

**Council Members**

District 1: Terry Graham  
District 2: Charlene McGriff  
District 3: Billy Mosteller, Secretary  
District 4: Larry Honeycutt  
District 5: Steve Harper, Chair  
District 6: Allen Blackmon  
District 7: Brian Carnes, Vice-Chair

**County Administrator**

Dennis Marstall

**County Attorney**

John K. DuBose III

**Clerk to Council**

Sherrie Simpson

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**January 31, 2022**

**6:00 PM**

**101 North Main Street  
Lancaster, SC 29720**

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**LANCASTER COUNTY COUNCIL  
County Council Chambers, County Administration  
Building, 101 North Main Street, Lancaster, SC 29720**

**SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA**

1. **Call to Order - Chairman Steve Harper**
2. **Welcome and Recognition - Chairman Steve Harper**
3. **Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation - Council Member Larry Honeycutt**
4. **Approval of the Agenda**

*[deletion and additions of non-substantive matter]*

5. **Citizens Comments**

*[Lancaster County Council welcomes comments and input from citizens who may not be able to attend Council meetings in person. Written comments may be submitted via mail to ATTN: Sherrie Simpson, Post Office Box 1809, Lancaster, SC, 29721, by email to Sherrie Simpson at [ssimpson@lancastersc.net](mailto:ssimpson@lancastersc.net) or by online submission by selecting the "Citizens Comments" quick link located on the County website homepage at <https://www.mylancastersc.org/>. Comments must be no longer than approximately 3 minutes when read aloud. Comments received will be acknowledged during the Citizens Comments portion of the meeting. Comments will need to be received prior to 4:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. Please use the same link above in order to submit input/comments for Public Hearings.]*

- a. Approval of Minutes from the January 13, 2022 Redistricting Study Committee Meeting
- b. Approval of Minutes from the January 19, 2022 Redistricting Study Committee Meeting

6. **Non-Consent Agenda**

- a. 3rd Reading of Ordinance 2021-1784 regarding Approval and Adoption of a Redistricting Plan  
Ordinance Title: An Ordinance To Approve And Adopt A Redistricting Plan For The Election Districts Used To Elect Members Of County Council; To Authorize The County Administrator And Other County Officials To Take Any Necessary Actions To Effectuate The Purposes Of This Ordinance; And To Adopt Other Matters Related Thereto. - ***Passed 7-0 at the November 8, 2021 County Council Meeting. Passed 7-0 at the January 24, 2022 County Council Meeting. - John DuBose***

7. **Discussion and Action Items**

- a. Approval to Sunset the Redistricting Study Committee - Dennis Marstall

8. **Citizens Comments**

*[If Council delays until end of meeting]*

9. **Adjournment**

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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgSIMrcYjcYcu1m-e6TV54w>*

## Agenda Item Summary

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Ordinance # / Resolution #: N/A

Contact Person / Sponsor: Sherrie Simpson / Clerk to Council

Department: County Clerk

Date Requested to be on Agenda: 1/31/2022

**Issue for Consideration:**

Approve or amend the minutes from the January 13, 2022 Redistricting Study Committee meeting. The Redistricting Study Committee has completed their work, will be disbanded and will not meet again in order to approve the minutes.

**Points to Consider:**

The draft minutes from the January 13, 2022 Redistricting Study Committee meeting are attached for Council's review and consideration.

**Funding and Liability Factors:**

There are no funding or liability factors.

**Council Options:**

Approve or amend the minutes.

**Recommendation:**

Approve the minutes as written.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

| Description                                                            | Upload Date | Type            |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Draft Minutes from the 1-13-2022 Redistricting Study Committee Meeting | 1/25/2022   | Backup Material |

**Council Members**  
Brian Carnes, Chair

Allen Blackmon

Charlene McGriff



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**LANCASTER COUNTY  
REDISTRICTING STUDY COMMITTEE  
County Council Chambers, County Administration  
Building, 101 North Main Street, Lancaster, SC 29720**

**MINUTES**

Committee Members present: Allen Blackmon, Brian Carnes and Charlene McGriff.

Committee Members absent: None.

Staff Members/Others present: Dennis Marstall, County Administrator; John DuBose, County Attorney, who joined the meeting via Conference Call; Sherrie Simpson, Clerk to Council; and citizens.

A quorum of the Redistricting Study Committee was present for the meeting. The following press were notified of the meeting by e-mail in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act: *The Lancaster News*, *Kershaw News Era*, *The Rock Hill Herald*, Cable News 2, Channel 9 and the local government channel. The agenda was posted in the lobby of the County Administration Building and also on the County website the required length of time.

**Call to Order - Committee Chair Brian Carnes**

Committee Chair Brian Carnes called the Redistricting Study Committee meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m.

**Approval of the Agenda**

Allen Blackmon moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Charlene McGriff. Motion Passed 3-0.

**Citizens Comments/Public Participation**

The following citizens signed up for and spoke during Citizens Comments: None.

The following citizens submitted electronic, written comments for Citizens Comments: None.

