

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI
ADOPTING REDISTRICTING CRITERIA FOR THE REDISTRICTING OF THE
MUNICIPALITY’S WARD LINES FOLLOWING THE 2020 CENSUS, AND FOR
RELATED PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, as a result of the 2020 Census, the boundaries of Tupelo, Mississippi’s (“Municipality”) seven wards require redistricting in accordance with applicable state and federal law;

WHEREAS, the City Council (“Governing Body”) of the Municipality have engaged redistricting legal experts and consultants to assist the Municipality in its redistricting efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body now desires to adopt certain redistricting principles to serve as a roadmap for drafting ward boundaries.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body for and on behalf of the Municipality as follows:

Section 1. That any redistricting plan to be considered and adopted by the Governing Body, shall comply with the U.S. Constitution, the Mississippi Constitution, applicable state and federal law, including the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, and such plan shall also contain contiguous districts within +/- 5% deviation from the ideal district population. In addition to these primary criteria and to the extent practicable, the Governing Body will comply with the Voting Rights Act, will adhere to the constitutional one-person, one-vote rule, and ensure existing minority represented wards will not decrease in number. The Governing Body will also maintain compact ward boundaries and will take all possible measures to keep intact communities with established ties of common interest and association. The Governing Body will also separate incumbents into individual districts, maintain core retention of existing Wards, and, where possible, follow natural geographic boundaries in drawing ward lines.

Section 2. That upon completion of any draft redistricting map adhering to the criteria adopted herein, the Governing Body shall order and set a public hearing to provide the public an opportunity to review and comment on the redistricting process.

Following the reading of the foregoing resolution, Councilperson _____ made a motion for its adoption and Councilperson _____ seconded the motion. The Mayor put the question to a vote as follows:

Councilman Mims	voted: _____
Councilman Bryan	voted: _____
Councilman Beard	voted: _____
Councilwoman Davis	voted: _____
Councilman Palmer	voted: _____
Councilwoman Gaston	voted: _____
Councilwoman Jones	voted: _____

The motion having received the unanimous affirmative vote of the City Council of Tupelo, Mississippi, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted, on this the _____ day of _____, 2022.

Lynn Bryan, President
City Council

ATTEST:

Missy Shelton, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

Todd Jordan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kim Hanna, City Clerk