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**BILL NO. 25-2022
AN ORDINANCE**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY OF READING CITY CODE, ADMINISTRATIVE CODE SECTION 5-215 COUNCIL DISTRICTS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE REDISTRICTING ADVISORY COMMISSION

Whereas, the City of Reading City Council appointed members to the Redistricting Advisory Commission after the receipt of the 2020 Census and provided the Commission with technical support from the Berks County Planning Department and the City of Reading Planning Commission, and

Whereas, after their review of the census data which shows an increase in the Reading population and their review of the census tracts, the Redistricting Advisory Commission recommended changes to the Council district boundaries as presented to City Council at the February 28, 2022 Council Committee of the Whole to comply with 53 Pa. C.S.A § 903 Municipal Reapportionment, which requires the governing body to create districts that are compact and contiguous territory as nearly equal in population as practicable.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF READING HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Amending the City of Reading Codified Ordinances by amending and restating Section 5-215 entitled Council Districts and amending the boundaries of the existing Council Districts (as shown on the Map shown on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference), originally created in 1993 by the Charter Commission, as amended in 2012, and as recommended by the 2022 Redistricting Advisory Commission as follows:

"A. The boundaries of the existing Council districts, created in 1993 by the Charter Commission and amended in 2012, as recommended by the Redistricting Advisory Commission, are amended as follows:

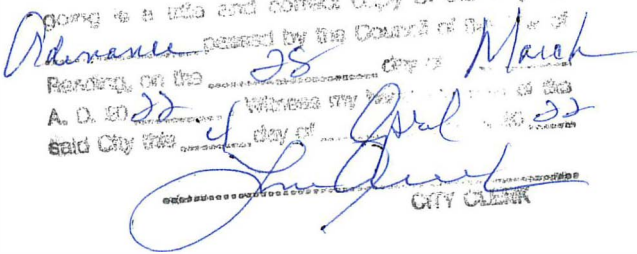
1. District 1.

1st Ward-1st precinct
2nd Ward-1st precinct
3rd Ward - 1st precinct
5th Ward - 1st precinct
18th Ward - 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th precincts

2. District 2.

3rd Ward-2nd precinct
8th Ward-1st precinct
10th Ward - 1st precinct
16th Ward - 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th precincts

I, LORNA A. KELLEHER, City Clerk of the City of Reading, Pa., do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original Ordinance passed by the Council of the City of Reading, on the 28 day of March, A. D. 2022. Witness my hand and the seal of said City this 4 day of April, 2022.


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3. District 3.

9th Ward-2nd and 5th precinct
11th Ward - 2nd and 3rd precincts
12th Ward-1st, 3rd and 5th precincts
13th Ward - 1st precinct

4. District 4.

13th Ward-2nd and 5th precincts
17th Ward - 1st, 2nd, 5th, 7th and 8th precincts

5. District 5.

14th Ward-6th precinct
15th Ward - 1st, 2nd, 6th and 7th precincts
19th Ward - 1st and 2nd precincts

6. District 6.

4th Ward - 1st precinct
~~5th Ward - 1st precinct~~
6th Ward - 1st and 3rd precinct
7th Ward - 1st precinct
14th Ward-1st, 4th and 5th precincts

B. Governing body members in office at the time of the reapportionment shall retain their offices until the end of their respective terms.

C. The election of members of the governing body under the reapportionment shall be held in accordance with law relating to the entity and the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L. 1333, No. 320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code.”

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall become effective in ten (10) days, in accordance with Charter Section 219.

Enacted March 28, 2022

President of Council

Attest: _____

City Clerk

Submitted to Mayor: _____

Date: 3/29/22

Received by the Mayor's Office: _____

Date: 3/30/2022

Approved by the Mayor: _____

Date: 3/31/22

EXHIBIT "A"
Map of Council Districts

City of Reading, PA Proposed Council Districts Change 2022

