoption by the State of each federal decennial census; and,

WHEREAS, the State of South Carolina has accepted to 2020 Federal Census data; and,

WHEREAS, the Edgefield County Council has utilized the South Carolina Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office to insure the equitable redistricting of Edgefield County’s five single-member council districts; and,

WHEREAS, Edgefield County Council has adopted a Resolution 20-21-1132, establishing the criteria to redistrict the Edgefield County Council Districts; and,

WHEREAS it appears that the Redistricting Plan attached most fully complies with the criteria set forth above.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE EDGEFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL THAT:

**Section 1. Recitals and Statement of Purpose.**

Incident to the adoption of this Ordinance, the County Council of Edgefield County, South Carolina (the “Council”), the governing body of Edgefield County, South Carolina (the “County”) finds, as a fact, that each of the statements hereinafter set forth in Section 1 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”).
- (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, and the United States Voting Rights Act of 1965, 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 2. Adoption of Plan.**

From and after the “Effective Date” of this Ordinance as adopted by Council, the County shall be divided into five (5) new districts (the “New Districts”) for the purposes 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, South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended. The New Districts are as defined and delineated on the schedule of precinct and voting districts as shown on the map attached as Exhibit A hereto based on the statistical data contained in Exhibit B attached hereto.

**Section 3. Implementation.**

The Election Commission of the County is hereby directed, immediately upon the Effective Date here, 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 to the general election on November 8, 2022, in such New Districts as is required in accordance with Section 4-9-90, South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended.

**Section 4. Repeal**

The existing ordinance previously adopted by Council establishing the current districts and any other ordinances of the Council now in effect that are inconsistent with the Ordinance are hereby repealed as the Effective Date of this Ordinance.

AND IT IS SO ORDAINED, this the \_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022, by the Edgefield County Council in meeting duly assembled in Edgefield, South Carolina.

**Edgefield County Council**

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Scott Cooper, Chair

ATTEST:

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Tax Potts, Clerk to Council  
First Reading: \_\_\_\_\_  
Public Hearing: \_\_\_\_\_  
Second Reading: \_\_\_\_\_  
Third Reading: \_\_\_\_\_