### Approval of Minutes

Charlene McGriff moved to approve the minutes from the November 17, 2021 Redistricting Study Committee meeting. Seconded by Allen Blackmon. Motion Passed 3-0.

### Executive Session

- a. One Item (AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION, COUNCIL MEMBERS MAY MAKE MOTIONS IN OPEN SESSION):

- 1. *Receipt of Legal Advice concerning Redistricting. SC Code 30-4-70(a)(2).*

Allen Blackmon moved to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Charlene McGriff. Motion Passed 3-0. At approximately 6:03 p.m., the Committee went into Executive Session to discuss the following item: (1) receipt of legal advice concerning Redistricting, pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70(a)(2).

The Committee came out of Executive Session and Brian Carnes called the Committee meeting back to order at approximately 6:32 p.m. Allen Blackmon moved to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Charlene McGriff. Motion Passed 3-0.

Upon returning to open session, John DuBose, who joined the meeting via Conference Call, noted for the record that during Executive Session, the Committee received legal advice concerning Redistricting. He also noted that, during Executive Session, no decisions were made and no votes were taken.

### Discussion/Action Items

- a. Proposed Redistricting Map - Committee Chair Brian Carnes

Brian Carnes explained that the Redistricting Study Committee wanted to provide an update on the progress of the proposed redistricting map. He further explained that the Committee believes it has a viable minority majority district that complies with federal law. He noted that the one remaining task was to consider the district boundaries of the remaining districts so that they can bring the population variances within legally acceptable deviation percentages. He stated that, in order to complete that remaining task, the Committee would hold another Redistricting Study Committee meeting on Wednesday, January 19, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

### Adjournment

Charlene McGriff moved to adjourn the Committee meeting. Seconded by Allen Blackmon. The motion to adjourn Passed 3-0. There being no further business, the Redistricting Study Committee meeting adjourned at approximately 6:33 p.m.

## Agenda Item Summary

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Ordinance # / Resolution #: N/A

Contact Person / Sponsor: Sherrie Simpson / Clerk to Council

Department: County Clerk

Date Requested to be on Agenda: 1/31/2022

**Issue for Consideration:**

Approve or amend the minutes from the January 19, 2022 Redistricting Study Committee meeting. The Redistricting Study Committee has completed their work, will be disbanded and will not meet again in order to approve the minutes.

**Points to Consider:**

The draft minutes from the January 19, 2022 Redistricting Study Committee meeting are attached for Council's review and consideration.

**Funding and Liability Factors:**

There are no funding or liability factors.

**Council Options:**

Approve or amend the minutes.

**Recommendation:**

Approve the minutes as written.

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Committee Members absent: None.

Staff Members/Others present: Dennis Marstall, County Administrator; John DuBose, County Attorney; Sherrie Simpson, Clerk to Council; and citizens.

A quorum of the Redistricting Study Committee was present for the meeting. The following press were notified of the meeting by e-mail in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act: *The Lancaster News*, *Kershaw News Era*, *The Rock Hill Herald*, Cable News 2, Channel 9 and the local government channel. The agenda was posted in the lobby of the County Administration Building and also on the County website the required length of time.

**Call to Order - Committee Chair Brian Carnes**

Committee Chair Brian Carnes called the Redistricting Study Committee meeting to order at approximately 6:03 p.m.

**Approval of the Agenda**

Charlene McGriff moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Allen Blackmon. Motion Passed 3-0.

**Citizens Comments/Public Participation**

The following citizens signed up for and spoke during Citizens Comments: None.

The following citizens submitted electronic, written comments for Citizens Comments: None.

## **Executive Session**

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The Committee came out of Executive Session and Brian Carnes called the Committee meeting back to order at approximately 6:15 p.m. Charlene McGriff moved to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Allen Blackmon. Motion Passed 3-0.

Upon returning to open session, John DuBose noted, for the record, that during Executive Session, the Committee received legal advice concerning the redistricting process. He also noted that, during Executive Session, no votes were taken and no decisions were made.

## **Discussion/Action Items**

- a. Proposed Redistricting Map - Committee Chair Brian Carnes

Allen Blackmon moved to positively recommend the proposed redistricting map labeled and identified as "Proposal 10" to County Council for its consideration at the January 24, 2022, County Council meeting and that the proposed map be included in the agenda package for Ordinance 2021-1784. Seconded by Charlene McGriff. Motion Passed 3-0. The "Proposal 10" map is attached as Schedule A to the written minutes in the Clerk to Council's office.

Brian Carnes explained that the Redistricting Study Committee held seven meetings, eight including tonight, to receive public input on the redistricting process. He further noted that the Committee wanted to express its gratitude to all citizens of Lancaster County that have participated by providing input on the redistricting process. He explained that there are many factors and stakeholders to consider in the redistricting process and hearing the thoughts and concerns of the citizens of Lancaster County were an invaluable resource to the Committee. He noted that the County retained consultants to assist in the redistricting process and provide guidance to the Committee so that the recommended map would be compliant with the United States Constitution, the South Carolina Constitution, Federal law and State law. He further explained that the map recommended by the Committee for consideration and approval by County Council was the result of careful consideration by the Committee over the last seven meetings and that they feel that it best reflects the public input received while also maintaining compliance with applicable law.

