

ORDINANCE NO. 665-06-2024

**ORDINANCE ADOPTING REDISTRICTING OF WARD BOUNDARIES FOR THE
CITY OF BAY ST. LOUIS, MISSISSIPPI**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. §21-8-7, the City Council (“Council”) of the City of Bay St. Louis, Mississippi (“City”) is authorized to designate the geographical boundaries of wards for the City;

WHEREAS, the data from the 2020 Census as provided to the City indicated that the variances among the wards of the City were not within the acceptable norm of the one-person, one-vote doctrine of the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution;

WHEREAS, the Council has utilized the services of counsel and a demographer to assist in the redistricting process;

WHEREAS, the Council has worked to develop a plan for the redistricting of ward boundaries;

WHEREAS, the Council has developed a redistricting plan using the following criteria: (1) Wards should be drawn to be relatively equal in size and there should be less than a ten percent (10%) overall maximum deviation; (2) The redistricting plan shall comply with Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and all other applicable state and federal laws; (3) Each ward shall be contiguous; (4) Each ward shall follow natural geographical boundaries where possible; and (5) Incumbent Council members shall be separated into individual wards to the extent possible;

WHEREAS, on March 26, 2024, the Council held a public meeting to discuss the proposed plan;

WHEREAS, the Council determines that the redistricting plan designated “City of Bay St. Louis RDP – Option 1A” as described and depicted in the attached Exhibits “A” and “B” to this Ordinance, satisfies the adopted redistricting criteria and complies with all state and federal laws, and should therefore be immediately adopted and become effective upon publication as set forth in Miss. Code Ann. §§ 21-13-11 and 21-17-19, to allow ample time for the updating of voter information by the appropriate officials, as each described below.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDAINED by the Council as follows:

Section 1. The Council of the City is hereby divided into six (6) wards with the new boundaries of the wards set forth in a map which accurately depicts the ward boundaries, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit "A".

Section 2. The pertinent 2020 Census population variance and population by race statistics of the wards described in the above-referenced map are contained in the table attached hereto as Exhibit "B" and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall be subject to the following provision: All incumbent councilmen shall continue to serve until their present terms of office have expired and their successors have been duly qualified, elected, and take office.

Section 4. The authorized officials shall proceed to alter precinct boundaries as needed to conform to the ward boundaries set forth herein and to revise the registration books and poll books of the City in such a manner as is necessary to change the registration books of the voting precincts affected thereby to be so changed as to conform to the change of ward boundaries and precincts and to contain only the names of qualified electors in the voting precincts as made by the change of boundaries and to reassign those registered voters whose wards are changed by this Ordinance and to notify such persons by United States Mail, postage pre-paid, of their reassignment as soon as practicable when accomplished.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force immediately after 30 days and the publication requirement set forth below is satisfied and shall be in force and supersede any prior ordinances of the Council regulating the same subject matter.

Section 6. Pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. §§ 21-13-11 and 21-17-19, as amended, the City is hereby authorized and directed to publish and post this Ordinance as provided therein. A copy of this Ordinance, including the full exhibits depicting the ward boundaries are on file for inspection by the public in the City Clerk's office during normal business hours.

After being reduced to writing, the foregoing Ordinance 665-06-2024 was read and considered, section by section, and then as a whole, whereupon Council Member Hoffman moved for its adoption, and after a second by Council Member DeSalvo, the following roll call vote was had:

Council Member Doug Seal	<u>YEA/NAY</u>
Council Member Gene Hoffman	<u>YEA/NAY</u>
Council Member Jeffrey Reed	<u>YEA/NAY</u>
Council Member Kyle Lewis	<u>YEA/NAY</u>
Council Member Buddy Zimmerman	<u>YEA/NAY</u>
Council Member Josh DeSalvo	<u>YEA/NAY</u>
Council Member Gary Knoblock	<u>YEA/NAY</u> Absent

Passed by the City Council of the City of Bay Saint Louis on the 18 day of June 2024.

CERTIFICATION

I, Caitlin Bourgeois, Deputy Clerk for the City of Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance 665-06-2024 was approved and adopted in the public meeting of the City Council held on June 18, 2024, a quorum being present, in the City Council Conference Chambers and to be recorded in the Minute Books, said Council being the duly elected, qualified, and acting governing body of Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi.

Presented by me to the Mayor on this, the 19 day of June 2024.

Caitlin Bourgeois
Caitlin Bourgeois, Deputy Clerk

Approved/Disapproved, and signed by me on this, the 19 day of June 2024.

