

**STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF CHATHAM
CITY OF PORT WENTWORTH**

**AN ORDINANCE TO REAPPORTION THE ELECTION DISTRICTS
OF THE CITY OF PORT WENTWORTH CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

WHEREAS, it is necessary from time to time to modify the City's ordinances; and

WHEREAS the Mayor and City Council is tasked with the authority to adopt and provide for such ordinances, resolutions, rules, and regulations which it deems necessary, expedient, or helpful for the peace, good order, protection of life and property, health, welfare, sanitation, comfort, convenience, prosperity, and well-being of the inhabitants of the City; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to City Charter Sec. 5.13, the territory of the City shall consist of four (4) election districts to be designated respectively as Districts 1 through 4 plus two "at large" districts, and the Election Districts shall be shown on an Official Election District Map; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to O.C.G.A. §§ 36-35-4.1, 36-35-3, and 36-35-5 State law allows municipalities to reapportion their election districts following the decennial census of the United States through Home Rule; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to City Charter Sec. 2.34, the City is authorized and empowered to divide, subdivide, or re-divide the real properties or lands within the corporate limits of the city into voting districts, and to define the boundaries of each voting district within the limits of the city, and to name or number or letter said voting districts; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council have examined and considered multiple reapportionment maps in its due diligence on this matter; such maps have reapportioned districts which form of contiguous territory; the variations in population of such maps among the districts comply with the one person-one vote requirement of the United States Constitution; and such reapportionment maps are limited to adjusting the boundary lines of the existing districts only to the extent reasonably necessary to comply with local, state, and federal laws; and

WHEREAS, the notice requirements of reapportionment have been satisfied; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council desire for the materials, minutes, and discussion at the previous Work Session over reapportionment to be incorporated as factual background and findings with respect to this reapportionment; and

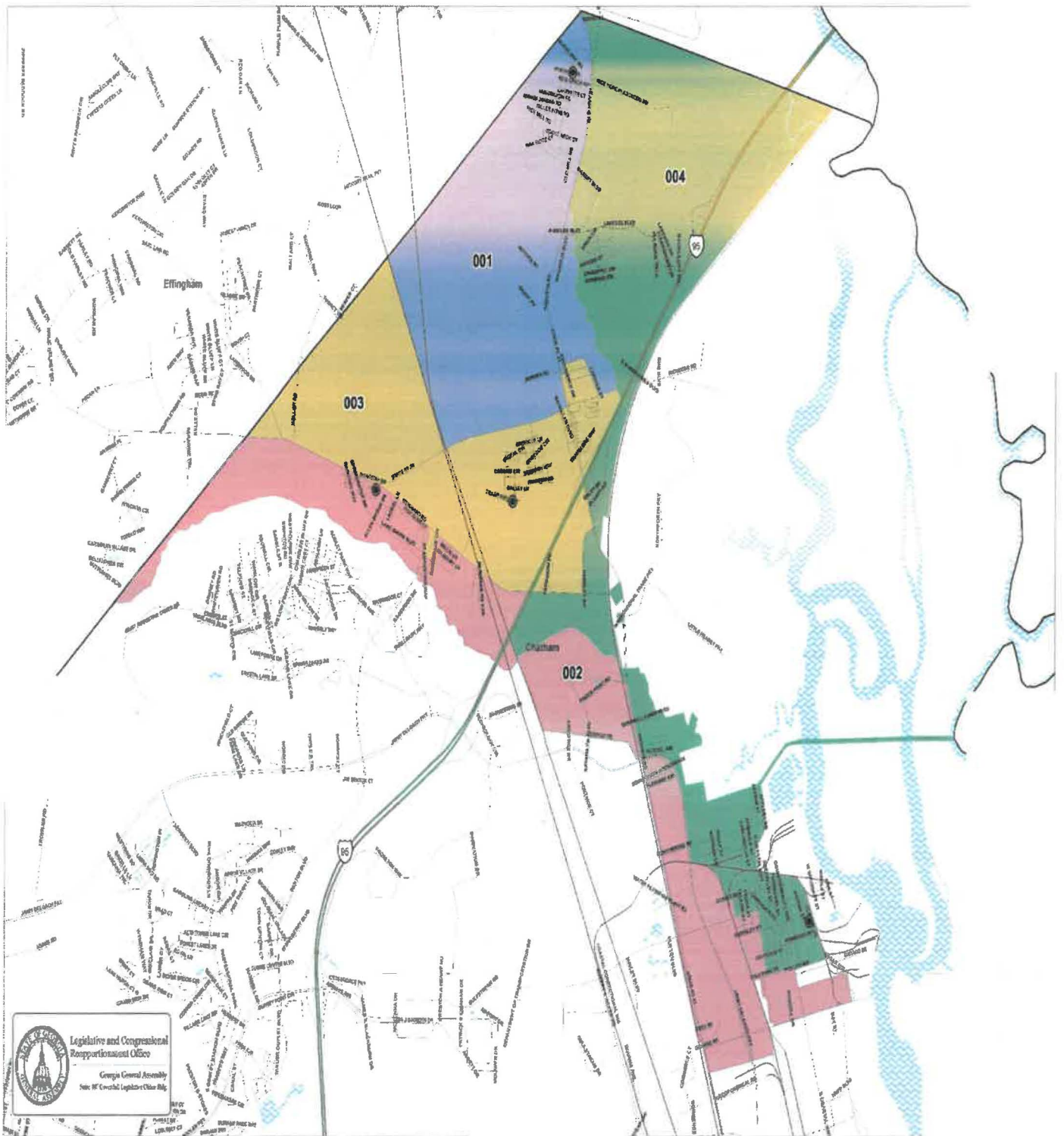
WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council desire to reapportion election districts from which members of the municipal governing authority are elected, and desire to do so through the City's Home Rule powers;

NOW, THEREFORE, that while in regular session THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORT WENTWORTH HEREBY ORDAIN as follows:

- I. The Official Election District Map of the City of Port Wentworth, Chatham County, Georgia is hereby amended as follows:

[MAP ON FOLLOWING PAGE]


Proposed City Council Districts



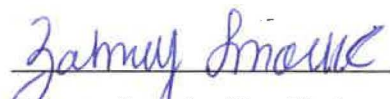
- II. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.
- III. This Ordinance shall become effective upon proper filing with the Secretary of State and the Chatham County Superior Court.

SO ORDAINED this the 15 day of December, 2022.

Approved:


Gary Norton, Mayor

Attest:


Zahnay Smoak, City Clerk

First reading: December 1, 2022 (date)

Second reading: December 15, 2022 (date)