John DuBose reviewed the legal considerations regarding redistricting.

## **Adjournment**

Charlene McGriff moved to adjourn the Committee meeting. Seconded by Allen Blackmon. The motion to adjourn Passed 3-0. There being no further business, the Redistricting Study Committee meeting adjourned at approximately 6:22 p.m.

## Agenda Item Summary

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Ordinance # / Resolution #: Ordinance 2021-1784

Contact Person / Sponsor: Dennis Marstall/Administration, Jim Kiley/GIS, John DuBose/County Attorney

Department: Attorney

Date Requested to be on Agenda: 1/31/2022

### **Issue for Consideration:**

Consideration of Lancaster County redistricting map for Council districts 2022 - 2030.

### **Points to Consider:**

Every ten years County Council must redraw the Council district lines to account for the population numbers. This was last done in 2011 for the 2010 Census and now in 2021 this must be done again to account for the 2020 Census numbers.

This process is governed by South Carolina Code of Laws Section 4-9-90.

The County, acting by and through its Council, has adopted the criteria that it has elected to use, to maintain compliance with the United States Constitution, the Constitution of the State of South Carolina, Section 4-9-90 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended, and the United States Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended to realign the boundaries of the Election Districts and the following criteria were utilized in developing the Redistricting Plan:

1. Adhere to the court-ordered Constitutional requirement of one (1) person, one (1) vote and do so by following constitutionally mandated equal protection requirements and accepted population variances;
2. Adhere to a state law population variance per district under ten percent (10%);
3. Adhere to the Law and controlling court decisions;
4. Ensure that parts of each proposed County Council District are contiguous;
5. Respect "Communities of Interest;"
6. Attempt to maintain constituent consistency;
7. Attempt to avoid splitting voting precincts;
8. Solicit and consider public input;

We no longer fall under Pre-clearance from the U.S. Department of Justice. That said, the Voting Rights Act is still in effect and judicial review is always a possibility.

The maps attached to Committee agendas were drafts for the Committee's consideration and Council's consideration. The drawing of the lines is a Council policy decision. As staff, the aim is to make sure that the numbers for districts in the draft version are in compliance with applicable statutory law and case law.

As previously stated, one thing that is allowed is to protect incumbents and not make them have to run against each other. This has been accomplished with the exception of District 4 which is moving to the panhandle. Councilman Honeycutt has stated he is not running for re-election and a new member will represent this District in 2023.

Lancaster County engaged the professional services of a redistricting consultant and a statistician to assist in the review and formation of the proposed majority-minority district (Council District #2) to assure compliance with Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act, the 14th Amendment of the United States Constitution, the South Carolina State Constitution, and state law.

A bivariate regression analysis of racial polarized voting patterns in Lancaster County was conducted and the results of the analysis confirmed that all three of the *Thornburg v. Gingles* factors are present and satisfied. As evidenced by the proposed boundaries of Council District #2, there is an ability to draw a reasonably compact majority minority district based on voting age population. The bivariate regression analysis of racially polarized voting patterns revealed evidence of bloc voting by black voters

in Lancaster County and that the surrounding majority group usually votes in such a way to defeat the minority group's candidate of choice. The bivariate regression analysis revealed a high level of racially polarized voting.

Drawing the lines is a political/ policy exercise, but does require equal distribution of representation across all seven districts. The 2020 Census number for Lancaster County was 96,016. Divided by 7 districts that means ideally each County Council District would contain 13,717 (rounded) residents. Please note this is based on residents and not registered voters, citizens, or other designation.

Given the panhandle area (Census Tract 112) grew far more than other portions of the county, it now has enough population to account for 2.97 Council districts. This means one Council district currently in another area must move to the panhandle. The Council Districts outside the panhandle that were under the ideal number must grow to fill in the gap by the shifting of one district to the panhandle.

A key point is that, pursuant to earlier Council direction, we left congregate residential settings, such as nursing homes, correctional facilities, etc. in their location. Those residents are included in the calculation of each district population count.

As Council considers the lines and numbers, please note:

- It is impossible to have 7 districts with perfectly balanced populations number. Population variances have been kept under 10 percent in compliance with the requirements of the Home Rule Act and the 14th Amendment.
- When drawing lines we must draw using GIS/ Census polygons. Dividing lines are normally streets, creeks, high-power lines, and similar non-movable points. We cannot draw based on property parcel lines.
- It should be noted that an effort to avoid splitting communities of interest should be made but that is to the extent possible. As noted, it is simply impossible to have 7 equal districts.

Finally, it should be noted that while the Delegation has historically followed the County Council lines for the School District lines that is not a legal requirement.

#### **Funding and Liability Factors:**

Not applicable.

#### **Council Options:**

Approve or disapprove of the redrawn County Council election district map.

#### **Recommendation:**

Ordinance 2021-1784, adopting a County Council District map, is presented to Council for a 3rd reading vote.

