

ORDINANCE 4450

APPROVING THE ADOPTION OF A SIX SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICT REDISTRICTING PLAN FOR THE CITY OF HARTSVILLE, SUCH PLAN PROVIDING FOR A COUNCILMEMBER TO BE ELECTED FROM EACH DISTRICT, AND THE METHOD OF ELECTION.

WHEREAS, by ordinance ratified on October 9, 2012, the City Council of Hartsville adopted a redistricting plan for the City of Hartsville,

WHEREAS, 2020 Census Bureau statistics reveal disproportionate population variances among certain districts; and,

WHEREAS, in keeping with the requirements of the Constitution of the United States and the State of South Carolina, the City Council of Hartsville has resolved it to be in the public interest to reapportion; and,

WHEREAS, the State of South Carolina Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office has assisted in drawing new Council District lines which comply with the criteria for developing 2020 redistricting plans:

1. Adhere to the court ordered constitutional requirement of one person, one vote.
2. Adherence to the 1965 Voting Rights Act as amended and by controlling court decisions. Compliance with Section 2 of the 1965 Voting Rights Act, which protects the interest of the racial minority population.
3. Ensure compliance with SC law requiring a population variance range of less than ten percent between election districts.
4. Ensure districts are drawn contiguously.
5. Respect communities of interest.
6. Attempt to maintain constituent consistency.
7. Avoid splitting voting precincts.
8. Solicit public input.

WHEREAS, the City of Hartsville, with the assistance of the South Carolina Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office, has submitted a plan reapportioning the council districts of the City of Hartsville, and the City Council of Hartsville deemed such plan to be a proper one for the City of Hartsville and in accordance with the public interest.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Hartsville that the following is hereby adopted as follows:

Section 1. The six (6) member district reappointment plan for the redistricting of the City of Hartsville, such plan being attached to this ordinance and designated as Exhibit 1, together with a copy of the map showing district lines, attached to this ordinance and designated as Exhibit 2 is hereby adopted.

Section 2: The redistricting plan shall be effective for any City Council election held after the effective date hereof.

Section 3: This ordinance in no way affects the current system for the election of a mayor or the current staggered system of electing councilmembers from respective districts.

Section 4: If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate distinct and independent portion, and such wording shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

Section 6: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

ORDAINED IN MEETING DULY ADVERTISED AND ASSEMBLED on the ___ day of _____, 2023 and to become effective immediately upon final reading.

Casey Hancock, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Sherron L. Skipper, CMC
City Clerk

First Reading: 03/14/2023
Public Hearing:
Final Reading: