CHRISTIAN COUNTY AMBULANCE DISTRICT	Reference: Resolution for Reapportionment of Subdistricts
Resolutions & Ordinances	Section: Organizational
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ORDINANCE OF THE CHRISTIAN COUNTY AMBULANCE DISTRICT ADOPTING A REAPPORTIONMENT PLAN OF THE DISTRICT'S SUBDISTRICT'S (VOTING PRECINCTS)

PURPOSE: **To comply with the mandate in section 190.050.1 RSMo that subdistrict voting precinct be reapportioned as soon as possible (sixty days) after each decennial census and to be as equal in population as is possible in order to also comply with Equal Protection principles of one person one vote of *Baker v. Carr***

I. RECITALS

Whereas, the District has the explicit authority to enact ordinances in sections 190.060.1(7) RSMo, 190.060.2 RSMo and 190.060.3 RSMo and this ordinancing authority has been held to be valid and to have the full force weight and effect of law per *Abbott Ambulance v. St. Charles Ambulance District,* 193 S.W.3d 354 at 359 (Mo. App. E.D. 2006), and

Whereas, section 190.050.1 RSMo mandates that the six subdistricts (voting precincts) of an ambulance district be reapportioned as soon as practical after each decennial census and as close in proximity in population as is reasonable possible, and

Whereas the issue of equal representation of voters is more than just a nominal matter as voting rights which are diluted to the benefit of other voters has been held to have a significant and substantial Constitutional dimension involving an important fundamental right per such cases as *Baker v. Carr,* 369 U.S. 186 (1962); *Reynolds v. Sims,* 377 U.S. 533 (1964); and *Bush v. Gore,* 531 U.S. 98 (2000) and

Whereas, section 190.050.1 RSMo ostensibly says that this reapportionment must be accomplished by the County Commission, the actual study and work on such matters is usually done by the Chief Election Officer for the County, the County Clerk in conjunction with and in consultation with the Board of Directors of the District, and

Whereas, the County Commission's approval can be and is usually is a pro forma ratification and ministerial in nature, and

Whereas, there are certain deadlines that have to be met in regard to notice for openings for candidacy for the Board of Directors and for signing up for Board of Directors elections;

Wherefore, to expedite matters the Board of Directors has enacted the following:

II. ENACTMENT

A. Reapportionment Map: Having duly met on May 18, 2016 the Board of Directors after consultation with the County Clerk unanimously adopted with a quorum present a Reapportionment Map, labeled as Exhibit A and attached to this Ordinance and hereby incorporated by reference as if fully set out herein.

B. Certified Voting Registration System: The Board hereby further directs the County Clerk as soon as is practical to enter this information and Map into the Missouri Secretary of State's Election Division's Certified Voting Registration System.

C. Ratification by the County Commission: Out of an abundance of caution Board hereby directs the County Clerk to seek as soon as is possible and practical the pro forma ministerial approval of the County Commission, but said approval shall not delay the other steps of implementation contained in this Ordinance supra.

Effective Date: The effective date of this Ordinance shall be either the date of adoption indicated below to meet the December deadline for the opening of candidacy for the board.

III. ADOPTION

The forgoing Ordinance by roll call vote with a quorum present was duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Christian County Ambulance District on May 18, 2016.

Signature of Board Chair

06-21-16
Date

Witnessed by Secretary of the Board

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