



CITY OF DOVER ORDINANCE #2022-20

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOVER, IN COUNCIL MET:

That Chapter 2 - Administration, Article II - City Council, Division 1 - Generally, of the Dover Code, be amended by striking Section 2-31 - District Boundaries be amended to read as follows:

Section 2-31. - District boundaries.

In order that the members of the council shall be distributed over the city, the city shall be divided into four representative districts and two members of the council shall be residents of each district. Such districts are to be distributed as follows:

- (1) *District 1.* District 1 is defined as the area within the corporate limits of the city contained within the following boundaries:

Beginning at the boundary line of the corporate limits of the city, at a point in the centerline of McKee Road; then running in a westerly direction following the boundary line of the corporate limits of the city to its intersection with the centerline of Wyoming Mill Road; then running in an northerly direction with said line of Wyoming Mill Road to the to its intersection with the centerline of Hazletville Road; then in a easterly direction to its intersection with the centerline of Mifflin Road; then in a northerly direction with said line of Mifflin Road to the intersection with the centerline Forrest Ave; then in a easterly direction to its intersection with the centerline of Saulsbury Road; then in a northerly direction with said line of Saulsbury Road to its intersection with the centerline of Walker Road; then in a westerly direction with said line of Walker Road to its intersection of Kenton Road; then in a northerly direction with said centerline of Kenton Road to its intersection with the centerline of College Road; then running in a northeasterly direction with said line of College Road to its intersection with McKee Road; then in a northwesterly direction with said line of McKee Road to the point of beginning, excluding within these given boundaries any areas not within the corporate limits of the city.

- (2) *District 2.* District 2 is defined as the area within the corporate limits of the city contained within the following boundaries:

Beginning at the boundary line of the corporate limits of the city, at a point in the centerline of Wyoming Mill Road; then running in an northerly direction with said line of Wyoming Mill Road to the intersection of Hazletville Road; then in a easterly direction to its intersection with the centerline of Mifflin Road; then in a northerly direction with said line of Mifflin Road to the intersection with the centerline of Forrest Avenue; then in a easterly direction to its intersection with the centerline of Saulsbury Road; then running in a

southerly direction with said line of Saulsbury Road to the intersection with the centerline of North Street, then running in a easterly direction with said line to the intersection with the centerline of South Queen Street; then running in a southerly direction with said line of South Queen Street to ED05-077.13-01-27.0; then running in a easterly direction with said line to the intersection of South New Street; then running in a northerly direction with said line of South New Street to its intersection with the centerline of West Water Street; then running with said line of West Water Street becomes East Water Street; then running with said line of East Water Street in a easterly direction to the intersection of East Avenue; then running northerly direction with said line of East Avenue to the centerline of the intersection of Martin Luther King Jr Boulevard South; then running easterly with said line of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard South to the easterly side of the Saint Jones River; then running in a southerly direction with said line of Saint Jones River to its intersection with the centerline of State Route 13; then running northeasterly with said line of State Route 13 to its intersection with the centerline of East Loockerman Street; then running in a westerly direction with said line of East Loockerman Street to its intersection of the centerline of the Saint Jones River; then running north east with said line of the Saint Jones River to its intersection with Kings Highway; then running easterly with centerline of Kings Highway which become East Division Street to the intersection of John Hunn Brown Road; then running in a southerly direction with said line of John Hunn Brown Road to its intersection of the centerline of East Loockerman Street; then running in an easterly direction with said line of East Loockerman Street to its intersection of the alley at ED05-077.06-02-73.00; then westerly down the alley as said to the centerline of the intersection East Loockerman Street; then northerly direction centerline on East Loockerman Street to the intersection of East Division Street; then running in a northerly direction centerline of East Division Street which becomes North Little Creek Road; then running in an easterly direction with said line of North Little Creek Road to the eastern corporate limits of the city; then running in an easterly and southerly direction with said corporate limits of the city to the place of beginning, excluding within these given boundaries any areas not within the corporate limits of the city.

- (3) *District 3.* District 3 is defined as the area within the corporate limits of the city lying within the following boundaries:

Beginning at the boundary line of the corporate limits of the city, at a point in the centerline of North Little Creek Road; then running in a westerly direction with said line of North Little Creek Road which becomes East Division Street to its intersection with the centerline of East Loockerman; then running a southerly direction with said line of East Loockerman to the alley at ED05-068.18-04-55.00; then running in a southwest direction with said line to its intersection with the centerline of East Loockerman Street; then running in a westerly direction of East Loockerman to the centerline to the intersection of John Hunn Brown Road; then in a northerly direction of John Hunn Brown Road to the intersection of East Division Street; then in a westerly direction to the centerline of the intersection of North Governors Avenue; then running northerly direction to the intersection with the centerline of Mary Street; the running in a westerly direction with said line of Mary Street to the intersection centerline of North West Street, then running in a southerly direction with said line of North West Street to the intersection of West Division Street; then to

