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INTRODUCTION

CITY OF COVINGTON
STATE OF LOUISIANA

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-05

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON AMENDING SECTION 8-01 OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER FOR THE REDISTRICTING OF THE SINGLE MEMBER COUNCIL DISTRICTS FOR THE CITY OF COVINGTON, LOUISIANA IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 2020 CENSUS

WHEREAS, a study was commissioned by the Covington City Council to determine the 2020 census counts for each Council district, and

WHEREAS, the study showed that the single-member districts were outside the allowable +/-5% deviation in population and were therefore malapportioned, and

WHEREAS, the Covington City Council redistricted the single member districts in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local regulations, and

WHEREAS, the City of Covington has a 18.1% black population, and

WHEREAS, the Covington City Council was cognizant of protecting the minority representation on the Council, and

WHEREAS, within the context of generally acceptable traditional redistricting criteria, the Covington City Council endeavored to maximize the minority representation in District A, which is the traditional minority district on the Covington City Council;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Covington City Council that Plan 2 does hereby reapportion the City of Covington single-member Council districts using physical features as defined by the 2020 census block boundaries established by the U.S. Census Bureau.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the single member districts for the City of Covington under Plan 2 be described as follows:

Council District A:
That portion contained within the municipal boundaries of the City of Covington described as:
Commencing at the Point of Beginning at the intersection of the centerlines of North Jefferson Ave. and West 24th St. thence northwesterly on West 24th St. to the intersection of the centerline of N. Buchannan St., thence northeasterly to the intersection with the centerline of Tammany Trace Bike Trail, thence northwesterly to the intersection with the centerline of U.S. Hwy 190 Bypass, thence northeasterly on U.S. Hwy 190 Bypass to the intersection with the centerline of U.S. Hwy 190, also designated as North Collins Blvd., thence southeasterly on North Collins Blvd. to the intersection with the centerline of La. Hwy. 437 spur, thence southerly to the intersection with the centerline of Poole Dr., thence westerly to the intersection with the centerline of N. Columbia, thence southeasterly to the intersection with the centerline of W. 33rd Ave., thence easterly to the intersection with the centerline of N. Florida St., thence southerly to the intersection with the centerline of Jessie Jones St., thence easterly and southerly to the intersection with the centerline of La. Hwy. 437 thence easterly to the intersection with the centerline of N. Collins Blvd., thence southeasterly to the intersection with the centerline of E. Clark St., thence westerly to the intersection with the centerline of N. Claiborne St., thence southerly and southwesterly to the intersection with the centerline of Lee Rd. thence southerly to the intersection with the centerline of E. Kirkland St., thence westerly to the intersection with the centerline of La. Hwy. 437, thence northerly to the intersection with the centerline of N. Jefferson St., thence southwesterly to the intersection with the centerline of W. 24th St. and the Point of Beginning.

Council District B:
That portion contained within the municipal boundaries of the City of Covington described as:
Commencing at the Point of Beginning at the intersection of the centerlines of U.S. Hwy. 190 and N. Collins Blvd., thence southeasterly on N. Collins Blvd. to the intersection with the centerline of La. Hwy. 437 spur, thence southerly to the intersection with the centerline of Poole Dr., thence westerly to the intersection with the centerline of N. Columbia, thence southeasterly to the intersection with the centerline of W. 33rd Ave., thence easterly to the intersection with the centerline of N. Florida St., thence southerly to the intersection with the centerline of Jessie Jones St., thence easterly and southerly to the intersection with the centerline of La. Hwy. 437 thence easterly to the intersection with the centerline of N. Collins Blvd., thence southeasterly to the intersection with the centerline of E. Clark St., thence westerly to the intersection with the centerline of N. Claiborne St., thence southerly and southwesterly to the intersection with the centerline of Lee Rd. thence southerly to the intersection with the centerline of E. Kirkland St., thence westerly to the intersection with the centerline of La. Hwy. 437, thence northerly to the intersection with the centerline of N. Jefferson St., thence southwesterly to the intersection with the centerline of E. 23rd St., thence southeasterly to the intersection with the centerline of N. Theard St., thence southwesterly to the intersection with the centerline of E. Gibson St. thence easterly to the intersection with the centerline of Tammany Trace Bike Trail, thence easterly to the municipal boundaries of the City of Covington thence generally northerly and westerly to the intersection with the centerline of Regina

Coell Rd., thence southwesterly to the intersection with the centerline of Oak Alley Blvd., thence southeasterly to the intersection with the centerline of U.S. Hwy. 190, thence easterly to the intersection with the centerline of N. Collins Blvd. and the Point of Beginning.

