



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
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COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD      )

**ORDINANCE NO. 591**

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A REDISTRICTING PLAN FOR FAIRFIELD COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA UTILIZING THE 2010 U.S. CENSUS RESULTS

SECTION 1. In compliance with the United States Constitution, the Constitution of the State of South Carolina, Section 4-9-90 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended, and the United States Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, the Fairfield County Council has determined to realign the electoral districts for the election of members of Council in accordance with the Federal Decennial Census of 2010.

SECTION 2. There presently exist seven (7) single-member districts for the election of Fairfield County Council members.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance is for the purpose of defining the boundaries of these seven single-member election districts.

SECTION 4. The re-defining of the district boundaries is based upon the 2010 census for redistricting purposes in order that the population of such districts shall comply with the requirements set forth in the United States Constitution, the Constitution of the State of South Carolina, Section 4-9-90 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended, and the United States Voting Rights Act of 1965.

SECTION 5. The pertinent demographic data in reference to the proposed districts is attached to this ordinance as Exhibit "A" and is incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth. The seven single member election districts for the election of Fairfield County Council members are hereby redistricted to be as depicted on the map of Fairfield County attached to this Ordinance as Exhibit "2" and incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth.

SECTION 6. In drawing new districts, the Fairfield County Council has adopted and adhered to the following criteria:

1. Adhere to the constitutional requirement of single member districts of equal proportions of one person, one vote;
2. Adhere to the 1965 Voting Rights Act as amended and controlling court decisions;
3. Ensure that parts of the districts are contiguous;
4. Respect Communities of Interest;

5. Attempt to maintain constituent consistency;
6. Solicit public input.

SECTION 7. The County Administrator is authorized and directed to take such administrative actions to promulgate and execute such procedures and policies as may be necessary or desirable to carry into effect and implement the redistricted single-member election districts provided for in this Ordinance, including the elections required thereby and in accordance with any directions, suggestions, or objections of the Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice, after submission to it of this Ordinance and all required materials.

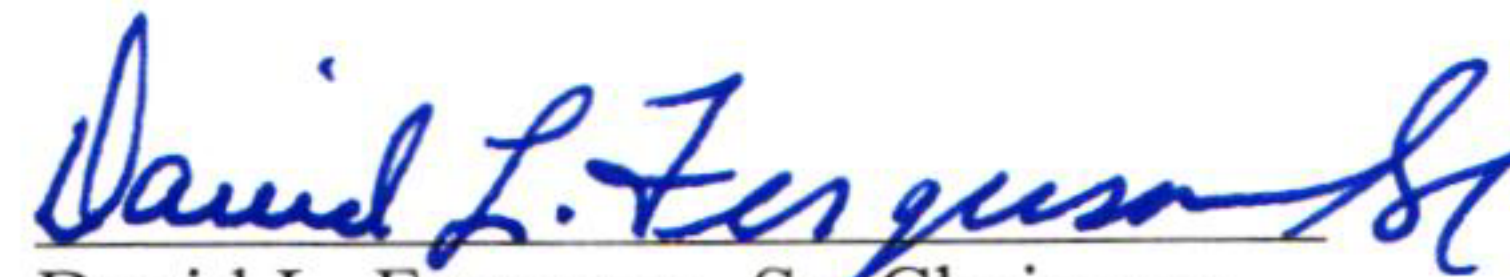
SECTION 8. The County attorney is hereby directed to compile and submit the appropriate documentation to all superior agencies as soon as possible.

SECTION 9. If any provisions of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance are held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of the Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are severable.


SECTION 10. This Ordinance shall take effect upon third reading and preclearance by the United States Department of Justice pursuant to Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE FAIRFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL** this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2011.

FAIRFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL

  
David L. Ferguson, Sr. Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Shryll M. Brown, Clerk to Council

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: August 29, 2011

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: September 12, 2011

Public Hearing: September 26, 2011

3<sup>rd</sup> Reading: September 26, 2011