

AN ORDINANCE
ESTABLISHING NEW ELECTORAL DISTRICTS FOR THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF SUMTER
COUNTY COUNCIL PURSUANT TO THE UNITED STATES CENSUS OF 2000 AND IN
COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 4-9-90, SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS (1976, AS
AMENDED).

BE IT ORDAINED by the County Council of Sumter County, South Carolina, in
Council duly assembled:

ARTICLE I
FINDINGS OF FACT

Section 1.01 Recitals and Statement of Purpose.

Incident to the adoption of this Ordinance, the County Council of Sumter County,
South Carolina (the "Council"), being the governing body of Sumter County, South Carolina (the
"County"), finds as a fact that each of the following statements hereinafter set forth in this Article 1
are in all respects true and correct:

(a) That the United States Department of Commerce has declared final
the results of the federal decennial census of 2000 (the "2000 Census");

(b) That, in compliance with the United States Constitution, the
Constitution of the State of South Carolina, Section 4-9-90 of the Code of Laws (1976,
as amended) (the "Code"), and the United States Voting Rights Act of 1965, as
amended, the Council has determined that it is necessary to realign the electoral
districts for the election of members of Council in accordance with the final results of
the 2000 Census and is adopting this Ordinance for that purpose; and

(c) That, prior to the third reading of this Ordinance and the final drawing
of new district lines established hereby, the Council will schedule and hold a public
hearing for the purpose of allowing any and all concerned citizens or electors of the
County to present in public to Council their views on the proposed new district lines
as established by the Ordinance.

ARTICLE II
ADOPTION OF PLAN

Section 2.01 New District Lines.

From and after the effective date of this Ordinance as defined in Article V below (the
"Effective Date"), the County shall be divided into seven (7) new districts (the "New Districts") for the
purposes of electing members to the Council. Each New District shall be entitled to elect one (1)
member of Council in accordance with the provisions of Section 4-9-90 of the Code. The New
Districts are as defined and delineated on the schedule of precincts and voting districts attached as

Exhibit A hereto and as shown on the map attached as Exhibit B hereto, the information set forth on the said Exhibits A and B being incorporated herein by reference.

ARTICLE III
IMPLEMENTATION

Section 3.01 Preclearance.

The Chairman of Council and the County Administrator for the County are hereby authorized and directed to submit or cause to be submitted the plan for the New Districts as established herein to the Attorney General of the United States for preclearance pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of the United States Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, and they are hereby further authorized and directed to request expedited preclearance in accordance with the regulations promulgated concerning the said voting Rights Act promulgated by the Attorney General of the United States.

Section 3.02 2004 Elections.

The Election Commission of the County is hereby authorized and directed, immediately upon the Effective Date hereof, to undertake, by and with the South Carolina Election Commission, all steps necessary for holding elections for members of the Council according to the regular schedule for the primary election on June 8, 2004 and the general election on November 2, 2004, or as soon thereafter as practicable should this not be possible in such of the New Districts as is required in accordance with provisions of Section 4-9-90 of the Code.

ARTICLE IV
REPEAL

Section 4.01 Repeal of Inconsistent Provisions.

Any and all existing resolutions, ordinances and laws previously adopted by the Council or the General Assembly for the State of South Carolina establishing the current districts for purposes of the previous elections of members of Council and any other ordinances or resolutions of the Council now in effect that are inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed as of the Effective Date of this Ordinance. Ordinance Number 01-450 is specifically repealed.

ARTICLE V
EFFECTIVE DATE

Section 5.01 Ordinance Not Effective Until Preclearance.

The Effective Date of this Ordinance shall be the date of receipt by the County of the requested preclearance from the Attorney General of the United States, the date corresponding with the failure of the said Attorney General to interpose an objection to the New Districts within the allotted time, or the date of the issuance of an order or a judgment by the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, or other Federal Court having jurisdiction of this matter finding that the plan for the New Districts set forth herein is not violative of the said Voting Rights Act, whichever

first occurs, all in accordance with the provisions of the said Voting Rights Act, EXCEPT that Section 3.01 of this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon the adoption of this Ordinance.

ARTICLE VI
ADOPTION

Section 6.01 Date of Adoption.

This Ordinance is done, ratified and adopted _____, 2003.

THE COUNTY COUNCIL FOR SUMTER
COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA (SEAL)

BY: _____
Naomi D. Sanders
ITS: Chairman

ATTEST:

Mary W. Blanding
Its: Clerk of County Council

First Reading: October 14, 2003

Notice of Public Comment
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Second Reading: October 28, 2003

Public Hearing Held: October 28, 2003

Third Reading: November 25, 2003

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

COUNTY OF SUMTER)

PERSONALLY appeared before me the undersigned Mary W. Blanding, who upon first being duly sworn, deposes and says as follows: That she is the duly elected and serving Clerk to the Sumter County Council and that she certifies that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of Ordinance No. 03-516 adopted by the said County Council on _____

SWORN to before me this
___ day of _____, 2003

Mary W. Blanding

Notary Public for South Carolina
My Commission Expires: