

## **ORDINANCE NO. 11-07**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GRANTED AT O.C.G.A. SECTION 36-35-4.1 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCEDURES SET FORTH AT O.C.G.A. SECTION 36-35-3(1)(b) AND SECTION 6.1 OF THE CHARTER FOR THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, TO REAPPORTION MUNICIPAL ELECTION DISTRICTS BASED UPON PUBLICATION OF THE UNITED STATES DECENNIAL CENSUS OF 2010; TO ESTABLISH NEW ELECTION DISTRICT BOUNDARIES IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION AND PERTINENT LAWS, GOVERNING FUTURE ELECTIONS FOR MEMBERS OF THE CITY COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO ESTABLISH AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, AND IT IS ESTABLISHED AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** The Charter of the City of Waycross, Georgia, is hereby amended at Sec. 6.1, ELECTION DISTRICTS, pursuant to the authority of O.C.G.A. Section 36-35-4.1 through adoption of this Home Rule Ordinance, enacted in accordance with the requirements of O.C.G.A. Section 36-35-3(1)(b), for purposes of reapportioning the municipal election districts of the City following publication of the U.S. Decennial Census of 2010. There is hereby adopted that certain legislative reapportionment plan/map attached hereto as Exhibit "A", which by reference is incorporated as if fully set out herein. Said plan sets forth and defines the boundaries of election districts 1 through 5, by reference to corresponding official Census tracts and blocks.

**SECTION 2.** Upon final adoption of this Ordinance, the Mayor and each Commissioner of the Commission of the City of Waycross shall sign and date an original map illustrating the election districts herein adopted, as attested by the Clerk. The original shall be maintained for public inspection and copying in the Office of the City Clerk; and a copy thereof published as an appendix to the City Charter.

**SECTION 3.** This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption and shall govern the election of members of the governing municipal body in all municipal elections held thereafter; provided, however, this ordinance shall be deemed a "change" under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1975, as amended, and shall not be effective for voting purposes until submitted to the Attorney General, Department of Justice, and precleared in accordance with its procedures.

**SECTION 4.** Pursuant to the requirements of O.C.G.A. Section 36-35-3(1)(b) and the City Charter for the City of Waycross, Georgia, the readings of this ordinance and proposed amendment to the City Charter are as follows:

First Reading: July 5, 2011

Second Reading: July 19, 2011

**SECTION 5.** If any portion of this ordinance shall be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect or impair the remaining portions unless it clearly appears that such other parts are wholly and necessarily dependent upon the part held to be invalid or unconstitutional.

**SECTION 6.** All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 7.** It is the intention of the City Commission and it is hereby ordained that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become part of the Code of the City of Waycross, Georgia and the sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered to accomplish such intention.

**ADOPTED**, this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2011.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA**

**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**DIANE L. HOPKINS**  
**MAYOR PRO TEM**

**ATTEST:**

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**JULIE DINKINS, CITY CLERK**

Read First Time: July 5, 2011

Read Second Time and approved: July 19, 2011