Council District C:
That portion contained within the municipal boundaries of the City of Covington described as:
Commencing at the Point of Beginning at the intersection of the centerlines of W. 24th Ave. and N. Buchannan St., thence northeasterly to the intersection with the centerline of Tammany Trace Bike Trail, thence westerly to the intersection with the centerline of U.S. Hwy. 190, thence easterly to the intersection with the centerline of Oak Alley Blvd., thence northwesterly to the intersection with the centerline of Regina Coell Rd., thence northeasterly to the intersection with the municipal boundaries of the City of Covington, thence generally westerly and southwesterly to the intersection with the centerline of S. Cleveland St., thence northeasterly to the intersection with the centerline of Menetre Dr., thence northerly to the intersection with the centerline of W. 21st Ave., thence southeasterly to the intersection with the centerline of N. Lincoln St., thence northeasterly to the intersection with the centerline of W. 23rd., thence southeasterly to the intersection with the centerline of N. Buchannan St., thence northeasterly to the intersection with the centerline of W. 24th Ave. and the Point of Beginning.

Council District D:
That portion contained within the municipal boundaries of the City of Covington described as:
Commencing at the Point of Beginning at the intersection of the centerlines of N. Buchannan St. and W. 24th Ave., thence southeasterly on W. 24th Ave. to the intersection with the centerline of N. Jefferson Ave., thence southwesterly to the intersection with the centerline of S. Jefferson Ave., thence southerly to the intersection with the centerline of W. 11th Ave., thence northwesterly to the intersection with the centerline of Menetre Dr., thence northerly to the intersection with the centerline of W. 21st Ave., thence southeasterly to the intersection with the centerline of N. Lincoln St., thence northeasterly to the intersection with the centerline of W. 23rd, thence southeasterly to the intersection with the centerline of N. Buchannan St., thence northeasterly to the intersection with the centerline of W. 24th Ave. and the Point of Beginning.

Council District E:
That portion contained within the municipal boundaries of the City of Covington described as:
Commencing at the Point of Beginning at the intersection of the centerlines of North Jefferson Ave. and East 23rd Ave., thence easterly on East 23rd Ave. to the intersection with the centerline of North Theard St. thence southerly on North Theard St. to the intersection with the centerline of East Gibson St., thence easterly on East Gibson St. to the intersection with the centerline of the Tammany Trace Bike Trail, thence easterly on the Tammany Trace Bike Trail to the intersection with the eastern municipal boundaries of the City of Covington, thence generally southerly and northwesterly to the intersection with the centerline of S. Cleveland

St., thence northerly to the intersection with the centerline of W. 11th St. thence southeasterly to the intersection with the centerline of S. Jefferson Ave., thence northeasterly to the intersection with the centerline of N. Jefferson Ave., thence northerly to the intersection with the centerline of E. 23rd Ave. and the Point of Beginning.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINDED that the 2020 Census demographics of Plan 2 as described are:

City of Covington
Plan 2 Demographics

District	Ideal Value	Population	Deviation	% Deviation	White	% White	AP_Blk	% AP_Blk	18+_Pop	18+_Wht	% 18+_Wht	18+_AP_Blk	% 18+_AP_Blk
A	2313	2290	-23	-1.0%	727	31.7%	1403	61.3%	1728	587	34.0%	1018	58.9%
B	2313	2174	-139	-6.0%	1539	70.8%	413	19.0%	1744	1282	73.5%	286	16.4%
C	2313	2407	94	4.1%	2050	85.2%	162	6.7%	1888	1627	86.2%	125	6.6%
D	2313	2370	57	2.5%	1993	84.1%	84	3.5%	1897	1630	85.9%	42	2.2%
E	2313	2323	10	0.4%	2079	89.5%	36	1.5%	1844	1669	90.5%	17	0.9%
Totals		11564			8388	72.5%	2098	18.1%	9101	6795	323.9%	1488	16.3%

and,

BE IT FUTHER ORDAINED that the maps of the above described districts are shown in Exhibit A accompanying this ordinance.

BE IT FINALLY ORDAINED that upon approval by the Louisiana Secretary of State, the single member Council district boundaries shall go into effect for the next 2023 general election for Covington City Council.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision of this ordinance shall be held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions herein which can be given effect without the invalid provision and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

WHEREUPON, this ordinance having been submitted in writing, having been read by title and adopted at a public meeting of the City Council of the City of Covington, State of Louisiana, was then submitted to an official vote, the vote thereon being as follows.

MOVED FOR ADOPTION, by Roberts, seconded by Smith.

YEAS: 7 **NAYS:** 0

ABSTAIN: 0 **ABSENT:** 0

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 3rd day of May, 2022.

/s/ _____
LARRY ROLLING
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

/s/ _____
JOANN D. RUCKER
COUNCIL CLERK

Presented to the Mayor this 4th day of May, 2022, at 9:00 o'clock A.M.

/s/ _____
JOANN D. RUCKER
COUNCIL CLERK

Approved X or Vetoed ___ by the Mayor on this 4th day of May, 2022.

/s/ _____
MARK R. JOHNSON / Erin Bivona
MAYOR / CAO | Acting Mayor

Received from the Mayor on the 4th day of May, 2022, at 2 o'clock P. M.

/s/ _____
JOANN D. RUCKER
COUNCIL CLERK