

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-313**

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING NEW LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS FOR  
THE COUNCIL DISTRICTS OF THE CITY OF MADISON,  
ALABAMA**

**WHEREAS**, the Constitution of the United States requires that substantial equality of population exist among voting districts and the Voting Rights Act of 1965, 42 U.S.C. §1971, *et. seq.*, requires that all citizens, including those citizens who are members of protected minorities, have a fair opportunity to participate in the electoral process and elect candidates of choice on an equal basis with other voters; and

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance No. 2011-245 last established the City’s current city council voting districts based upon a total population of 42,938 as established by the 2010 federal decennial census data; and

**WHEREAS**, the regular 2020 federal decennial census data was released for the State of Alabama establishing that the City’s population increased to 56,970; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2020 federal decennial census data also identified changing demographics within the City Council districts; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary, desirable, and in the public interest, that the current City Council districts be further amended in order to achieve continuing conformity with the Constitution of the United States, Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act, and the laws of the State of Alabama; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has determined that the best interest and general welfare of the public as a whole will be served by the adoption of a plan which retains the City’s seven (7) single- member districts, as required by state law, said districts to be those described in *Exhibit A: Legal descriptions of the new council districts*, and illustrated in *Exhibit B: Redistricting Plan City of Madison, Alabama*, and which divides the City’s population, based upon the 2020 federal decennial census data as follows:

District	Total Population	% White	% Black	% Other	Voting Age Population	% White	% Black	% Other
1	7,800	68.5	12.2	19.3	5,497	68.2	12.9	18.9
2	7,871	69.8	10.8	19.4	5,344	71.7	11.2	17.0
3	7,769	58.6	24.3	17.1	6,054	62.5	22.6	14.9
4	8,193	60.1	18.1	21.8	5,578	61.4	18.6	20.0
5	8,539	78.2	7.9	13.9	6,570	79.9	7.9	12.2
6	8,413	69.6	12.4	18.0	6,390	71.7	12.1	16.1
7	8,385	60.8	18.8	20.5	6,070	63.0	18.6	18.4
Total	56,970	66.6	14.8	18.5	41,503	68.5	14.8	16.7

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has determined that the attached *Exhibit B: Redistricting Plan City of Madison, Alabama* is the best legislative plan available to continue conformity with the Constitution of the United States, Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act, the laws of the State of Alabama, and all other requirements of law applicable to this process.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Madison, Alabama, that the Current Districts, being a permanent plan, adopted by Ord. No. 2011-245, be and the same are hereby altered and further amended as follows:

1. The City of Madison is hereby divided into seven (7) City Council districts, said districts to be established as so described in this Ordinance, *Exhibit A: Legal descriptions of the new council districts* and *Exhibit B: Redistricting Plan City of Madison, Alabama*.
2. The Redistricting Plan shall not apply to any election held within six (6) months after the effective date of this Ordinance.
3. No new district boundary shall become effective until the next regular municipal election.
4. No term of any incumbent member of the Council shall be shortened because of the Redistricting Plan.
5. The Redistricting Plan shall be and remain in effect until publication of the regular 2030 decennial census and thereafter until action is taken to amend the same by either the Legislature of the State of Alabama or the City of Madison City Council acting in conformity with the Constitution of the United States, Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act, and the laws of the State of Alabama.

**READ and ADOPTED** this \_\_\_ day of October 2023.

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*Ranae Bartlett, Council President*  
City of Madison, Alabama

**ATTEST:**

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*Lisa D. Thomas, City Clerk-Treasurer*

**City of Madison, Alabama**

**APPROVED** this \_\_\_\_ day of October 2023.

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*Paul Finley, Mayor*  
**City of Madison, Alabama**