

There came on for consideration at a duly constituted meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Long Beach, Mississippi, held on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024, the following Ordinance, which was reduced to writing and presented in advance of the meeting for reading and examination:

ORDINANCE NO. 670

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY OF LONG BEACH TO RECONSTITUTE AND DESCRIBE POLLING PRECINCTS AND DESIGNATE POLLING PLACES WITHIN EACH PRECINCT; AND TO DIRECT THE CITY CLERK AS REGISTRAR TO ARRANGE THE ROLLS OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH FOR EACH PRECINCT; AND TO SUBMIT THE ORDINANCE TO THE MISSISSIPPI SECRETARY OF STATE, AND TO EFFECT AND IMPLEMENT THIS ORDINANCE FOR THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED QUADRENNIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE YEAR 2025, AND SUBSEQUENT ELECTIONS, AND FOR ANY GENERAL REFERENDUM BY THE CITY OF LONG BEACH REQUIRING AN ELECTION AFTER VALIDATION OF THIS ORDINANCE UNDER THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 5 OF THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF 1965.

WHEREAS, the City of Long Beach, Mississippi, (hereinafter "the City") is a municipal corporation located in the First Judicial District of Harrison County, Mississippi, organized and existing according to the laws of the State of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, the City exists under the Code Charter statutory form of government as provided by Miss. Code Ann. (1972), as amended, Sec. 21-8-1, et seq., and the City of Long Beach continues to be governed and to operate under the Code Charter form of municipal government composed of six (6) districts known as wards from which one (1) alderman is elected from each ward ("single member wards") and one at-large alderman elected from the entire city, in accordance with the statutes of the State of Mississippi and ordinances of the City of Long Beach; and

WHEREAS, in adopting a plan for redistricting of wards and validating voting precincts for the redistricted wards, the Long Beach Board of Aldermen recognize that as a result of the latest decennial census ("2020 Census") to conform with the "apportionment clause" of the United States Constitution, Article I, Section 2, and of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, Section 5 [42 U.S.C. > 1973(c)], it is required by state and

federal law to adopt by ordinance and to submit to the Mississippi Secretary of State, Elections and Voting Division, its plan for redistricting, realignment and reconstituting (herein "redistricting") of the six (6) single member wards from which alderpersons shall be elected to represent the citizens of the City of Long Beach residing in each particular ward as nearly as reasonably practical to comply with the "one-man, one-vote" doctrine to achieve equal representation, while seeking to preserve the guarantees of the Fifteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution that the "right of citizens to vote shall not be abridged on account of race, color or previous condition of servitude", and while seeking to maintain and establish voting practices that avoid dilution of minority voting strength to the extent possible respecting clear and traditional municipal boundaries and preserving the core of prior districts, with a goal of achieving compactness and retaining continuity in the redistricting process; and no municipal election has been conducted by the City of Long Beach since the official 2020 Census data has been in effect as a requirement to redistrict the municipality; and

WHEREAS, before a redistricting plan was selected and approved by the Long Beach Board of Aldermen, a public hearing was scheduled, and advance notice of the public hearing was duly published in *The Gazebo Gazette*, a newspaper with a general circulation in the City of Long Beach and published in Harrison County, Mississippi, and accordingly a public hearing was held in which the plan for redistricting based on the 2020 census was discussed, and public comment was received and transcribed as follows:

*Tuesday, June 4, 2024, at 5:00 p.m., City Hall Meeting Room, 201 Jeff Davis Avenue, Long Beach, Mississippi.*

WHEREAS, at the Public Hearing, a detailed plan was submitted, together with a map delineating the current City ward lines, and a table identifying the distribution of the population among the wards under prior data and the 2020 census data, such data being provided for total population, voting age population, white, black, and other

distribution of population, which indicates that the percentage of population had shifted throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, in addition to large maps (21 inches tall by 27 inches wide), handout copies of map (letter size) data were available for all in attendance and citizens were permitted to address the Mayor and Board of Aldermen; and

WHEREAS, the City Attorney was present during the Public Hearing; and

WHEREAS, during a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Aldermen on June 18, 2024 after consideration of all comments made during the Public Hearing, and all comments submitted to the Municipal office, the Board of Aldermen discussed, took public comment and selected the proposed as the 2024 Redistricting Plan for the City of Long Beach, created in response to the Public Hearing, and subsequently directed the City's Redistricting Consultant to prepare the plan and a copy of the Map for the approved plan is attached hereto as **Exhibit "A-1"**.

WHEREAS, this Ordinance incorporates the 2024 Redistricting Plan that the City Board of Aldermen found and approved as the most practical, workable, reasonable and fair plan, adopted in good faith to comply with the statutory laws of the State of Mississippi and federal laws and the United States Constitution, and controlling judicial decisions, preserving as nearly as possible the "one-man, one-vote" requirement, and this Ordinance officially describes voting precincts within each of the six (6) single member wards, and designates and locates the official voting (polling) places for each precinct, contingent on any and all necessary agreements being obtained for use of facilities not owned by the City of Long Beach; and this Ordinance appearing to conform in all respects to the approved 2024 Redistricting Plan of the City of Long Beach, and the voting (polling) precincts and polling places appearing to be as reasonable and convenient to qualified voters as facilities are available to the City for public use, the City Board of Aldermen finds that this Ordinance should be approved as hereby submitted, and should be thereafter submitted with all necessary

documentation, data and maps to the Mississippi Secretary of State, Elections and Voting Division pursuant to Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act, 42 U.S. C. 1973c, and after final submission, it should be implemented and applied for subsequent municipal elections as hereinafter directed and ordained, and

WHEREAS, the Governing Authorities of the City of Long Beach do now wish to adopt and implement such plan, in the form as attached hereto.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH, MISSISSIPPI, AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION 1.** That the matters, facts and things recited in the above and foregoing Preamble be, and they are hereby determined and adjudicated to be the official findings of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Long Beach, Mississippi.

**SECTION 2.** That in accordance with the 2024 Redistricting Plan of the City of Long Beach, the precincts and polling places for the City of Long Beach, Mississippi, be, and are submitted as herein provided.

**SECTION 3.** That the location of the voting (polling) places at which voting in all municipal elections for each voting precinct, **Exhibit "A-2"**, *attached hereto*.

**SECTION 4.** For the election of Members of the Long Beach City Board of Aldermen, this Ordinance shall not serve as the basis for representation until the next regular quadrennial municipal election scheduled by state statute to be held in the year 2025, and subject to validation of this Ordinance according to Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, this Ordinance shall be in effect for any other subsequent election or referendum of the municipality in which an election is required, and shall be in effect and implemented for the 2025 quadrennial municipal election, and shall be the basis of representation from the time that the Board of Aldermen members are elected by said 2025 election to take office, and at all times thereafter.

**SECTION 5.** That the City Clerk, as Registrar for the City of Long Beach in Harrison County, Mississippi, is hereby directed to rearrange the voter rolls of the qualified

electors of the City of Long Beach, Mississippi, in accordance with the wards established by Ordinance No. 670, approved June 18, 2024, and the precincts and polling places established herein, so as to forward to the Harrison County, Mississippi Circuit Clerk, Voting and Election Division to complete the preparation of voting rolls in ample time for the party primaries scheduled to be held for the regular quadrennial municipal election if 2025, and in sufficient time to give notice to all registered voters.

**SECTION 6.** That subject to validation of this Ordinance according to Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, the next regular quadrennial municipal election of city Board of Aldermen members scheduled by state statute in the year 2025, and any and all other municipal elections held after validation hereof, shall be held in the wards previously approved and at the voting (polling) places for each ward, and each voting precinct within each ward where the polling place is located as set forth in Sections 3, 4, 5,6, 7, 8 and above, and as delineated on the map of precincts and polling places attached hereto as **Exhibit "A-1" and "A-2"**; and the clerks and managers for holding said elections shall be appointed for each of the polling places as provided by law.

**SECTION 7.** Subject to validation hereof, all ordinances, resolutions, orders, or other acts of the Governing Authority of the City of Long Beach, Mississippi, or any parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed; and if any section, clause, or other part of this Ordinance is invalidated or becomes legally unenforceable or rendered invalid by any law, judicial decision, or overriding governmental regulation, all remaining sections, clauses or parts hereof shall continue in full force and effect.


**SECTION 8.** This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after the date of passage.

The above and foregoing Ordinance Number 670 was introduced in writing by Alderman McCaffrey who moved its adoption. Alderman McGoey seconded the motion to adopt the foregoing ordinance, and the question being put to a roll call vote by the mayor, the result was as follows:

Alderman Donald Frazer	voted	Nay
Alderman Patrick Bennett	voted	Aye
Alderman Bernie Parker	voted	Aye
Alderman Angie Johnson	voted	Nay
Alderman Timothy McCaffrey, Jr.	voted	Aye
Alderman Mike Brown	voted	Aye
Alderman Pete McGoey	voted	Aye

The question having received the Affirmative vote of a majority of the Aldermen present and voting, the Mayor declared the motion carried and Ordinance Number 670 adopted and approved this 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.