Attached to the Ordinance please find a map of existing County Council districts with 2020 census data for each distinct (Exhibit A to the Ordinance) and the proposed County Council District map (Exhibit B to the Ordinance).

A map of census tracts showing the current population in each census tract and a handout from Revenue and Fiscal Affairs are also included in the agenda package.

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

| Description                                                     | Upload Date | Type      |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Ordinance 2021-1784                                             | 1/17/2022   | Ordinance |
| Ordinance 2021-1784 Exhibit A, current districts with 2020 data | 1/18/2022   | Exhibit   |
| Ordinance 2021-1784 Exhibit B, Map Proposal 10                  | 1/17/2022   | Exhibit   |
| Revenue & Fiscal Affairs Handout                                | 10/21/2021  | Exhibit   |



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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ORDINANCE NO. 2021-1784

COUNTY OF LANCASTER

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### AN ORDINANCE

**TO APPROVE AND ADOPT A REDISTRICTING PLAN FOR THE ELECTION DISTRICTS USED TO ELECT MEMBERS OF COUNTY COUNCIL; TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR AND OTHER COUNTY OFFICIALS TO TAKE ANY NECESSARY ACTIONS TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSES OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND TO ADOPT OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.**

Be it ordained by the Council of Lancaster County, South Carolina:

#### **Section 1. Findings and Determinations.**

Council finds and determines that:

a. with the completion and release of the Federal Decennial Census of 2020 ("2020 U.S. Census"), a realignment of the electoral districts used for the election of members of Council is necessary to maintain compliance with the United States Constitution, the Constitution of the State of South Carolina, Section 4-9-90 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended, and the United States Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended (collectively, "Law");

b. there presently exist seven single member districts ("Election Districts") for the election of Council members;

c. the purpose of this ordinance is to realign the boundaries of the Election Districts to meet the requirements of, and in accordance with, the Law and the 2020 U.S. Census;

d. the realignment of the election district boundaries for redistricting purposes is based upon the 2020 U.S. Census in order that the population of the Election Districts comply with the requirements set forth in the United States Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended;

e. the pertinent population and demographic data for the current Election Districts, from such 2020 U.S. Census, is attached to this ordinance as Exhibit A and is incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth verbatim herein;

f. the County, acting by and through its Council, has adopted the criteria that it has elected to use, in accordance with the Law, to realign the boundaries of the Election Districts and the following criteria were utilized in developing the Redistricting Plan:

1. Adhere to the court-ordered Constitutional requirement of one (1) person, one (1) vote and do so by following constitutionally mandated equal protection requirements and accepted population variances;
2. Adhere to a state law population variance per district under ten percent (10%);
3. Adhere to the Law and controlling court decisions;
4. Ensure that parts of each proposed County Council District are contiguous;

5. Respect "Communities of Interest;"
6. Attempt to maintain constituent consistency;
7. Attempt to avoid splitting voting precincts;
8. Solicit and consider public input;

g. a map depicting the redistricting of the Election Districts, as determined by Council, in accordance with the Law, utilizing the criteria set forth herein, is attached to this ordinance as Exhibit B (Draft Plan Proposal 10, dated January 14, 2022), and is incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth verbatim herein; and

h. pertinent population and demographic data for the redistricted Election Districts, from the 2020 U.S. Census, is included in the Population Summary Report section of the proposed map, Exhibit B, and is incorporated herein as if fully set forth verbatim herein; and

i. Council desires to authorize and direct the County Administrator to take such administrative actions and to promulgate and execute such procedures and policies as may be necessary or desirable to carry into effect and implement the redistricted Election Districts provided for and adopted in this ordinance, including any elections required thereby, and in accord with the Law.

#### **Section 2. Approval of Election Districts.**

The seven single member Election Districts for the election of Council members in Lancaster County are hereby redistricted as depicted on the map of the County attached to this ordinance as Exhibit B (Draft Plan Proposal 10, dated January 14, 2022). By adoption of this ordinance, Council approves the redistricted Election Districts.

#### **Section 3. County Administrator Authority.**

The County Administrator is authorized and directed to take all such administrative actions to promulgate and execute such procedures and policies as may be necessary or desirable to carry into effect and implement the redistricted Election Districts provided for and adopted in this ordinance, including any elections required thereby, and in accord with the Law.

#### **Section 4. Authority of Other County Officials.**

The Council Chair, Secretary and Clerk, County Attorney and any other appropriate County official are each authorized to take such actions and to execute such documents as may be necessary to effectuate the purposes of this ordinance.

#### **Section 5. Severability.**

If any section, subsection or clause of this ordinance is held to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, the validity of the remaining sections, subsections and clauses shall not be affected.

#### **Section 6. Conflicting Provisions.**

To the extent this ordinance contains provisions that conflict with provisions contained elsewhere in the Lancaster County Code or other County ordinances, the provisions contained in this ordinance supersede all other provisions and this ordinance is controlling.

**Section 7.      Effective Date.**

This ordinance is effective upon Third Reading.

