

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Special
2 Committee on Redistricting and amended by the Rules Committee:
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4 **ORDINANCE 2022-01-E**

5 AN ORDINANCE REGARDING REDISTRICTING OF THE
6 JACKSONVILLE CITY COUNCIL DISTRICTS AND GROUP
7 AT-LARGE RESIDENCE AREAS, AND DESIGNATING THE
8 DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICTS FOLLOWING
9 THE 2020 CENSUS OF THE CITY AS REQUIRED BY
10 SECTIONS 5.02 (REDISTRICTING OF COUNCIL
11 DISTRICTS AND RESIDENCE AREAS) AND 13.03
12 (REDISTRICTING OF SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICTS), *CITY*
13 *CHARTER*; PROVIDING LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND
14 RECITALS; ADOPTING AND ENACTING OF A
15 REDISTRICTING PLAN REGARDING CITY COUNCIL
16 DISTRICTS, CITY COUNCIL GROUP AT-LARGE
17 RESIDENCE AREAS, AND SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICTS
18 BASED ON THE 2020 CENSUS DATA; AMENDING THE *CITY*
19 *CHARTER* TO ATTACH DISTRICT BOUNDARY DESCRIPTIONS
20 FOR FOURTEEN CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES
21 AND FOR FIVE CITY COUNCIL GROUP AT-LARGE
22 RESIDENCE AREA BOUNDARIES PURSUANT TO SECTION
23 5.01 (COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP, RESIDENCE AREAS AND
24 DISTRICTS), *CITY CHARTER*; AMENDING THE CITY
25 CHARTER TO DESIGNATE THE SEVEN SCHOOL BOARD
26 DISTRICTS PURSUANT TO SECTION 13.02 (SCHOOL
27 BOARD DISTRICTS), *CITY CHARTER*; PROVIDING FOR AN
28 INDEX OF EXHIBITS; DIRECTING THE CHIEF OF
29 LEGISLATIVE SERVICES TO SEND A COPY OF THIS
30 LEGISLATION TO MUNICODE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE
31 DATE.

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2 **WHEREAS**, Section 5.02 (Redistricting of council districts and
3 residence areas) and Section 13.03 (Redistricting of school board
4 districts), *Charter of the City of Jacksonville*, impose upon the City
5 Council the duty and responsibility of redistricting the Council
6 Districts, Council Group At-Large Residence Areas, and the School
7 Board Districts; and

8 **WHEREAS**, in making the redistricting plan, the Council is
9 obligated to ensure that all the districts are as nearly equal in
10 population and are arranged in as logical and compact a geographical
11 pattern as possible to achieve and to ensure that all federal and
12 state constitutions, laws and requirements are complied with; and

13 **WHEREAS**, while the Council districts are based upon population
14 with respect to their size, the geographical arrangement and
15 territorial boundaries of the districts must take into consideration
16 other factors, particularly compactness and contiguity, so that the
17 people of the City, and their varied economic, social, and ethnic
18 interests and objectives are adequately represented within the
19 Council; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Chapter 18 (Redistricting of Council and School Board
21 Districts), *Ordinance Code*, was enacted in order to set forth
22 legislative policy, to provide for appropriate public input, and to
23 provide for an adequate review of the redistricting plan before it
24 is enacted into law; now therefore

25 **BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

26 **Section 1. Legislative Findings; Recitals.**

27 The City Council finds as follows:

28 (a) The City Council Special Committee on Redistricting,
29 pursuant to section 18.104, *Ordinance Code*, selected the City's
30 Planning and Development Department, based on its professional
31 qualifications and experience in redistricting, as the redistricting

1 consultant to assist the City Council in producing, analyzing, and
2 assessing territorial and population maps of the City of Jacksonville
3 based on the 2020 United States Census data.

4 (b) The City Council Special Committee on Redistricting,
5 pursuant to Chapter 18, *Ordinance Code*, did, after several hearings,
6 meetings and workshops, transmit a preliminary proposed redistricting
7 plan, dated October 28, 2021 (the "Proposed Plan") to the City
8 Council, which was referred to the City Council Rules Committee. The
9 Proposed Plan establishes preliminary proposed boundaries for the 14
10 City Council Districts and 5 City Council Group At-Large Residence
11 Areas, pursuant to Section 18.106, *Ordinance Code*. The Proposed Plan
12 was accompanied with a report attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** containing
13 the following information:

14 (i) A map of the General Services District showing both
15 the existing district boundaries and the proposed district
16 boundaries;

17 (ii) A table indicating the population of each proposed
18 district and the variations of each such population from the
19 population average for all the districts, with an explanation of the
20 variation in each district;

21 (iii) A statement of the methodology used in arriving at
22 the particular plan recommended by the Special Committee on
23 Redistricting;

24 (iv) An appendix of any other redistricting plans
25 considered or created by the Special Committee on Redistricting in
26 the process of creating the recommended plan, with the reasons for
27 rejection of each such redistricting plan; and

28 (v) Comments and recommendations deemed necessary or
29 advisable by the Special Committee on Redistricting to explain or
30 illustrate the plan.

