

ORDINANCE 2023 - 006

1st reading and Introduction: June 20, 2023

2nd reading and 1st Public Hearing: July 17, 2023

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF POWDER SPRINGS TO REAPPORTION ELECTION DISTRICTS FOR THE CITY; TO ESTABLISH AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 36-54-4.1, the City is authorized to reapportion the election districts from which members of the City Council are elected following publication of the United States decennial census; and

WHEREAS it has been determined by the Mayor and Council of Powder Springs that it is necessary and proper to amend the Charter of the City of Powder Springs under the Home Rule Powers of O.C.G.A. Section 36-35-1 *et seq.* reapportion the election districts pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 36-35-4.1; and

WHEREAS a notice on the matter of reapportionment was published in the Marietta Daily Journal, the official legal organ of Cobb County, Georgia, on June 16, 23 and July 7, 2023.

WHEREAS on the 20th day of June 2023 and on the 17th day of July 2023, public hearings were held to provide public input into said reapportionment decision; and

WHEREAS the Mayor and Council for the City of Powder Springs have determined that the reapportionment plan attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and the population summary attached hereto as Exhibit "B" meets all of the requirements of O.C.G.A. Section 36-35-4.1 and the one person-one vote requirements of the United States Constitution and Voting Rights Act and is in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Powder Springs.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that:

1. The Charter of the City of Powder Springs, Section 5.11, and Ordinance 2002-004 is hereby amended to adopt the voting districts apportionment set forth as Exhibits A and B; and
2. The City Manager and City Attorney are hereby authorized and directed, for and on behalf of the City to submit this Amendment to the Voting Rights Section of the U.S. Department of Justice for pre-clearance as provided by law; and
3. The City Manager and City Attorney are hereby authorized and directed, for and on behalf of the City, to file this amendment with the Secretary of State and the Cobb County Clerk of Court, pursuant to O.C.G.A Section 36-35-5.
4. This Ordinance shall become effective on the first day of the month following adoption of this ordinance or as otherwise provided by law.

SO ORDAINED this 17TH day of July 2023.

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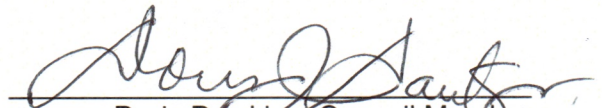
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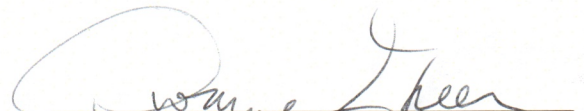
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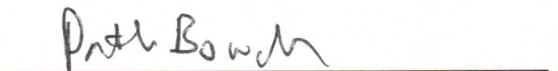
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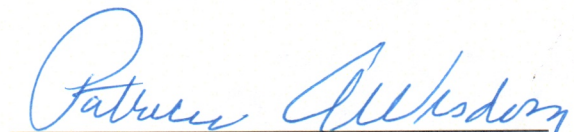
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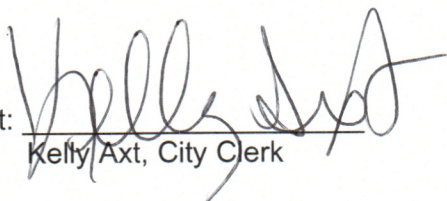

Henry Lust, Council Member


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Attest: 
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