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**AND IT IS SO ORDAINED**

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

**LANCASTER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA**

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Steve Harper, Chair, County Council

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Billy Mosteller, Secretary, County Council

ATTEST:

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Sherrie Simpson, Clerk to Council

First Reading: November 8, 2021  
Second Reading: January 24, 2022  
Public Hearing: January 24, 2022  
Third Reading: January 31, 2022

Approved as to form:

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John DuBose, County Attorney

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**Exhibit A to Ordinance No. 2021-1784  
Current District Statistics Report**

See attached.

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**Exhibit B to Ordinance No. 2021-1784**  
**Draft Plan**  
**Election District Map**

See attached.

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| 2       | 13717  | 10197   | -3520   | -25.66% | 3153     | 30.92%   | 5879       | 57.65%    | 51        | 0.5%      | 37        | 0.36%     | 0          | 0%         | 474       | 4.65%     |
| 3       | 13717  | 10621   | -3096   | -22.57% | 8782     | 82.69%   | 1111       | 10.46%    | 37        | 0.35%     | 33        | 0.31%     | 0          | 0%         | 139       | 1.31%     |
| 4       | 13717  | 11425   | -2292   | -16.71% | 7500     | 65.65%   | 2734       | 23.93%    | 18        | 0.16%     | 95        | 0.83%     | 1          | 0.01%      | 445       | 3.89%     |
| 5       | 13717  | 11094   | -2623   | -19.12% | 7120     | 64.18%   | 2849       | 25.68%    | 43        | 0.39%     | 30        | 0.27%     | 0          | 0%         | 526       | 4.74%     |
| 6       | 13717  | 10285   | -3432   | -25.02% | 6973     | 67.8%    | 2706       | 26.31%    | 39        | 0.38%     | 22        | 0.21%     | 1          | 0.01%      | 107       | 1.04%     |
| 7       | 13717  | 22425   | 8708    | 63.48%  | 16282    | 72.61%   | 2073       | 9.24%     | 64        | 0.29%     | 1230      | 5.48%     | 8          | 0.04%      | 729       | 3.25%     |

Points of Interest

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Airport

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Animal Control

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Convenience Center

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Court

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Fire

⌘

Library

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Medical

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Recreation

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Public Safety

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School

Roads

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Secondary

Local

County\_Council Line

County Limit

DISTRICT

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3

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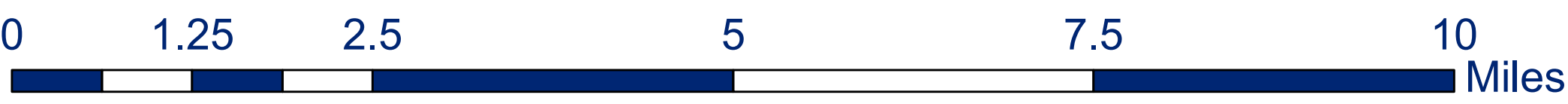
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# Lancaster County, South Carolina

## Existing Council Districts Using 2020 Population



Proposal 4 Revision 5



The County of Lancaster provides this data for reference only. All data must be field verified before the information is used for design/project work. The County of Lancaster is not responsible or liable for any inaccuracies. Any design using this data is at users' sole risk. Also note that information is subject to change at any time.

Population Summary Report

| District No. | TOTAL Population | Target Population | Target Deviation | Target Deviation (%) | Non-Hispanic white (%) | Hispanic (%) | Non-Hispanic black (%) | Non-Hispanic Asian (%) | Non-Hispanic Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander (%) | Non-Hispanic some other race (%) | Non-Hispanic American Indian/Alaskan Native (%) |
|--------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------------|------------------------|--------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| D1           | 14,541           | 13,717            | 824              | 6.01                 | 80.73%                 | 4.52%        | 10.40%                 | 2.20%                  | 0.01%                                               | 0.85%                            | 0.98%                                           |
| D2           | 13,699           | 13,717            | -18              | -0.13                | 33.32%                 | 10.39%       | 53.95%                 | 0.31%                  | 0.01%                                               | 0.49%                            | 1.05%                                           |
| D3           | 13,280           | 13,717            | -437             | -3.19                | 79.97%                 | 2.79%        | 13.67%                 | 0.56%                  | 0.00%                                               | 0.53%                            | 2.06%                                           |
| D4           | 13,969           | 13,717            | 252              | 1.84                 | 69.23%                 | 9.70%        | 9.74%                  | 8.04%                  | 0.02%                                               | 1.51%                            | 1.22%                                           |
| D5           | 13,284           | 13,717            | -433             | -3.16                | 66.31%                 | 6.97%        | 23.38%                 | 0.80%                  | 0.01%                                               | 0.77%                            | 1.42%                                           |
| D6           | 13,176           | 13,717            | -541             | -3.94                | 68.56%                 | 2.35%        | 26.10%                 | 0.27%                  | 0.02%                                               | 0.69%                            | 1.61%                                           |
| D7           | 14,067           | 13,717            | 350              | 2.55                 | 74.56%                 | 8.90%        | 10.95%                 | 3.04%                  | 0.13%                                               | 0.83%                            | 1.32%                                           |

