

**CLARENDON COUNTY  
ORDINANCE NO. 2022-02**

**AUTHORIZING A REFERENDUM ACCORDING TO SOUTH  
CAROLINA CODE ANNOTATED SECTION 4-9-10 TO DETERMINE  
WHETHER THE COUNTY SHOULD MAINTAIN OR CHANGE ITS  
PRESENT COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTION DISTRICTS AND  
COMPOSITION; AND PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS.**

WHEREAS, South Carolina Code Annotated section 4-9-10 provides calling a referendum by the governing body of a county to determine the wishes of the registered electors as to the question of whether the members of the governing body of the county shall be elected as they presently are or from defined single member election districts or at large;

WHEREAS, Clarendon County Council ("Council") desires to enact this Ordinance to provide for an election giving the County's electors, by referendum, a choice of retaining the present composition of Council (that is, one member from District One, two members from District Two, one member from District Three, and the chair elected at large) or changing the composition of Council to four, single-member districts with the chair elected at large); and

WHEREAS, various community groups have collaborated to provide the Council with proposed Council district boundaries that would initially apply if the registered electors choose to change the composition of the County Council, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit A ("Map").

NOW, THEREFORE, CLARENDON COUNTY COUNCIL ORDAINS:

Section 1. The election shall be conducted by the Clarendon County Board of Voter Registration and Elections ("Commission") as provided by law. The Commission shall have ballots printed and distributed to the various voting places in the County with the following words printed thereon:

AN ELECTION TO DETERMINE CHANGE IN COUNTY COUNCIL  
COMPOSITION

SHOULD CLARENDON COUNTY COUNCIL (A) RETAIN ITS  
CURRENT COMPOSITION OF ONE COUNCIL MEMBER FROM  
DISTRICT ONE, TWO COUNCIL MEMBERS FROM DISTRICT  
TWO, ONE COUNCIL MEMBER FROM DISTRICT THREE, AND  
THE CHAIR ELECTED AT LARGE FROM THE ENTIRE COUNTY  
OR (B) CHANGE ITS COMPOSITION TO FOUR, SINGLE-MEMBER  
DISTRICTS, AND THE CHAIR ELECTED AT LARGE FROM THE  
ENTIRE COUNTY?

A **YES** vote is in favor of retaining the present County Council composition, and opposing the requested change.

A **NO** vote is in favor of changing the present County Council composition, and opposing the current system.

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

The Map shall be kept in the Office of the County Administrator and shall be available for inspection during normal business hours. Any published notice regarding the election shall reference the same.

Section 2. The Commission shall certify the results of the election to the Council in addition to all other entities to which the Commission may be required to report.


Section 3. Following certification of the results by the Commission, the Council, by resolution, shall provide for adoption of the composition of the Council selected in the referendum and file the same in the office of the Secretary of State.

Section 4. If the referendum results in a change of the composition of the County Council, then the Map shall serve as the updated County Council district boundaries. The Map may be amended according to State law.


Section 5. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption of third and final reading and following the conduct of two public hearings, following publication of notice of the same.



(SEAL)  
ATTEST:

  
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Clerk to County Council  
Clarendon County, South Carolina

CLARENDON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

  
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Chairman, County Council  
Clarendon County, South Carolina

First Reading: February 14, 2022  
Second Reading: March 14, 2022  
Public Hearing: April 14, 2022  
Third Reading: May 9, 2022

**EXHIBIT A**  
**INITIAL COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES**  
**[SEE ATTACHED MAP]**