

AN ORDINANCE

TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADOPTION OF A NINE SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICT REAPPORTIONMENT PLAN FOR CHARLESTON COUNTY COUNCIL, SUCH PLAN PROVIDING FOR A COUNCILMEMBER TO BE ELECTED FROM EACH DISTRICT, AND FOR THE SUBMISSION OF SUCH PLAN TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES FOR PRECLEARANCE AS REQUIRED BY THE FEDERAL VOTING RIGHTS ACT.

WHEREAS, by order of the Hon. Patrick Michael Duffy, U.S. District Court Judge, dated August 14, 2003, Charleston County Council transitioned from nine at-large council members to nine single-member districts, with such plan being further approved by the U.S. Department of Justice in accordance with the federal Voting Rights Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 4-9-90 of the South Carolina Code of Laws requires that County governments reapportion all 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 a population variance between defined election districts not exceeding ten percent; and

WHEREAS, the 2010 Census Bureau statistics reveal disproportionate variances among certain districts; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the County Attorney, with the assistance of the South Carolina State Budget and Control Board, Office of Research and Statistics, has submitted a plan reapportioning the council districts of the County, and County Council finds such plan to be a proper one for the County and in accord with the requirements of state and federal law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by County Council in a meeting duly assembled as follows:

SECTION 1. The nine (9) single member district reappointment plan for Charleston County Council, such plan being attached to this Ordinance and designated Exhibit 1, together with a copy of the map showing district lines, attached to this Ordinance and designated Exhibit 2, is hereby adopted.

SECTION 2. The County Attorney is directed to submit to the Attorney General of the United States the reapportionment plan embodied in Exhibits 1 and 2 and shall request review of such plan for the redistricting of Charleston County Council districts.

SECTION 3. Unless objected to by the Attorney General of the United States, or alternatively, if approved by a court of competent jurisdiction, the redistricting plan shall be effective for any County Council election held after the effective date hereof.