Points of Interest

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 Airport

⦿

 Animal Control

⦿

 Convenience Center

⌘

 Court

⦿

 Fire

⌘

 Library

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 Medical

⌘

 Recreation

⦿

 Public Safety

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 School

Roads

US

SC

Secondary

Local

County Limit

DISTRICT

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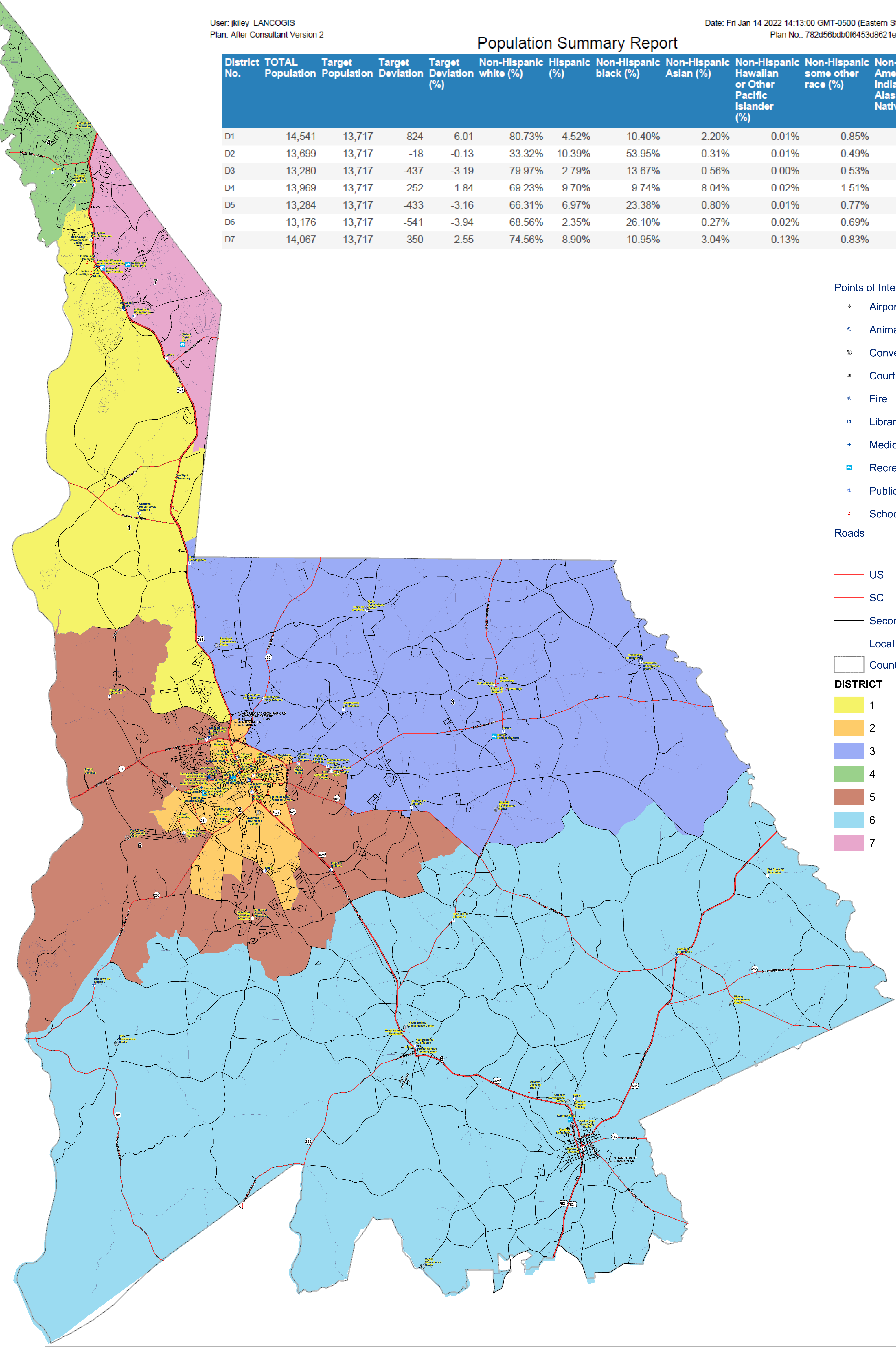
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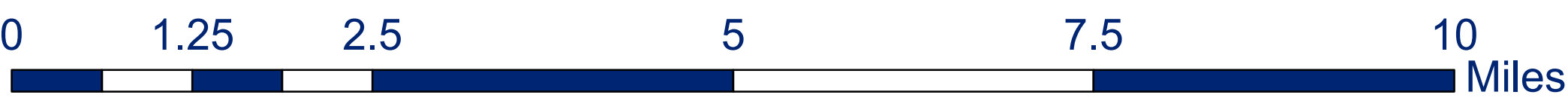
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## REDISTRICTING IN SOUTH CAROLINA

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### **Q: WHAT IS REDISTRICTING AND HOW DOES IT DIFFER FROM REAPPORTIONMENT?**

Redistricting is the process of redrawing the lines of districts from which public officials are elected. It typically takes place after each census to accommodate population changes over the previous decade. Redistricting affects all jurisdictions that have single-member elections, whether for members of Congress, state legislatures, county councils, city councils, school boards, etc. and seeks to equalize population among districts.

