

ORDINANCE 2024-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA, REPEALING ALL PRIOR COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICT BOUNDARIES AND ESTABLISHING NEW BOUNDARIES OF THE FIVE COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICTS; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; PROVIDING FOR MINUTES; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF LAWS IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Article VIII Section 1(e), of the Florida Constitution requires that after each decennial census, the Board of County Commissioners shall apportion the existing districts accordingly; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 census has been completed and the population information has been tabulated; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners, in accordance with the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Florida, applicable State Law, the Federal Voting Rights Act, seeks to revise its five commission districts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

SECTION 1. – Commission District Boundaries

The boundaries of the five County Commission districts are hereby changed to conform to the legal descriptions attached hereto and incorporated as though fully set forth herein as Exhibit “A”.

SECTION 2. – Publication

Pursuant to §124.02, Florida Statutes, a certified copy of this Ordinance, including an accurate description of the boundaries of the districts, shall be published once each week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper published in Gadsden County, and proof of such publication shall be entered on the minutes of the Board.

SECTION 3. – Minutes

Pursuant to Florida Statutes §124.03, Florida Statutes, the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners shall forthwith furnish to the Department of State a certified copy of the Minutes of the Board of County Commissioners meeting reflecting the description of the boundaries of the districts as set forth in this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. – Repeal the Laws in Conflict

All county laws and ordinances in conflict with any of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. – Severability

If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this Ordinance is for any reason held by a Court to be unconstitutional, inoperative, invalid or void, such holding shall not affect the remainder of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. – Inclusion in the Code of Laws and Ordinances

The provisions of this Ordinance shall become and made part of the Code of Laws and Ordinances of Gadsden County Florida. The sections of this Ordinance may renumbered or relettered to accomplish to accomplish such, and the word “ordinance” may be changed to “section”, “article”, or any other appropriate word.

SECTION 7. – Effective Date

The provisions of this Ordinance shall become effective upon filing with the Department of State.

SECTION 8. – Scrivener’s Errors

Scrivener’s errors may be corrected by the County Attorney as needed without further action of the Board of County Commissioners.

DULY READ, PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of
Gadsden County, Florida after proper notice and public hearing, this _____ day of January 2024.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA

RONTERIOUS GREEN, Chairman

ATTEST:

DEPUTY CLERK
NICHOLAS THOMAS,
Clerk of the Circuit Court

APPROVED AS TO FORM FOR THE
RELIANCE OF GADSDEN COUNTY,
FLORIDA ONLY

CLAYTON FORD KNOWLES, ESQ.
County Attorney