

ORDINANCE NO. 74 OF 2022

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, SECTION 2-27
OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF
SHREVEPORT TO REAPPORTION THE SEVERAL
COUNCIL DISTRICTS OF THE CITY AND TO
OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

BY COUNCILMEMBER: JAMES GREEN

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 4.05 of the City Charter, the Council is required to reapportion the several council districts of the City after the promulgation of the Regular Official Federal Census of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Section 4.05 further requires that each council district shall contain nearly as possibly the population factor obtained by dividing by seven (7) the population of the city as shown by the most recent official census of the city; that such districts shall be arranged in a logical geographic pattern; that all parts of each district shall be continuous, and that such reapportionment shall, to the maximum extent possible, preserve the geographic pattern of districts which existed prior to revision; and

WHEREAS, the Council, by adoption of this ordinance, does find that this reapportionment of the several council districts of the City does comply with the Charter of the City of Shreveport and other applicable law.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana in due, legal, and regular session convened, that Chapter 2, Section 2-27 of the Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2-27. City council districts.

- (a) Pursuant to Section 4.05 of the City Charter, the districts for the election of council members are herein established and are comprised of the same election precincts numbered and described by the Caddo Parish Commission and adopted in Ordinance No. 5935 of 2019 of the Caddo Parish Commission. Certain of said precincts lie partially within and partially outside the corporate limits of the city. Certain other precincts were divided between two council districts to provide for equitable distribution of population for reapportionment purposes. The precincts or portions thereof which comprise the council districts are as shown on the map attached hereto and made a part hereof.
- (b) District map adopted. The map of the city showing the council districts and marked Plan 8B, attached hereto and made a part hereof is hereby adopted as the official map of said districts.
- (c) For the purposes of Section 3.02, 4.06 and 4.07 of the City Charter and other provisions of law relating to the qualifications and election of city council members,

the provisions of this section shall become effective on the earliest date set by the election laws of the state for qualifying for candidates for the city council members. For all other purposes, the effective date of this section shall be the first day of the term of city council members elected in 2022, in accordance with Section 3.01 of the City Charter and the election laws of the state.

- (d) Should the city annex additional area or areas prior to the effective date of this section, the current city council shall assign each annexed area or areas to the appropriate council district herein created in the manner contemplated by Section 4.05 of the City Charter.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision or item of this Ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this Ordinance which can be given affect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all Ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

THUS DONE AND ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana.

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

City Attorney's Office