



## A RESOLUTION

**OF THE SPARTANBURG COUNTY COUNCIL TO ADOPT CRITERIA FOR DEVELOPING THE 2020 COUNTY COUNCIL REDISTRICTING PLAN TO ENSURE A REBALANCING OF POPULATION IN THE COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICTS AND MAXIMUM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.**

**WHEREAS**, redistricting for County Council election districts must be completed prior to the opening of candidate filing for the 2022 County Council elections on March 15, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, final tabulation data for the 2020 Census pertaining to Spartanburg County was released on October 13, 2021 for review and assessment for redistricting of the single member county council districts in Spartanburg County, and;

**WHEREAS**, in order to ensure maximum review and public participation in implementing the redistricting plan based on the 2020 Census, Spartanburg County Council deems it necessary to adopt certain criteria for the development of a redistricting plan in accordance with the 1965 Voting Rights Act as amended.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, Spartanburg County Council adopts the following criteria for redistricting the single member districts in Spartanburg County.

1. Adhere to court ordered constitutional requirement of one person, one vote.
2. County Council will adhere to the state law requirement of a population variance between defined election districts of less than 10%.
3. Attempt to keep compact districts.
4. Ensure that the parts of the districts are contiguous.
5. Attempt to preserve communities of interest.

6. Attempt to maintain constituent consistency.
7. Attempt to avoid splitting voting precincts.
8. Solicit public input.

The construction of the redistricting plan based on the above criteria will proceed according to the following steps:

- Step 1. Establish the redistricting Construction and Implementation Schedule, including a Public Outreach Strategy.
- Step 2. Construct a Benchmark Redistricting Plan.
- Step 3. Locate the addresses of incumbent county council members.
- Step 4. Copy Benchmark Redistricting Plan and adjust blocks to adhere to the 1965 Voting Rights Act and the constitutional requirements of one person one vote.
- Step 5. Prepare alternative redistricting proposals.
- Step 6. Implement the Public Outreach Strategy to include sending invitations, posting public notices, and holding one or more public hearings.
- Step 7. Adoption of the Redistricting Plan by County Council with three readings and a public hearing.
- Step 8. Implement the 2020 Redistricting Plan.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Spartanburg County Council does hereby adopt the above criteria and steps for construction and implementation of the 2020 County Council Redistricting Plan to ensure a rebalanced population and maximum public participation.

**ADOPTED**, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021.

SPARTANBURG COUNTY COUNCIL

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