1 (c) The City Council Rules Committee, pursuant to Section
2 18.107, *Ordinance Code*, held several hearings, meetings and
3 workshops, and analyzed and assessed the Proposed Plan, as well as
4 proposed amendments thereto, in accordance with the 2020 United States
5 Census data and appropriate legal criteria.

6 (d) The City Council Rules Committee, after careful
7 consideration of redistricting standards, practices and principles
8 and the testimony and evidence received at all of the public hearings
9 approved, and reported the Proposed Plan (with or without amendments
10 thereto (the "Amended Plan")) attached hereto as **Revised Exhibit 2**,
11 labeled as "Rev Exhibit 2, Rev Map, March 15, 2022 - Rules", to the
12 entire City Council for its consideration.

13 **Section 2. *Charter of the City of Jacksonville* amended to**
14 **approve and enact the City of Jacksonville Redistricting Plan**
15 **establishing City Council Districts and City Council Group At-Large**
16 **Residence Areas.**

17 In accordance with the *Charter of the City of Jacksonville*
18 ("*Charter*") and Chapter 18, (Redistricting of Council and School
19 Board Districts), *Ordinance Code*, and in conjunction with the 2020
20 United States Census data, the City Council approves, adopts, and
21 enacts the City Council District and City Council Group At-Large
22 Residence boundaries as set forth in the final (Amended) Plan (the
23 "Council District and Group At-Large Residence Area Plan") attached
24 hereto as **Revised Exhibit 3**, labeled as "Rev Exhibit 3, Rev Final
25 Maps, March 15, 2022 - Rules".

26 **(a) 14 City Council Districts.** The *Charter* is hereby amended
27 by repealing and removing Appendix 1 of the *Charter*, which defines
28 the City Council Districts based on the 2010 United States Census
29 data, as described by metes and bounds, attached hereto as **Exhibit**
30 **4**, and enacting and replacing same with a new Appendix 1 of the
31 *Charter* which defines the City Council Districts based on the 2020

1 United States Census data, as described by metes and bounds, attached
 2 hereto as **Revised Exhibit 5**, labeled as "Rev Exhibit 5, Rev Legal
 3 Descript, March 15, 2022 - Rules".

4 **(b) 5 City Council Group At-Large Residence Areas.** The *Charter*
 5 is hereby amended by repealing and removing Appendix 1-A, which
 6 defines the City Council Group At-Large Residence Areas based on the
 7 2010 United States Census data, as described by metes and bounds,
 8 attached hereto as **Exhibit 6**, and enacting and replacing same with
 9 Appendix 1-A which defines the City Council Group At-Large Residence
 10 Areas based on the 2020 United States Census data, as described by
 11 metes and bounds, attached hereto as **Exhibit 7**.

12 **Section 3. Charter of the City of Jacksonville amended to**
 13 **designate the seven school board districts pursuant to section 13.02**
 14 **of the Charter.**

15 Section 18.110, *Ordinance Code*, provides that the redistricting
 16 of the 14 Council Districts shall automatically reapportion the school
 17 board districts as provided in Section 13.03, *Charter*, as illustrated
 18 in **Exhibit 8** attached hereto. Section 13.02, *Charter*, establishes
 19 that each School Board District shall be comprised of two adjoining
 20 Council Districts. The *Charter* is hereby amended by repealing and
 21 removing Section 1 of Appendix 2 of the *Charter*, which defines the
 22 Duval County School Board Districts based on the 2010 United States
 23 Census data attached hereto as **Exhibit 9**, and enacting and replacing
 24 same with a new Section 1 of Appendix 2 of the *Charter* which defines
 25 the School Board Districts based on the 2020 United States Census
 26 data attached hereto as **Exhibit 10**.

27 **Section 4. Index of Exhibits.** An index of the exhibits
 28 referred to in this ordinance are as follows:

29 Exhibit 1	Proposed Plan/Report (Map)
30 Exhibit 2	Amended Plan (Map)
31 Exhibit 3	Final Amended Plan (Map)

1 Exhibit 4 Appendix 1-2010 City Council Districts
2 (metes and bounds description)

3 Exhibit 5 Appendix 1-2020 City Council Districts
4 (metes and bounds description)

5 Exhibit 6 Appendix 1A-2010 City Council At-Large Residence
6 Areas (metes and bounds description)

7 Exhibit 7 Appendix 1A-2020 City Council At-Large Residence
8 Areas (metes and bounds description)

9 Exhibit 8 School Board Districts Map 2020

10 Exhibit 9 Appendix 2, Section 1- 2010 School Board
11 District Designations

12 Exhibit 10 Appendix 2, Section 1- 2020 School Board
13 District Designations

14 **Section 5. Directing the Chief of Legislative Services to**
15 **forward this Legislation to MuniCode.** The Chief of Legislative
16 Services is directed to forward this legislation to the Municipal
17 Code Corporation.

18 **Section 6. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall become
19 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
20 without the Mayor's signature.

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24 Form Approved:

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27 /s/ Paige H. Johnston

28 Office of General Counsel

29 Legislation prepared by: Paige H. Johnston

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