

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
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COUNTY OF DORCHESTER) ORDINANCE NUMBER 11-14

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE CREATION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF SEVEN (7) SINGLE-MEMBER ELECTION DISTRICTS FOR THE ELECTION OF A GOVERNING BODY OF DORCHESTER COUNTY AS PROVIDED FOR IN S.C. CODE ANN. 4-9-90. WHEN ADOPTED, AND PRECLEARED THIS ORDINANCE WILL REPLACE DORCHESTER COUNTY ORDINANCE NUMBER 01-14 AND PROVIDES FOR NEW COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICTS BASED UPON THE 2010 DECENNIAL CENSUS AS REQUIRED BY S. C. CODE ANN. SEC. 4-9-90.

Whereas, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Sec.4-9-90, Dorchester County Council is required to reapportion all Council districts as to population within a reasonable time prior to the next scheduled general election which follows the adoption by the State of each federal decennial census with an allowable population variance between defined election districts not to exceed ten (10) percent; and

Whereas, Dorchester County Council wishes to comply with the 1965 United States Voting Rights Act, as amended; and

Whereas, at a special called Dorchester County Council meeting on August 22, 2011, County Council adopted the following seven (7) criteria to be used in developing a redistricting plan, to wit: adherence to the Court ordered constitutional requirement of one-person, one-vote, adherence to the 1965 Voting Rights Act as amended and controlling Court decisions, assurance that parts of the districts are contiguous, respect communities of interest, attempt to maintain constituent consistency, avoid splitting voting precincts, and solicit public input; and

Whereas, an initial public hearing was held at the special called meeting on August 22, 2011; and

Whereas, it appears that Redistricting Plan seven (7) most fully complies with the criteria set forth above.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by Dorchester County Council, duly assembled, that there are hereby created and established seven (7) single-member election districts for the election of members of Dorchester County Council which shall be enumerated as follows:

District 1

District 2

District 3

District 4

District 5

District 6

District 7

These Council Districts are more fully delineated and depicted on a map prepared by David Garber of the Dorchester County GIS Department labeled "Plan 7" which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit "A".

Attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference is Exhibit "B" consisting of pages 1 through 25, inclusive, which designates the census blocks from the 2010 Decennial Census contained within each Council District arranged by Council District number.

Following 3rd reading of this Ordinance, this Ordinance shall become effective upon Dorchester County receiving preclearance from the United States Department of Justice and Ordinance Number 01-14 shall be repealed.

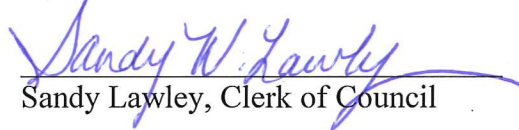
Adopted this 17th day of October, 2011.



Larry Hargett, Chairman
Dorchester County Council

First Reading: 9-6-2011
Second Reading: 10-3-2011
Public Hearing: 10-3-2011
Third Reading: 10-17-2011

ATTEST:



Sandy Lawley, Clerk of Council