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**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING CRITERIA TO BE USED BY KERSHAW
COUNTY COUNCIL FOR THE ADOPTION OF A REDISTRICTING PLAN
FOR KERSHAW COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA IN COMPLIANCE WITH
THE 2010 UNITED STATES CENSUS**

WHEREAS, Section 4-9-90 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended, requires that "defined single-member election districts"...be reapportioned as to population by the county council within a reasonable time prior to the next scheduled general election which follows the adoption by the State of each federal decennial census"; and

WHEREAS, the federal decennial census has been adopted; and

WHEREAS, the United States Constitution requires the districts be reapportioned as to population after the adoption of the federal decennial census; and

WHEREAS, the United States Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, requires that single-member districts be reapportioned after the adoption of each federal decennial census; and

WHEREAS, Kershaw County Council desires to set forth the criteria for developing the 2010 single-member district plan for Kershaw County.

NOW, IT IS THEREFORE ORDAINED by Kershaw County Council that:

1. The following criteria shall be used for developing the 2010 single-member district plan for Kershaw County which said plan consists of six (6) single-member districts:

- 1) Adhere to the court ordered constitutional requirement of one person, one vote
- 2) Adherence to the 1965 Voting Rights Act as amended and by controlling court decisions
- 3) Ensure that parts of the districts are contiguous
- 4) Respect Communities of Interest
- 5) Attempt to maintain constituent consistency
- 6) Avoid splitting voting precincts

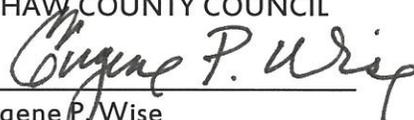
7) Solicit public input

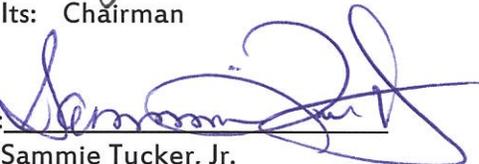
2. Kershaw County Council will develop a reapportioned single-member election district plan consisting of six (6) single-member districts in accordance with the criteria set forth herein and the South Carolina Home Rule Act Section 4-9-90.

3. Subsequent to development of a single-member election district plan consisting of six (6) single-member districts that Kershaw County enact its plan by ordinance in accordance with Section 4-9-90 having received public input and that the plan be submitted to the United States Justice Department as required by the United States Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended.

BE ORDAINED BY KERSHAW COUNTY COUNCIL.

KERSHAW COUNTY COUNCIL

By: 
Eugene P. Wise
Its: Chairman

By: 
Sammie Tucker, Jr.
Its: Vice Chairman

First Reading: June 14, 2011
Second Reading: June 28, 2011
Public Hearing: July 26, 2011
Third Reading: July 26, 2011

ATTEST:


Merri M. Seigler
Clerk to County Council