

**CITY OF DAPHNE, ALABAMA
ORDINANCE 2020-18**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING DISTRICT LINES FOR
THE CITY OF DAPHNE, ALABAMA**

WHEREAS, the City of Daphne, Alabama in order to encourage more active citizen participation in local government and to ensure equitable representation on the City Council in compliance with the Voting Rights Act of 1965, did pass Ordinance No. 1988-11, establishing seven (7) Single-Member Council Districts, which said district plan was approved by the United States Justice Department; and

WHEREAS, Act 1991-545, which governs the City of Daphne and was approved by the United States Justice Department, incorporated the districting plan set out in Ordinance No. 1988-11, Ordinance No. 1992-07, and said Act 1991-545 with the existing district lines,; and

WHEREAS, the City of Daphne has experienced growth over the past four years and is now requiring an alteration to said district lines to include annexations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DAPHNE, ALABAMA AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I: ENACTMENT

An Ordinance of the City of Daphne, Alabama, establishing Single-Member Council Districts for the purpose of electing Council representatives from each district, designating boundaries for each district based on current house count and current estimate of population, established by the Federal Census data, and prescribing a method for updating and amending the district boundaries on a periodic basis.

SECTION II: PURPOSE

The City of Daphne, Alabama, in order to encourage more active citizen participation in local government, to assure equitable representation on the City Council in compliance with the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, and to promote the general welfare of all residents of the City, hereby ordains and enacts into law a Single-Member Council District Ordinance.

SECTION III: AUTHORITY

The Ordinance set forth herein is hereby adopted pursuant to authority granted by Act Number 91-545 of the 1991 Alabama Legislature as signed by the Governor and approved by the United States Justice Department.

SECTION IV: ESTABLISHMENT OF DISTRICTS

The City of Daphne, Alabama is hereby divided into Single-Member Council Districts as listed and described below and as illustrated on the official Single-Member Council District Map which is hereby adopted and made a part of this Ordinance. The map shall be signed by the Mayor and attested to by the City Clerk. It shall be filed in the Office of the City Clerk and shall show thereon the date of adoption of this Ordinance. The Ordinance and Map shall, within five (5) days of the date of its adoption, be certified to the Judge of Probate of Baldwin County, Alabama.

SECTION V: MAP

The official Single-Member Council District Map is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and made a part hereof as fully as if set out completely herein.

SECTION VI: AMENDMENT

The City of Daphne, Alabama shall assess the population in the Single-Member Districts following each Decennial U.S. Census and shall make the minimum adjustments to the district boundaries that are necessary to maintain roughly equal populations within each district that are within the limits of deviation allowed by law as such may presently exist or be hereafter amended, and to assure Black representation on the City Council that generally approximates the Black proportion of the City's population.

SECTION VII: REPEALER

That Ordinances 1992-07, 2003-36, 2008-26, and 2016-16 are hereby repealed in their entirety, and that all City Ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance is hereby repealed insofar as they conflict.

SECTION VIII: SEVERABILITY

The provisions of this Ordinance are severable. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion hereof.

SECTION IX: EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall become effective and be in force from and after the date of its approval and adoption by the City Council of Daphne, Alabama and publication as required by law.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DAPHNE, ALABAMA on this 18th day of May, 2020.

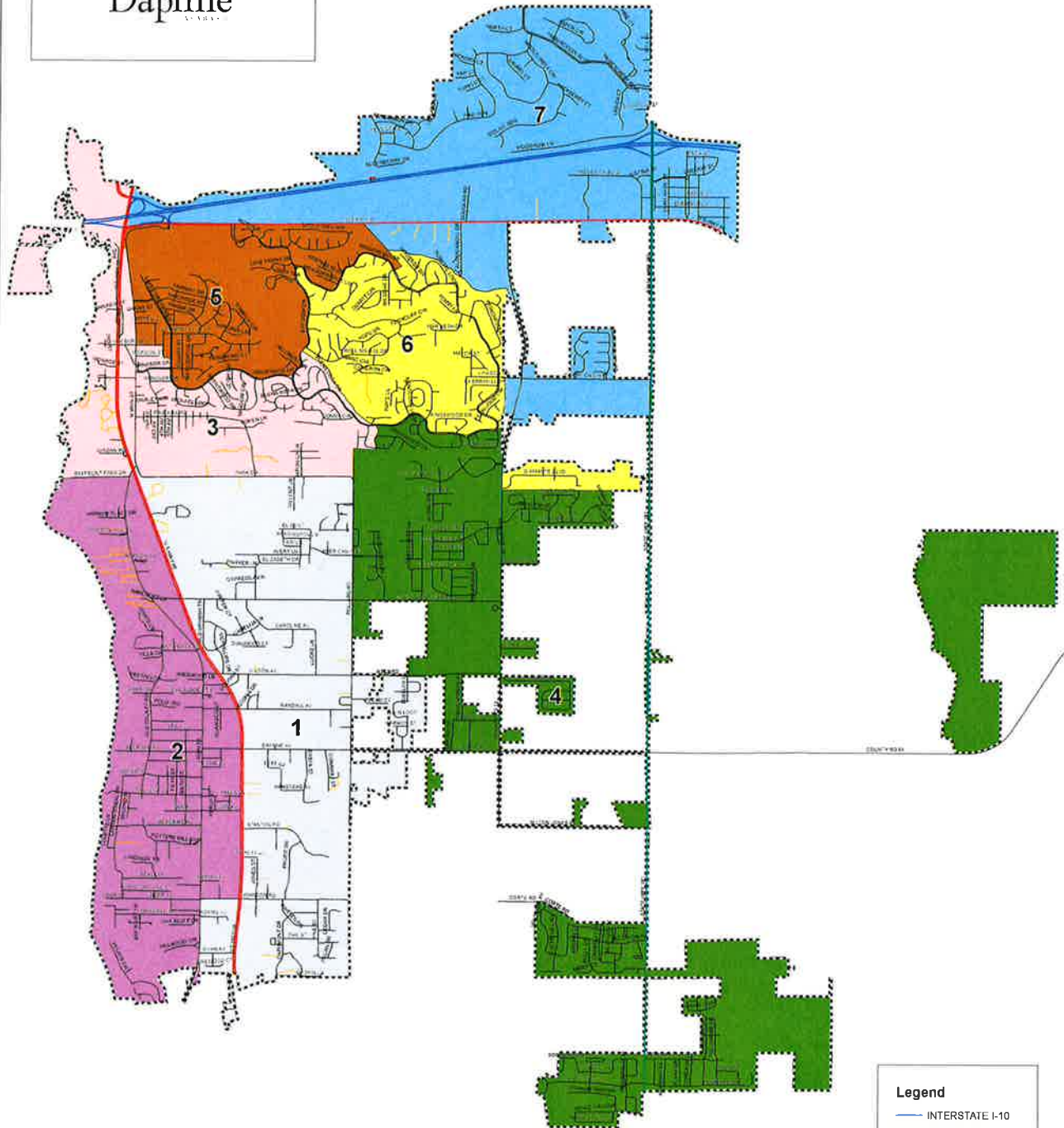


Dane Haygood, Mayor

ATTEST:


Candace G. Antinarella, City Clerk

City of Daphne Voting Districts



Legend

- INTERSTATE I-10
- U S HIGHWAYS
- STATE HIGHWAYS
- PUBLIC STREETS
- PRIVATE STREETS
- CITY LIMITS

District

- 1
- 2
- 3
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