APPROVED:

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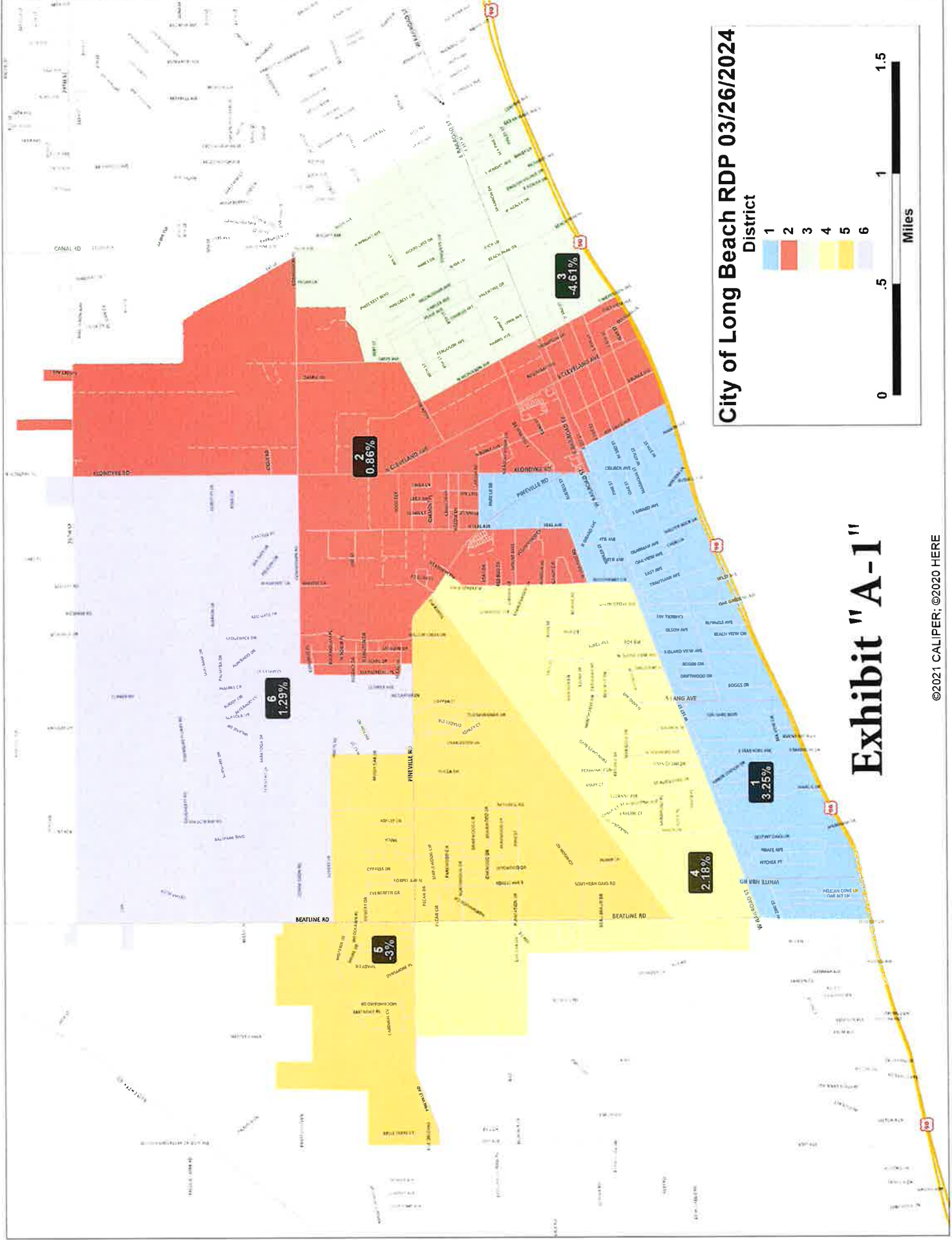
George L. Bass, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Stacey Dahl, City Clerk



# Exhibit "A-1"

	<b>LONG BEACH VOTING PRECINCTS</b>	
WARD 1	First United Methodist Church 208 Pine Street Long Beach, MS 39560	
WARD 2	Presbyterian Church Education Building-McGinnis Wharton Hall 208 South Burke Avenue Long Beach, MS 39560	
WARD 3	Hardy Hall Ballroom University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Park Campus 703 East Beach Boulevard Long Beach, MS 39560	
WARD 4	Police Department Shelter 201 Alexander Road Long Beach, MS 39560	
WARD 5	Grace Lutheran Church 19221 Pineville Road Long Beach, MS 39560	
WARD 6	Long Beach School District - Central Office 19148 Commission Road Long Beach, MS 39560	

**EXHIBIT "A-2"**



**CERTIFICATE**

I, the undersigned, Stacey Dahl, City Clerk within and for the City of Long Beach, Mississippi, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of that certain Ordinance #670 of the City of Long Beach, Mississippi, adopted by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen at a regular meeting duly held and convened on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024, as the same appears of record in Ordinance Book #9, pages 269-276 inclusive, in my office at the City Hall in said City.

Given under my hand and the official seal of my office this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.

-SEAL-



Stacey Dahl  
Stacey Dahl, City Clerk