



Town of Plymouth

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**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PLYMOUTH, NORTH CAROLINA,
AMENDING CHAPTER 11: WARD BOUNDRIES, SECTION 11.01 WARD BOUNDARIES OF
THE TOWN OF PLYMOUTH CODE OF ORDINANCES**

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-08

WHEREAS, the United States Constitution mandates that the population of the United States be enumerated every ten years through an official census; and,

WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Statutes Section 160A-23 requires that a map showing the boundaries of electoral districts for the purposes of electing members of the council shall be required if the town is divided into electoral districts; and,

WHEREAS, Section 160A-23 further requires that a town with electoral districts correct population imbalances shown by a new federal census; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Plymouth, North Carolina, received data from the 2020 Census on August 12, 2021, and this data showed that the existing electoral districts, termed "wards" in Plymouth, were significantly out of balance from the ideal population of the wards based on the 2020 Census Data; and,

WHEREAS, Town staff has developed electoral districts (wards) that rectify these population imbalances between the existing wards on an impartial, nonpartisan, and practical basis; and,

WHEREAS, on October 11, 2021, a Public Hearing was held to receive comments on the 2020 Census Data for the Town of Plymouth and to receive comments on the proposed options for new wards; and,

WHEREAS, at the conclusion of this Public Hearing the Town Council selected "Option 2" as the preferred option for new wards; and,

WHEREAS, a second Public Hearing was held on November 8, 2021, to receive comments on option 2 as the preferred option for new wards for the Town of Plymouth; and,

WHEREAS, the attached map corresponds with Option 2 and meets the statutory requirements for population parity and continuity for election districts (wards).

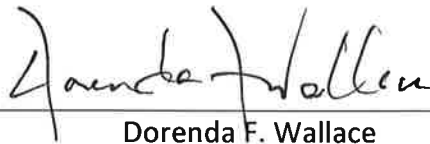
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Plymouth, North Carolina, that:

1. The Town adopts the three wards shown in the attached map, Ward I, Ward II, and Ward III, for the purposes of electing Town Council Members; except for the Mayor, who is elected at large.
2. The boundaries of the three wards for the election of Town Council Members are altered to follow the lines depicted on the attached map.
3. The new Ward boundaries shall be used in the next election of the Town of Plymouth Town Council, scheduled for March 8, 2022.
4. A copy of this ordinance and the map showing the district boundaries shall be provided to the County Board of Elections and retained in the office of the Town Clerk.
5. Chapter 11, Section 11.01: Ward Boundaries of the Town of Plymouth Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to reflect the changes to the ward boundaries as approved by this ordinance.

Adopted this the 8th day of November, 2021.

ATTESTED TO:




Dorenda F. Wallace
Clerk



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Mayor