

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-07-15-01

AN ORDINANCE ADJUSTING THE BOUNDARIES OF COUNCIL DISTRICTS FOR THE CITY OF ASHLAND, ALABAMA PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF SECTION 11-46-23, CODE OF ALABAMA (1975), AS AMENDED

WHEREAS, Section 11-46-23, Code of Alabama (1975), as amended, authorized the City Council to adjust the City Council's district boundaries following the release of any federal decennial census;

WHEREAS, the City of Ashland is divided into five (5) Council Member districts;

WHEREAS, the City Council, upon reviewing the 2020 census data, has determined changes in population in each district warrant adjustments to the district boundaries to ensure equality in the voting process;

WHEREAS, the City Council presented to the public maps depicting proposed changes to the district boundaries and provided the public an opportunity to comment upon the proposals at a public hearing held on July 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the City Council duly considered all public comments regarding the redistricting proposals.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Pursuant to the authority contained in Section 11-46-23, Code of Alabama (1975), as amended, the City Council of the City of Ashland, Alabama, hereby readjusts and reestablishes the boundary lines of the five (5) Council Member districts of the City and the territory composing each such district for the purposes of City Council Member elections such that, hereafter, said district shall be and are now described as follows:

DISTRICT 1:

Beginning at the intersection of the centerline of 4th Avenue North and the present Ashland municipal limit line, said intersection being located in Section 19, Township 20 South, Range 8 East, said point being the Point of Beginning; thence easterly along the centerline of 4th Avenue North to the centerline of 8th Street West; thence southerly along said centerline to the centerline of 1st Avenue (also known as AL Highway 77); thence easterly along said centerline to the centerline of High Pine Road; thence southwesterly along the centerline of High Pine Road to the centerline of 2nd Avenue South; thence easterly along said centerline to the centerline of 3rd Street Southwest; thence southerly along said centerline to the centerline of 3rd Avenue South; thence westerly along said centerline to the centerline of High Pine Road; thence southerly along said centerline of High Pine Road to the centerline of Patty Lane on the western boundary of Section 30, Township 20 South, Range 8 East; thence northerly along the centerline of Patty Lane to the NW corner of Section 30; thence meandering northerly, westerly, and easterly along the present Ashland municipal limit line, said line being located in Sections 23 and 24 of Township 20 South, Range 7 East, and Section 19 of Township 20 South, Range 8 East, to the Point of Beginning; less and except any property or portion thereof not within the corporate boundary of the City of Ashland.

DISTRICT 2:

Beginning at the intersection of the centerline of 4th Avenue North and the present Ashland municipal limit line, said intersection being located in Section 19, Township 20 South, Range 8 East, said point being the Point of Beginning; thence easterly along the centerline of 4th Avenue North to the centerline of 8th Street West; thence southerly along said centerline to the centerline of 1st Avenue (also known as AL Highway 77); thence easterly along said centerline to the centerline of High Pine Road; thence southwesterly along the centerline of High Pine Road to the centerline of 2nd Avenue South; thence easterly along said centerline to the centerline of 1st Street South; thence northerly along said centerline to the point on the centerline where 1st Street South becomes 1st Street North; thence continuing northerly along said centerline to the centerline of 3rd Avenue North; thence westerly along said centerline to the centerline of 2nd Street Northwest; thence northerly and northeasterly along the centerline of 2nd Street Northwest to the centerline of County Road 31; thence northerly and easterly along said centerline to its intersection with the present Ashland municipal limit line; thence meandering westerly and southerly along the present Ashland municipal limit line, said line being located in Sections 17, 18, and 19 of Township 20 South, Range 8 East, to the Point of Beginning; less and except any property or portion thereof not within the corporate boundary of the City of Ashland.

DISTRICT 3:

Beginning at the intersection of the centerline of 2nd Avenue South and the centerline of 3rd Street Southwest, said intersection being located in Section 20, Township 20 South, Range 8 East, said point being the Point of Beginning; thence southerly along the centerline of 3rd Street Southwest to the centerline of 3rd Avenue South; thence westerly along said centerline to the centerline of High Pine Road; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the present Ashland municipal limit line at a point located on the southern boundary line of Section 19, Township 20 South, Range 8 East; thence meandering southerly and easterly along the present Ashland municipal limit line to its intersection with Royster Road in the NW 1/4 of the of the SW 1/4 of Section 29, Township 20 South, Range 8 East; thence northeasterly along the centerline of Royster Road to the centerline of Armory Road; thence northwesterly along the centerline of Armory Road to the point at which it intersects the northern boundary line of the NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 29; thence east along said quarter-quarter line and the present Ashland municipal limit line to the centerline of Royster Road; thence northeasterly along the centerline of Royster Road to the centerline of Phillips Street; thence north along the centerline of Phillips Street to the centerline of 2nd Street Southeast (also known as AL Highway 77); thence southeasterly along the centerline of 2nd Street Southeast to the centerline of 4th Street East; thence northerly along the centerline of 4th Street East to the centerline of Cragford Road; thence southwestwardly along the centerline of Cragford Road to the centerline of 5th Street East; thence northerly along the centerline of 5th Street East to the centerline of 1st Avenue (also known as AL Highway 9); thence southwestwardly along the centerline of 1st Avenue to the centerline of 2nd Avenue South; thence southwestwardly and westerly along the centerline of 2nd Avenue South to the Point of Beginning; less and except any property or portion thereof not within the corporate boundary of the City of Ashland.

DISTRICT 4:

Beginning at the intersection of the centerline of 1st Avenue (also known as AL Highway 9) and the centerline of 5th Street East, said intersection being located in Section 20, Township 20 South, Range 8 East, said point being the Point of Beginning; thence southerly along said 5th Street East centerline to the centerline of Cragford Road; thence northwesterly along said centerline to the centerline of 4th Street East; thence southerly along said centerline to the centerline of 2nd Street Southeast (also known as AL Highway 77); thence northwesterly along said centerline to the centerline of Phillips Street; thence southerly along the centerline of Phillips Street to the centerline of Royster Road; thence southwestwardly along said centerline to its intersection with the present Ashland municipal limits line; thence meandering southerly, easterly, and northerly along the present Ashland municipal limits line to its intersection with the south right-of-way line of 1st Avenue (also known as AL Highway 9) and the centerline of a utility transmission line, said municipal limit line being located in Sections 21, 28, 29, 32, and 33 of Township 20 South, Range 8 East; thence northwesterly, leaving said right- of-way and along said transmission line, 50' to a point on the centerline of 1st Avenue; thence southwestwardly along the centerline of 1st Avenue to the Point of

Beginning; less and except any property or portion thereof not within the corporate boundary of the City of Ashland.

DISTRICT 5:

Beginning at the intersection of the centerline of 1st Avenue (also known as AL Highway 9) and the centerline of 5th Street East, said intersection being located in Section 20, Township 20 South, Range 8 East, said point being the Point of Beginning; thence southwesterly along the centerline of 1st Avenue to the centerline of 2nd Avenue South; thence southwesterly and westerly along the centerline of 2nd Avenue South to the centerline of 1st Street South; thence northerly along said centerline to the point on the centerline where 1st Street South becomes 1st Street North; thence continuing northerly along said centerline to the centerline of 3rd Avenue North; thence westerly along said centerline to the centerline of 2nd Street Northwest; thence northerly and northeasterly along the centerline of 2nd Street Northwest to the centerline of County Road 31; thence northerly and easterly along said centerline to its intersection with the present Ashland municipal limit line; thence meandering easterly, southerly, and westerly along the present Ashland municipal limit line to its intersection with the south right-of-way line of 1st Avenue (also known as AL Highway 9) and the centerline of a utility transmission line, said municipal limit line being located in Sections 9, 15, 16, 17, 21, and 22 of Township 20 South, Range 8 East; thence northwesterly, leaving said right-of-way and along said transmission line, 50' to a point on the centerline of 1st Avenue; thence southwesterly along the centerline of 1st Avenue to the Point of Beginning; less and except any property or portion thereof not within the corporate boundary of the City of Ashland.

Section 2. The City Clerk is hereby directed to file a certified copy of this Ordinance in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Clay County, Alabama, together with a map or plat of the City depicting the districts as herein divided and described, as required by Section 11-46-23, Code of Alabama (1975), as amended.

Section 3. The City Clerk is further directed to publish this Ordinance in the Clay-Times Journal, a newspaper published in Clay County, Alabama, and by posting a copy of this Ordinance in three public places within the City. Such publication and posting shall occur within five (5) days of the adoption of this Ordinance.

Section 4. All ordinances or parts of thereof that conflict with this Ordinance shall be and hereby are repealed to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption and publication as required by law.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED on this the 15th day of July, 2024.

CITY OF ASHLAND, ALABAMA

**DIANNE BALLARD, Council Member,
District 1**

**BOBBIE STEED, Council Member, District
2**

KIM CAIN, Council Member, District 3

**ANNETTE GAITHER, Council Member,
District 4**

**TOMMY CANTRELL, Council Member,
District 5**

APPROVED this ____ day of July, 2024.

LARRY J. FETNER, its Mayor

APPROVED and **ATTESTED** this ____ day of July, 2024.

CHELSEY WYNN, Ashland City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

STATE OF ALABAMA)
)
COUNTY OF CLAY)

I, Chelsey Wynn, the duly appointed, qualified, and acting Clerk of the City of Ashland, Alabama, do hereby certify the foregoing is a true, correct, and complete copy of Ordinance No. 2024-07-15-01 adopted by the City Council of the City of Ashland, Alabama, at a regular meeting held on the 15th day of July, 2024, and at which a quorum was present and acting throughout, the original of which is on file and of record in my office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the official seal of the City of Ashland, Alabama on this the ___ day of July, 2024.

CHELSEY WYNN, Ashland City Clerk

STATE OF ALABAMA)
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COUNTY OF CLAY)

CERTIFICATION OF PUBLICATION

I hereby certify the attached ordinance, Ordinance No. 2024-07-15-01, was passed and adopted on the 15th day of July, 2024, and published by posting at the following locations on the ____ day of _____, 2024, at ____ o'clock __.m.:

1. Ashland City Hall (Mayor’s office);
2. Ashland Public Library;
3. Ashland Post Office;
4. the Clay County Courthouse; and
5. City of Ashland website (<https://www.cityofashlandal.com/>).

All notices will remain posted for not less than thirty (30) days after posting, and I further certify the Ordinance was published in the Clay Times-Journal on July 18, 2024. In addition, a certified copy of the Ordinance, along with a map depicting the districts and their respective boundaries as established by the Ordinance, was recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Clay County, Alabama on July __, 2024 in _____ Book ____ at Page _____.

CERTIFIED this _____ day of _____, 2024.

CITY OF ASHLAND, ALABAMA

CHELSEY WYNN
City Clerk/Administrator