Reapportionment is the reallocation of congressional seats in the U.S. House of Representatives based on total state population. Like with redistricting, it is performed after the release of the state population totals based on the latest decennial census, which was the 2020 Census.

### **Q: WHY SHOULD I CARE ABOUT REDISTRICTING?**

Simply put: It's about your vote having the same impact as others.

One of the greatest rights the people of South Carolina have is to elect their own representatives to conduct the business of their government. Redistricting is the process to maximize that right. By engaging in the redistricting process, communities may have a better opportunity to express their interests in establishing districts for the next ten years.

### **Q: WHEN SHOULD REDISTRICTING BE COMPLETED?**

S.C. Code of Laws §4-9-90 requires counties to redistrict within a reasonable time prior to the next general election following the federal decennial census. There is no corresponding statute for other political subdivisions but similar constitutional principles apply.

Ordinarily, redistricting is to be accomplished before the start of the next election's filing period. If the redistricting simply cannot be accomplished before the start of the next election's filing period, the federal courts have generally allowed those elections to go forward using the prior maps – provided that the government has a “reasonably conceived plan” for timely completion of the new maps. The delay of the release of the 2020 census may impact the ability to accomplish this before November 2022.

### **Q: HOW IS REDISTRICTING COMPLETED?**

Generally, redistricting is an action just like a bill or ordinance and follows the same legislative process. Council must adopt the criteria that describes the key factors to be considered in the plan and discuss the plan at two or more meetings.

### **Q: WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR REDRAWING THE LINES OF THE VARIOUS ELECTORAL DISTRICTS?**

The responsibility varies for electoral districts at the federal, state and local levels. The following lists examples of common electoral districts and the entities responsible for redrawing the boundaries:

- U.S. Congress – Districts are drawn by the S.C. General Assembly.
- S.C. House of Representatives and Senate – Each legislative body draws its own districts.
- County Council – Districts are drawn by the County Council.
- City Council – Districts are drawn by the City Council.
- School Districts – Districts are drawn by the S.C. General Assembly.

### **Q: WHY DO WE REDRAW THE LINES?**

The U.S. Constitution, the S.C. Constitution and state law, among other authorities, require South Carolina to redraw electoral lines. Redistricting also is the fair and equitable thing to do to ensure people have effective representation in the various levels of government as populations change and communities grow and shrink. Ideally, redistricting enhances participation and representation in our democracy.

### **Q: WHAT CRITERIA ARE USED TO REDRAW ELECTION DISTRICT LINES?**

The criteria used for redistricting include:

- Districts must be of equal population, or as nearly as practical, to comply with the Equal Protection Clause of the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment and the principle of “one person, one vote.”
- Districts must comply with the federal Voting Rights Act to ensure that minorities have an equal opportunity to elect representatives of their choice.
- Districts must be drawn contiguously, so that all parts of the district are connected to each other.
- Districts must minimize the division of voting precincts, cities, counties, neighborhoods, and communities of interest to the extent possible.
- Districts should be geographically compact so that nearby areas of population are not bypassed for a more distant population.
- Districts must comply with other applicable court decisions and federal and state laws.

### **Q: WHAT ARE “COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST”?**

A community of interest is not a set standard for defining districts but is considered as part of the traditional redistricting principles. A community of interest could be a neighborhood, community, or group of people that has common policy concerns, as well as social and economic interests, and would benefit from being maintained in a single district. Another way of understanding a community of interest is that it is simply a way

for a community to tell its own story about what residents share in common, and what makes it unique when compared to surrounding communities. Many times, multiple communities may exist in an area or cross traditional boundaries like schools and voting precincts. Keeping communities of interest together is an important principle in redistricting and participating in a public hearing helps to ensure that communities are not left out of the political process.

**Q: WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE S.C. REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE (RFA) IN REDISTRICTING?**

RFA provides state and local governments with services performed in accordance with redistricting laws and principles. However, RFA does not provide legal advice or representation.

