

CITY ORDINANCE NO. CO-003-2022

AN ORDINANCE OF THE LAFAYETTE CITY COUNCIL PROVIDING FOR THE REDISTRICTING OF LAFAYETTE CITY COUNCIL DISTRICTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 2020 FEDERAL CENSUS BY THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF THE CENSUS AND DECLARING THAT THE SERVICES OF A DEMOGRAPHER WILL BE UTILIZED TO PREPARE NEW REDISTRICTING PLANS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL'S CONSIDERATION THAT PROVIDE FOR POPULATION EQUALITY AMONG THE LAFAYETTE CITY COUNCIL DISTRICTS

BE IT ORDAINED by the Lafayette City Council, that:

WHEREAS, Section 2-2 of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government Home Rule Charter ("LCG Charter") provides, in pertinent part, that following the federal census by the United States Bureau of the Census, "the City Council by ordinance shall, if necessary, alter, change or rearrange Council district boundaries so as to provide for population equality among the districts as near as reasonably practicable;" and

WHEREAS, the 2020 Federal Census has now been performed and the information reported in said Census has revealed that City Districts 2, 3, 4, and 5 are malapportioned (*i.e.* outside the allowable +/- 5% population deviation); and

WHEREAS, the Lafayette City Council, pursuant to and in accordance with the 2020 Federal Census data, Section 2-2 of the LCG Charter, and other applicable provisions of law, desires to prepare new redistricting plans that provide for population equality among the Lafayette City Council Districts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Lafayette City Council, in its capacity as the governing authority of the City of Lafayette, that:

SECTION 1: All of the aforescribed "Whereas" clauses are adopted as part of this ordinance.

SECTION 2: The Lafayette City Council finds that the 2020 Federal Census data has revealed that Lafayette City Council Districts 2, 3, 4, and 5 are malapportioned (*i.e.* outside the allowable +/- 5% population deviation) such that the redistricting of the Lafayette City Council Districts is necessary and proper.

SECTION 3: The Lafayette City Council declares that the services of a demographer will be utilized to prepare new redistricting plans for the City Council's consideration that provide for population equality among the Lafayette City Council Districts in accordance with Section 2-2 of the LCG Charter.

SECTION 4: All ordinances or resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5: This ordinance shall become effective upon signature of the Lafayette Mayor-President or the elapse of ten (10) days after receipt by the Lafayette Mayor-President without signature.

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTAL FORM

- 1) **JUSTIFICATION FOR REQUEST:** An ordinance of the Lafayette City providing for the redistricting of Lafayette City Council Districts in accordance with the 2020 Federal Census by the United States Bureau of the Census and declaring that the services of a demographer will be utilized to prepare new districting plans for the City Council's consideration that provide for population equality among the Lafayette City Council Districts.
- 2) **ACTION REQUESTED:** Adoption of ordinance
- 3) **REQUESTED ACTION OF LAFAYETTE CITY COUNCIL:**
A) INTRODUCTION: 01-18-2022
B) FINAL ADOPTION: 02-01-2022
- 4) **DOCUMENTATION INCLUDED WITH THIS REQUEST:**
A) Ordinance
B) Submittal Form
- 5) **FISCAL IMPACT:**
 Fiscal Impact (Explain)
 X No Fiscal Impact

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