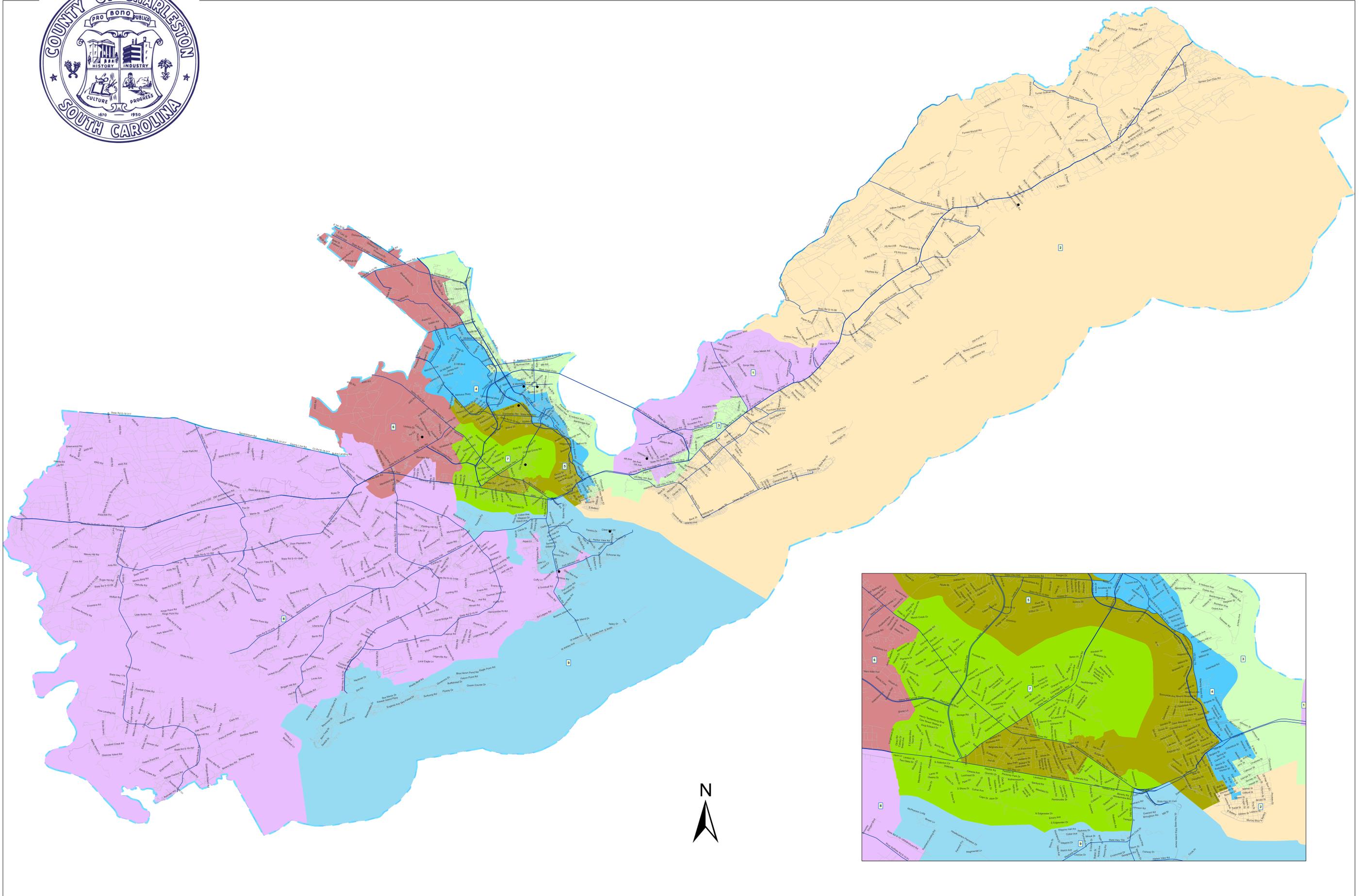
SECTION 4. This Ordinance in no way affects the current staggered system of electing council members from respective districts.

SECTION 5. 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 Ordinances are hereby repealed.

SECTION 7. This ordinance shall become effective upon third reading by County Council.

Charleston County Council Final Redistricting Plan



Charleston County Council Final Plan Statistics

District	Pop	Dev.	%Dev.	NH_WHT	%NH_WHT	NH_BLK	%NH_BLK	VAP	NHWWAP	%NHWWAP	NHBVAP	%NHBVAP	AIIOth	AIIOthVAP
1	38,419	-493	-1.27%	33,694	87.70%	2,745	7.14%	27,696	24,372	88%	2,049	7.40%	1980	1,275
2	38,467	-445	-1.14%	30,897	80.32%	6,150	15.99%	31,608	25,683	81.25%	4,866	15.39%	1420	1,059
3	39,740	828	2.13%	24,351	61.28%	10,361	26.07%	31,987	21,101	65.97%	7,231	22.61%	5028	3,655
4	38,766	-146	-0.38%	11,241	29%	21,803	56.24%	29,324	10,256	34.97%	15,011	51.19%	5722	4,057
5	38,459	-453	-1.16%	13,297	34.57%	22,597	58.76%	31,004	12,234	39.46%	16,802	54.19%	2565	1,968
6	39,114	202	0.52%	23,051	58.93%	11,841	30.27%	29,868	18,684	62.56%	8,258	27.65%	4222	2,926
7	38,933	21	0.05%	27,259	70.02%	9,284	23.85%	32,127	23,320	72.59%	6,994	21.77%	2390	1,813
8	38,697	-215	-0.55%	18,101	46.78%	17,475	45.16%	30,640	15,010	48.99%	13,513	44.10%	3121	2,117
9	39,614	702	1.80%	35,369	89.28%	2,728	6.89%	33,297	30,131	90.49%	2,021	6.07%	1517	1,145
Total	350,209			217,260		104,984		277,551	180,791		76,745		27965	