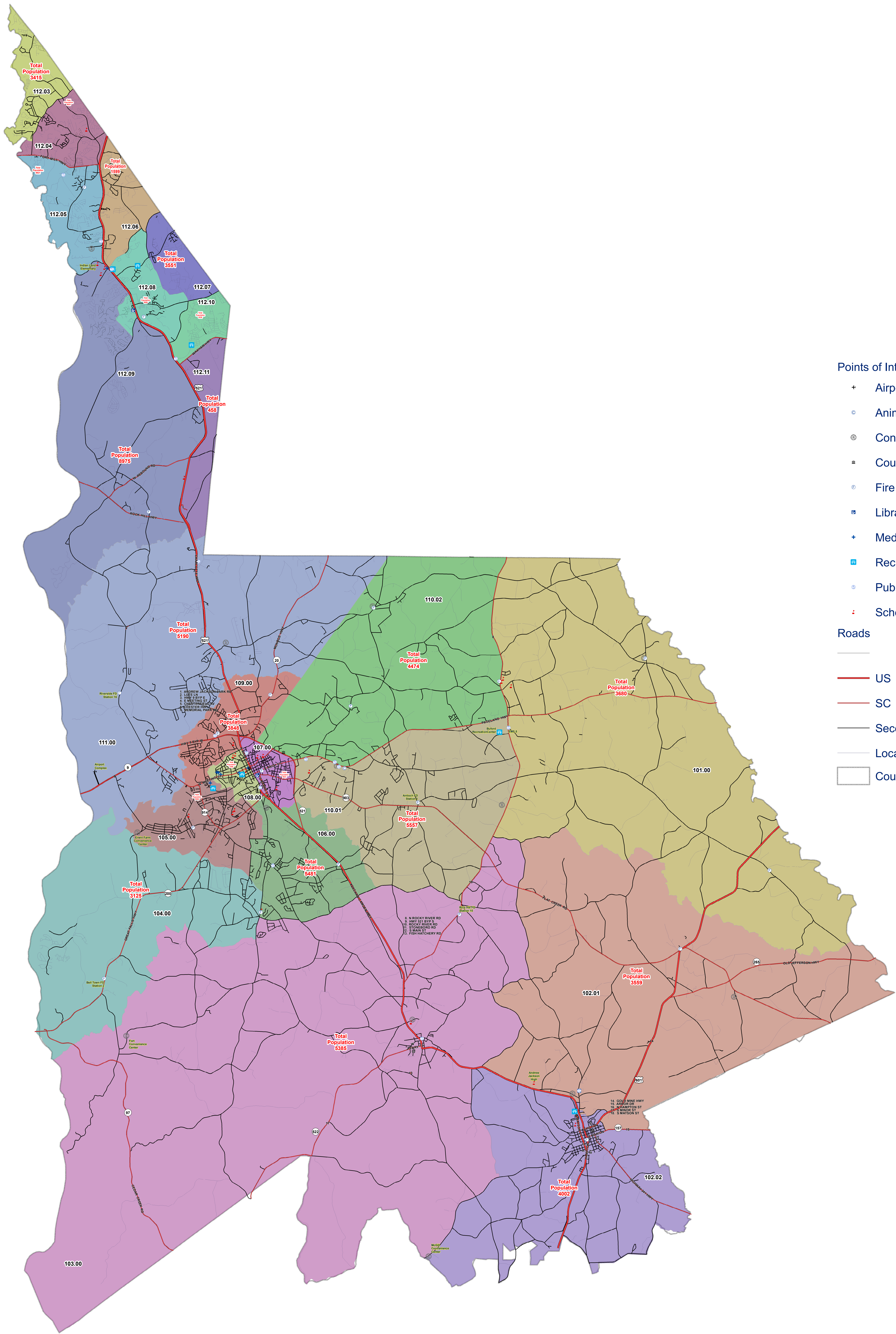
**Q: HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?**

As part of the legislative process, public hearings are a key part of the process and redistricting is no exception. Public hearings are often held to allow for a more informal but detailed explanation of the proposed changes. Attending and participating in these events or contacting your representatives about redistricting are key ways to be informed and involved.

In the S.C. General Assembly, redistricting bills go through the legislative process, which typically allows for public testimony. County and city councils are required to have public hearings before final approval of redistricting measures.

**Q: WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION ON REDISTRICTING?**

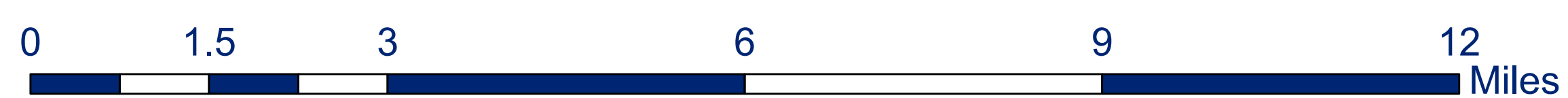
For more information on redistricting in South Carolina, please visit our website: [rfa.sc.gov](http://rfa.sc.gov).



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# Lancaster County, South Carolina

## Census 2020 Tracts



## Agenda Item Summary

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Ordinance # / Resolution #: N/A

Contact Person / Sponsor: Dennis Marstall / Administration

Department: Administration

Date Requested to be on Agenda: 1/31/2022

**Issue for Consideration:**

The Redistricting Study Committee has completed its work and has made a final map recommendation to Council; therefore, the Committee can be disbanded upon approval by Council.

**Points to Consider:**

The Committee made a final map recommendation to Council at its January 24, 2022 regular meeting. The 3rd and final reading of Ordinance 2021-1784 will be tonight and then redistricting will be finalized.

**Funding and Liability Factors:**

There are no funding or liability factors to sunset the Committee.

**Council Options:**

Council can approve to sunset the Committee or keep the Committee active.

**Recommendation:**

Sunset the Redistricting Study Committee.