Michael J. Favre
Michael J. Favre, Mayor

EXHIBIT A PROPOSED MAP

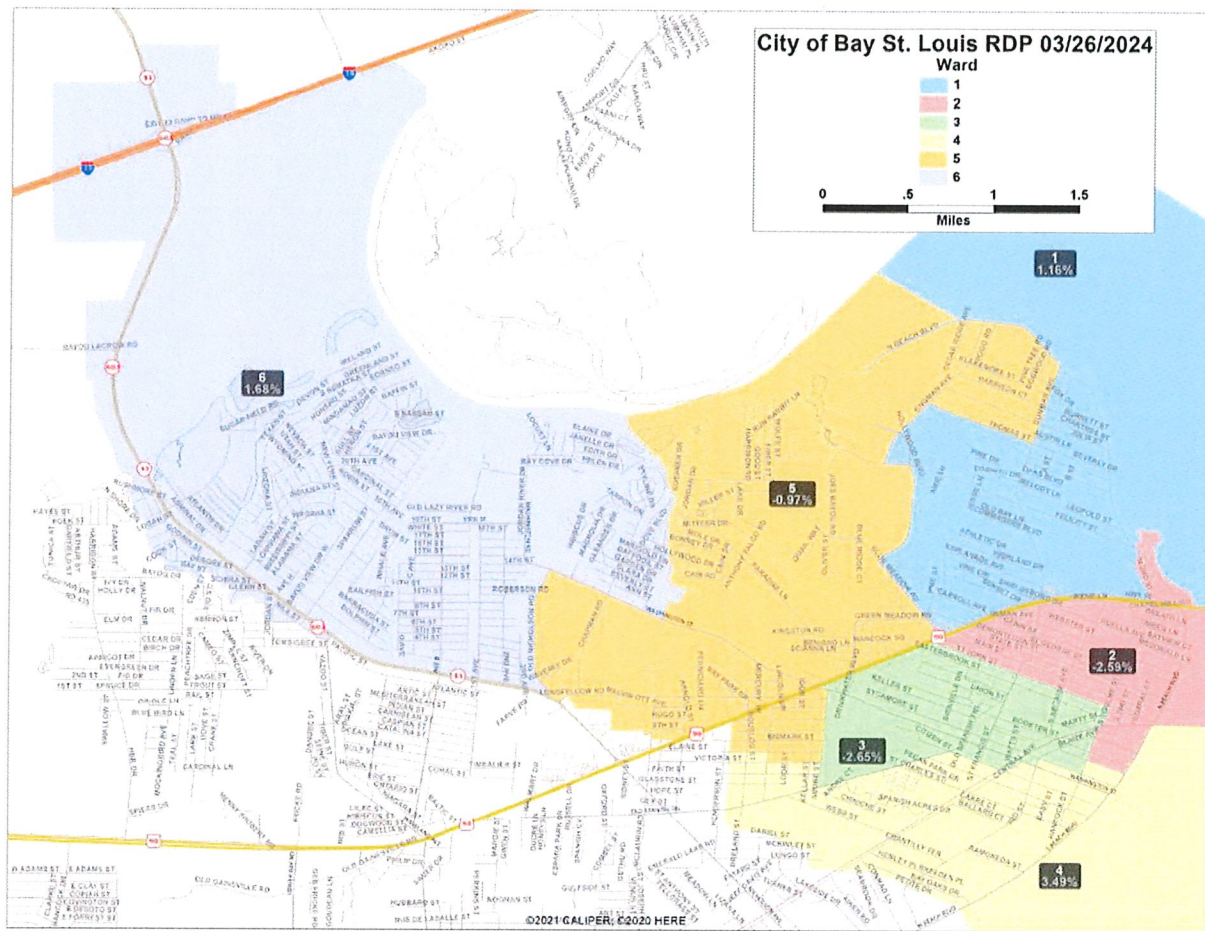


EXHIBIT B

Population Summary

Tuesday, April 2, 20248:38 AM

District	Population	Deviation	% Devn.	White	[% White]	Black	[% Black]	[% 18+ Pop]	[% 18+ _Wht]	[% 18+ _Blk]	[% 18+ _AP_Blk]
1	1,565	18	1.16%	1,307	83.51%	150	9.58%	80.13%	84.69%	8.69%	9.33%
2	1,507	-40	-2.59%	1,214	80.56%	137	9.09%	85.53%	83.79%	7.99%	8.38%
3	1,506	-41	-2.65%	699	46.41%	693	46.02%	79.55%	48.16%	46.33%	47.5%
4	1,601	54	3.49%	1,341	83.76%	130	8.12%	82.2%	85.71%	6.76%	7.75%
5	1,532	-15	-0.97%	1,193	77.87%	183	11.95%	79.11%	78.88%	10.23%	11.39%
6	1,573	26	1.68%	1,344	85.44%	82	5.21%	83.73%	88.31%	3.34%	4.1%
Total:	9,284										
Ideal District:	1,547										

Summary Statistics:

Population Range:	1,506 to 1,601
Ratio Range:	0.06
Absolute Range:	-41 to 54
Absolute Overall Range:	95
Relative Range:	-2.65% to 3.49%
Relative Overall Range:	6.14%
Absolute Mean Deviation:	32.33
Relative Mean Deviation:	2.09%
Standard Deviation:	35.17