

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE AND CHANGE  
CERTAIN COUNCIL DISTRICTS AS A RESULT OF DEANNEXATION OF  
AREAS IN THE CITY AND POPULATION CHANGES REFLECTED IN THE  
2020 FEDERAL CENSUS SO THAT ALL SUCH DISTRICTS  
WILL REMAIN AS EQUAL AS PRACTICABLE AND ALL SUCH  
DISTRICTS WILL COMPLY WITH THE INJUNCTION DECREE  
ISSUED BY UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE JEROME  
TURNER PERTAINING TO VOTING RIGHTS ACT REMEDIES

P R E A M B L E

**WHEREAS**, Judge Jerome Turner ruled that the electoral system established in 1968 with seven districts and six at-large positions violates federal law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Memphis City Council adopted a plan on May 16, 1995 (the “Council’s Plan”) to remedy the problems with the current electoral system; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 19, 1995 Judge Jerome Turner entered an injunction decree which provided that the City Council plan was not a violation of the Constitution or the Voting Rights Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of Memphis adopted this proposed plan for the City of Memphis elections and made it a part of the Charter of the City in a referendum election held November 5, 1996; and

**WHEREAS**, the Constitution of the United States requires each Council District be as equal in population as practicable in order to satisfy the “one-man, one vote” principle; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of annexations becoming operative in 2014, the Home Rule Charter of the City required the Council to assign territories annexed in 2014 to Council Districts and to make revisions and changes in all Districts by Ordinance No. 5591 as a result of the assignment of newly annexed areas so that all Council Districts would remain as equal as practicable; and

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance No. 5591 was adopted by the Council on August 4, 2015 (“Ordinance No. 5591”). Ordinance No. 5591 only reassigned four (4) Precincts previously described in Ordinance No. 5395 in effect for the 2011 City Elections; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council de-annexed certain areas of the City pursuant to Substitute Ordinances Nos. 5703, 5704 and 5718 effective December 31, 2020 (“2020 De-Annexations”) after the 2020 Census had been completed;

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary and desirable to make revisions and changes in the boundaries of all Council Districts by this ordinance to address the population changes reflected in the 2020 federal census results as adjusted by the reduction in land area and corresponding population by the 2020 De-Annexations;

**WHEREAS**, due to the structural integrity and compactness of the Council Districts, as presently constituted, the Council finds that minimal changes in existing Council Districts will be required to satisfy the standards imposed by the United States Constitution, the City’s Charter and the injunction decree; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council finds that this Ordinance continues past practice and policy of minimizing changes in Council Districts due to populations changes and that such practices and policies have preserved electoral stability and consistency in the core areas of each Council District; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEMPHIS:**

**Section 1. Redistricting Amendment.** That the Council districts 1 through 7, both inclusive, which are represented, by one council member each and multi-member districts 8 and 9, which are composed of approximately one-half the total city's population and are each represented by three (3) council members elected by position, shall each be amended and reconstituted to include the following Wards and Precincts:

DISTRICT ONE shall consist of the areas, within the corporate limits of the City of Memphis and those areas within “split wards and precincts”, encompassed by the Wards and Precincts using the Election Commission’s 2021 Precinct Assignments as set forth below:

- District 1**
- 01-08-I1**
- 01-08-I2**
- 01-09-I1**
- 01-09-I2**
- 01-10-I1**
- 01-10-I2**

01-11-I1  
05-01-I1  
05-01-I2  
05-02-I1  
05-02-I3  
05-02-I5  
06-01-I2  
06-01-I4  
06-03-I1  
06-03-I2  
06-04-I1  
06-04-I2  
06-05-I1  
06-05-I3  
**06-06-I1**  
06-06-I2  
06-07-I4  
06-08-I1  
06-08-I2  
06-09-I1  
06-09-I2  
06-09-I3  
06-09-I4  
06-09-I5  
07-03-I2  
07-04-I2  
07-04-I5  
07-04-I6  
07-05-I4  
13-01-I2  
13-01-I4  
13-01-I6  
13-03-I3  
13-12-I1  
01-09-I3  
06-09-I6  
07-04-I4  
13-01-I5  
13-03-I1  
13-03-I4

DISTRICT TWO shall consist of the areas, within the corporate limits of the City of Memphis and those areas within “split wards and precincts”, encompassed by the Wards and Precincts using the Election Commission’s 2021 Precinct Assignments as set forth below:

**District 2**

02-02-I1

04-03-I1

04-03-I2

**04-04-I1**

04-04-I2

04-07-I1

04-08-I1

04-08-I2

04-08-I3

04-08-I5

04-09-I1

04-09-I2

04-09-I3

04-10-I3

04-12-I2

04-12-I4

05-02-I2

05-02-I4

05-04-I1

05-04-I2

05-04-I3

05-04-I4

05-05-I3

05-05-I4

05-07-I1

05-08-I2

05-08-I3

05-09-I2

05-09-I4

05-10-I5

11-06-I2

12-02-I1

12-02-I2  
 12-02-I5  
 12-03-I5  
 12-04-I1  
 12-04-I2  
 04-04-I3  
 04-08-I4  
 04-10-I2  
 05-09-I5  
 05-11-I1  
 12-02-I4  
 12-04-I4  
 12-05-I2

DISTRICT THREE shall consist of the areas, within the corporate limits of the City of Memphis and those areas within “split wards and precincts, encompassed by the Wards and Precincts using the Election Commission’s 2021 Precinct Assignments as set forth below:

<b>District 3</b>
09-07-I1
<b>09-07-I2</b>
09-07-I3
09-08-I1
09-08-I2
09-08-I3
09-08-I4
09-11-I1
10-09-I1
10-09-I4
10-10-I1
10-10-I2
10-10-I5
11-01-I2
11-02-I1
11-02-I2
11-02-I3
11-02-I4

11-03-I3
11-04-I3
11-04-I4
11-05-I1
11-05-I2
11-05-I3
11-05-I4
11-06-I1
11-07-I1
11-07-I2
11-08-I1
12-01-I1
12-07-I1
09-07-I4
09-10-I3
12-07-I4

DISTRICT FOUR shall consist of the areas, within the corporate limits of the City of Memphis and those areas within “split wards and precincts, encompassed by the Wards and Precincts using the Election Commission’s 2021 Precinct Assignments as set forth below:

<b>District 4</b>
08-11-I1
08-11-I2
08-11-I5
08-11-I6
08-11-I7
10-01-I1
10-03-I1
10-03-I2
10-03-I4
10-03-I5
<b>10-03-I6</b>
10-04-I1
10-05-I1
10-05-I2
10-06-I1

10-07-I1
10-07-I2
10-07-I3
10-07-I4
10-08-I1
10-08-I2
10-09-I2
10-10-I3
11-01-I1
11-02-I5
11-03-I1
11-03-I2
11-04-I1
11-04-I2
11-04-I5
11-04-I6
12-01-I2
13-07-I1
13-07-I3
13-11-I2
10-09-I6
10-10-I4

DISTRICT FIVE shall consist of the areas, within the corporate limits of the City of Memphis and those areas within “split wards and precincts, encompassed by the Wards and Precincts using the Election Commission’s 2021 Precinct Assignments as set forth below:

<b>District 5</b>
04-01-I1
04-01-I2
04-01-I3
04-01-I4
04-02-I1
04-07-I2
04-07-I3
07-07-I1
07-07-I3
07-08-I1

07-08-I3
07-09-I1
07-10-I1
07-10-I2
08-07-I1
08-07-I3
13-01-I1
13-01-I3
13-02-I1
13-03-I2
13-03-I5
13-04-I1
13-04-I2
13-05-I1
13-05-I2
13-05-I3
13-06-I1
13-06-I2
13-06-I3
13-07-I2
13-07-I4
13-08-I1
13-08-I2
13-08-I3
13-09-I1
13-09-I2
13-09-I3
13-09-I4
13-09-I5
13-10-I1
13-11-I1
13-11-I3
04-01-I5
04-01-I6
04-03-I3
07-08-I6
13-03-I6



DISTRICT SIX shall consist of the areas, within the corporate limits of the City of Memphis and those areas within “split wards and precincts, encompassed by the Wards and Precincts using the Election Commission’s 2021 Precinct Assignments as set forth below:

<b>District 6</b>
08-05-I1
08-05-I3
08-05-I4
08-06-I2
08-07-I2
08-07-I4
08-08-I1
08-09-I1
08-09-I2
08-09-I3
08-10-I1
08-11-I3
08-11-I4
08-12-I1
08-12-I2
09-01-I2
09-02-I1
09-02-I2
09-03-I1
09-04-I1
09-04-I2
09-04-I3
09-05-I1
<b>09-05-I2</b>
09-06-I1
09-09-I1
09-09-I2
09-10-I1
09-10-I2
09-11-I2
10-02-I1
10-06-I2
10-09-I3