the western edge of the railroad tracks; then running a northwesterly direction with the western edge of the railroad tracks to the intersection of the centerline with Walker Road; then running a easterly direction with said line of Walker Road to the intersection of North State Street; then running in a northeasterly direction with the said line of North State Street to the centerline of State Route 13; then running in a northwesterly direction with said line of State Route 13 to the southeastern portion of parcel ED-05-057.01-02-01.00; then running south 57 degrees 05 minutes west 620 feet to the corner of said parcel; then running north 27 degrees 12 minutes west 201.0 feet; then continuing north 27 degrees 12 minutes west to the intersection of the centerline of Scarborough Road; then running southwestly with said line of Scarborough Road to the westerly edge of the waterway Fork Branch; then running northerly with said line of the waterway Fork Branch to the southern edge of West Dennys Road; then running in a easterly direction with said line of West Dennys Road to the intersection of State Route 13; then in a south westerly direction with said line of State Route 13 to the corporate limits of the city; then continuing east and south with the corporate limits of the city to the place of beginning, excluding within these given boundaries any areas not within the corporate limits of the city.

- (4) *District 4.* District 4 is defined as the area within the corporate limits of the city lying within the following boundaries:

Beginning at a point in the west edge of State Route 13 and the southeast corner of parcel ED-05-057.01-02-01.00; then running south 57 degrees 05 minutes west 620 feet to the corner of said parcel; then running north 27 degrees 12 minutes west 201.0 feet; then continuing north 27 degrees 12 minutes west to the intersection of the centerline of Scarborough Road; then running southwestly with said line of Scarborough Road to the intersection of the waterway Fork Branch; then said line of Fork Branch in a northeasterly direction to the waterway Cahoon Branch; then said line of Cahoon Branch in a westerly direction to the intersection to of the centerline of West Dennys Road; then running westerly with said line of West Dennys Road to the intersection of McKee Road; then running southerly with said line of McKee Road to the intersection of the centerline of College Road; then running westerly with said line of College Road to the intersection of the centerline of Kenton Road; then running southerly with said line of Kenton Road to the intersection of the centerline of Walker Road; then running north easterly with said line of Walker Road to the intersection of the centerline of Saulsbury Road; then running southerly with said line of Saulsbury Road to the intersection of North Street; then running easterly with said line of North Street to the intersection of South Queen Street; then then running in a southerly direction with said line of South Queen Street to the southern edge of ED05-077.13-01-27.0; then running in a westerly direction with said line to the intersection of South New Street; then running in a northerly direction with said line of South New Street to its intersection with the centerline of West Water Street; then running in a easterly direction with said line West Water Street becomes East Water Street; then running in easterly direction with said line of East Water Street to the centerline of the intersection East Avenue; then running northly direction with said line of East Avenue to the centerline of the intersection of Martin Luther King Jr Boulevard South; then running westerly with said line of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard South to the easterly side of the Saint Jones River; then running in a southerly direction with said line of Saint Jones River to its intersection with the centerline of State Route 13; then running northeasterly with said line of State Route 13 to the intersection with the centerline of East Loockerman Street; then running in a westerly

direction with said line of East Loockerman Street to the intersection of the Saint Jones River; then running northwest with said line of the Saint Jones River to the intersection of Kings Highway; then running westerly with said line of Kings Highway becomes East Division Street; then running with said line of East Division Street to the intersection of the centerline of North Governors Avenue; then running northerly with said line of North Governors Avenue to the intersection of the centerline of Mary Street; then running westerly with said line of Mary Street to the centerline to the intersection of North West Street; then running southerly direction with said line of North West Street to the intersection of West Division Street; then running westerly with said line of West Division Street to the western edge of the railroad tracks; then running northwesterly with said western edge of the railroad tracts to the intersection of the centerline of Walker Road; then running in an easterly direction with said line of Walker Road to the intersection of North State Street; the running in a northeasterly direction with said line of North State Street to the centerline of State Route 13; then running in a northwesterly direction with said line of State Route 13 to the beginning point, excluding within these given boundaries any areas not within the corporate limits of the city.

ADOPTED: November 14, 2022

SYNOPSIS

In accordance with Article II - Mayor and Council, Section 5 - Council to be legislative body; size; districts; terms of mayor and councilmen; qualifications, of the Charter of the City of Dover, the ordinance divides the election district boundaries so that the districts are nearly equal in population as shown by the most recent federal decennial census (2020). This Ordinance is not in accordance with the 1988 Consent Decree (Order), the ordinance does not maintain a black majority district of at least a 65% black population and a majority black voting age population. This Ordinance was drafted upon a legal opinion received from the City Solicitor due to the change in the 2020 census data allowing persons to select more than one race and not being able to be counted towards the percentage of African American population.

(SPONSORS: SUDLER, ROCHA, HUGG)

Actions History:

November 14, 2022 – Public Reading/Final Reading

October 24, 2022 – Public Hearing/First Reading

September 27, 2022 – Election Board Meeting