08-10-I2
10-03-I3
10-09-I5

DISTRICT SEVEN shall consist of the areas, within the corporate limits of the City of Memphis and those areas within “split wards and precincts, encompassed by the Wards and Precincts using the Election Commission’s 2021 Precinct Assignments as set forth below:

**District 7**

06-05-I2

06-07-I1

06-07-I2

06-07-I3

06-08-I4

07-01-I1

07-01-I2

07-02-I1

07-02-I2

07-02-I3

07-03-I1

07-04-I1

07-04-I3

07-05-I1

07-05-I2

07-05-I3

07-06-I1

**07-06-I2**

07-07-I2

07-08-I2

07-08-I4

08-01-I1

08-01-I2

08-01-I3

08-01-I4

08-02-I2

08-02-I3

08-03-I1

08-04-I1

08-04-I2

08-05-I2  
 08-06-I1  
 01-04-I2  
 06-08-I3  
 07-08-I5  
 08-04-I3  
 08-05-I5

DISTRICT EIGHT shall consist of the areas, within the corporate limits of the City of Memphis and those areas within “split wards” and precincts, encompassed by the Wards and Precincts using the Election Commission’s 2021 Precinct Assignments as set forth below:

<b>Super District 8</b>
07-04-I2
07-04-I5
07-04-I6
07-05-I4
07-04-I4
09-07-I1
09-07-I2
09-07-I3
09-08-I1
09-08-I2
09-08-I3
09-08-I4
09-11-I1
10-09-I1
10-09-I4
10-10-I1
10-10-I2
11-02-I1
11-02-I2
11-02-I3
11-02-I4
11-04-I3
11-04-I4
11-05-I1

11-05-I3
11-05-I4
11-06-I1
11-07-I1
11-07-I2
11-08-I1
12-01-I1
12-07-I1
09-07-I4
09-10-I3
12-07-I4
08-11-I1
08-11-I2
08-11-I5
08-11-I6
08-11-I7
10-01-I1
10-03-I1
10-03-I2
10-03-I4
10-03-I5
<b>10-03-I6</b>
10-04-I1
10-05-I2
10-06-I1
10-07-I1
10-07-I2
10-07-I3
10-07-I4
10-08-I1
10-08-I2
10-09-I2
10-10-I3
11-02-I5
11-03-I1
11-04-I2
11-04-I5
11-04-I6
12-01-I2

13-07-I1
13-07-I3
10-09-I6
10-10-I4
08-05-I1
08-05-I3
08-05-I4
08-06-I2
08-07-I2
08-07-I4
08-08-I1
08-09-I1
08-09-I2
08-09-I3
08-10-I1
08-11-I3
08-11-I4
08-12-I1
08-12-I2
09-01-I2
09-02-I1
09-02-I2
09-03-I1
09-04-I1
09-04-I2
09-04-I3
09-05-I1
09-05-I2
09-06-I1
09-09-I1
09-09-I2
09-10-I1
09-10-I2
09-11-I2
10-02-I1
10-06-I2
10-09-I3
08-10-I2
10-03-I3

10-09-I5
07-01-I1
07-01-I2
07-02-I1
07-02-I2
07-02-I3
07-03-I1
07-04-I1
07-04-I3
07-05-I1
07-05-I2
07-05-I3
07-06-I1
07-06-I2
07-08-I2
07-08-I4
08-01-I1
08-01-I2
08-01-I3
08-01-I4
08-02-I2
08-02-I3
08-03-I1
08-04-I1
08-04-I2
08-05-I2
08-06-I1
01-04-I2
07-08-I5
08-04-I3
08-05-I5

DISTRICT NINE shall consist of the areas, within the corporate limits of the City of Memphis and those areas within “split wards” and precincts, encompassed by the Wards and Precincts using the Election Commission’s 2021 Precinct Assignments as set forth below:

**Super District 9**

01-08-I1
01-08-I2

01-09-I1
01-09-I2
01-10-I1
01-10-I2
01-11-I1
05-01-I1
05-01-I2
05-02-I1
05-02-I3
05-02-I5
06-01-I2
06-01-I4
06-03-I1
06-03-I2
06-04-I1
06-04-I2
06-05-I1
06-05-I3
06-06-I1
06-06-I2
06-07-I4
06-08-I1
06-08-I2
06-09-I1
06-09-I2
06-09-I3
06-09-I4
06-09-I5
07-03-I2
13-01-I2
13-01-I4
13-01-I6
13-03-I3
13-12-I1
01-09-I3
06-09-I6
13-01-I5
13-03-I1
13-03-I4

02-02-I1
04-03-I1
04-03-I2
04-04-I1
04-04-I2
04-07-I1
04-08-I1
04-08-I2
04-08-I3
04-08-I5
04-09-I1
04-09-I2
04-09-I3
04-10-I3
04-12-I2
04-12-I4
05-02-I2
05-02-I4
05-04-I1
05-04-I2
05-04-I3
05-04-I4
05-05-I3
05-05-I4
05-07-I1
05-08-I2
05-08-I3
05-09-I2
05-09-I4
05-10-I5
11-06-I2
12-02-I1
12-02-I2
12-02-I5
12-03-I5
12-04-I1
12-04-I2
04-04-I3
04-08-I4



04-10-I2
05-09-I5
05-11-I1
12-02-I4
12-04-I4
12-05-I2
10-10-I5
11-01-I2
11-03-I3
11-05-I2
10-05-I1
11-01-I1
11-03-I2
11-04-I1
13-11-I2
04-01-I1
04-01-I2
04-01-I3
04-01-I4
04-02-I1
04-07-I2
04-07-I3
07-07-I1
07-07-I3
07-08-I1
07-08-I3
07-09-I1
07-10-I1
07-10-I2
08-07-I1
08-07-I3
13-01-I1
13-01-I3
13-02-I1
13-03-I2
13-03-I5
13-04-I1
13-04-I2
13-05-I1

13-05-I2  
13-05-I3  
13-06-I1  
13-06-I2  
13-06-I3  
13-07-I2  
13-07-I4

13-08-I1
13-08-I2
13-08-I3
13-09-I1
13-09-I2
13-09-I3
13-09-I4
13-09-I5
13-10-I1
13-11-I1
13-11-I3
04-01-I5
04-01-I6
04-03-I3
07-08-I6
13-03-I6
06-05-I2
06-07-I1
06-07-I2
06-07-I3
06-08-I4
07-07-I2
06-08-I3

Wards and precincts have been allocated between the various districts using the U.S. Census Bureau's block and ward/precinct data released by the U.S. Census Department to the Governor and General Assembly of the State of Tennessee. Such data may vary from the wards and precincts split or consolidated by the Shelby County Election Commission after the compilation of census data by the U.S. Census Bureau.

Reference is made to the Memphis Municipal Code, as amended, and to the Official Ward and Precinct Map of the City of Memphis in the Office of the City Comptroller for a description of the wards and precincts hereinabove allocated to the respective districts One (1) through Nine (9), both inclusive. Annexed areas shall be assigned as future wards as described. Reference is also made to the minutes of the Board of Commissioners of Shelby County, Tennessee, for ordinances and resolutions establishing precinct lines. A map describing said Districts, as amended, is hereby adopted and is ordered to be filed with the Comptroller of the City of Memphis. Should there be discrepancies between the official U.S. census districts and the voting districts assigned by the Shelby County Election Commission and the text of this Ordinance using the Election Commission's descriptions of voting districts and precincts such discrepancies shall be resolved by the Election Commission by reference to the official map filed with the Comptroller of the City, which shall control.

**Section 2. Nonconflicting-Conflicting Laws.**

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED That all laws or ordinances of the City of Memphis, not in conflict with this Ordinance, be and the same are continued in full force and effect, and all laws in conflict therewith are hereby repealed.

**Section 3. Severability.**

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That if any clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part of this ordinance shall be held or declared to be unconstitutional or void, it shall not affect the remaining parts of this ordinance, it being hereby declared to be the legislative intent to have passed the remainder of this ordinance notwithstanding the parts so held to be invalid, if any.

**Section 4. Effective Date.**

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That this ordinance shall take effect immediately after its adoption, the public welfare requiring it.

**SPONSORS:**

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**JAMITA SWEARENGEN  
CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL**

Attest:

VALERIE C. SNIPES

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