

VIRGINIA: AT A REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF TAZEWELL COUNTY, VIRGINIA HELD AT THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, LOCATED AT 197 MAIN STREET, TAZEWELL, VIRGINIA 24651, ON THE 5TH DAY OF MARCH, 2022, FOLLOWING PUBLIC HEARINGS BEFORE THE BOARD HELD ON THE 11TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2022; THE 1ST DAY OF MARCH, 2022; AND THE 5TH DAY OF APRIL, 2022 UPON NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC BY PUBLICATIONS IN A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION IN TAZEWELL COUNTY, VIRGINIA, THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE WAS ADOPTED, FOLLOWING SAID PUBLIC HEARINGS AND PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENT, A MOTION, AND SECOND:

Ordinance No.: 22-002

Date: April 5, 2022

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE REDISTRICTING OF THE BOUNDARY LINES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ELECTION DISTRICTS AND PRECINCTS AND TO RELOCATE CERTAIN POLLING PLACES WITHIN TAZEWELL COUNTY, VIRGINIA, TO BE EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2022, PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 15.2-1211, 15.2-1425, 24.2-129, AND 24.2-304.1 ET SEQ. OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA (1950), AS AMENDED**

**WHEREAS**, a Decennial Census was conducted in the United States in calendar year 2020, providing for population as of December 31, 2020;

**WHEREAS**, the laws and statutes of the United States and the Commonwealth of Virginia require that voting districts be redrawn in accordance with the population statistics provided by the Decennial Census; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors (hereafter, "the Board") must comply with such laws and statutes of the United States and the Commonwealth of Virginia in the mandate to redraw Tazewell County election district and precinct boundaries and relocate polling place locations;

**WHEREAS**, the Board received the 2020 Decennial Census results on August 16, 2021, which showed that the total population of Tazewell County is Thirty-Nine Thousand, Nine Hundred Ninety-One (39,991) residents;

**WHEREAS**, the Board must ensure that all five (5) election districts remain within the five percent (+/- 5%) allowance for deviation from the target population, being Seven Thousand, Nine Hundred Ninety-Eight (7,998) residents;

**WHEREAS** the Board must also ensure that no minority or ethnic group has been adversely affected by any redrawn Tazewell County election districts and precinct boundaries and relocated polling places;

**WHEREAS**, in its efforts to achieve the most equal distribution among the electoral districts as practicable, the Board nonetheless was required to redraw portions of Tazewell County election districts and precinct boundaries and to relocate one (1) polling place for the Jewell Ridge Precinct (402); by redefining those districts as hereinafter set forth;

**WHEREAS**, the Board **FINDS** that Tazewell County election districts as redefined herein remain within the five percent (+/- 5%) allowance for deviation from target population listed herein and that no minority or ethnic group has been adversely affected by these districts;

**WHEREAS**, the redrawing of Tazewell County election district and precinct boundaries and the relocation of polling place locations are “covered practices” as that term is defined in Section 24.2-129 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended;

**WHEREAS**, the Board has (a) published the proposed covered practices on the Tazewell County, Virginia website: <https://tazewellcountyva.org/>; (b) issued notice for a period of public comment on the proposed covered practices from December 29, 2021 until April 5, 2022, which allowed interested persons to submit data, views, and arguments in writing by mail, fax, email, and public comment portals; and (c) has conducted three (3) public hearings during this period to receive public comment on the proposed covered practices; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board hereby enacts this Ordinance with the intent that the covered practices hereunder will take effect in thirty (30) days from the date of this Ordinance, being **May 5, 2022**;

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it **ORDAINED** by the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors as follows:

**SECTION 1:** The title of this Ordinance is: *“An Ordinance to Amend and Ordinance to Provide for the Redistricting of the Boundary Lines of the Board of Supervisors Election Districts and Precincts and to Relocate Certain Polling Placed within Tazewell County, Virginia, to be Effective April 1, 2022, Pursuant to Sections 15.2-1211, 15.2-1425, 24.2-129, and 24.2-304.1 et seq. of the Code of Virginia (1950), as Amended.”*

**SECTION 2:** Pursuant to authority contained in the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, the redistricting of Tazewell County, Virginia is hereby created and established as set forth in this *Ordinance*, with populations set forth as follows:

Eastern District	8,053
Northern District	7,689
Southern District	8,312
Western District	7,664
Northwestern District	8,273
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>39,991</b>

**SECTION 3:** The boundary descriptions of the respective election districts are set forth as attached to this *Ordinance*, labeled “Exhibit A” and incorporated herein by reference thereto.

**SECTION 4:** Pursuant to authority contained in Sections 24.2-307 to 24.2-310.1 of the Code of Virginia, (1950), as amended, the precincts and their respective polling places for Tazewell County, Virginia, are hereby created and established as set forth herein this Ordinance; with the precinct descriptions attached to this Ordinance, labeled “Exhibit B” and incorporated herein by reference thereto.

**SECTION 5:** The precinct name for each election district, which includes the polling place for each precinct as detailed herein, shall be as set forth on “Exhibit C,” incorporated herein by reference, with the population of same voting precincts being as follows:

<b>Precinct Name</b>	<b>Population</b>
Amonate	248
Bandy	458
Baptist Valley	662
Bishop	504
Burkes Garden	340
Cedar Bluff	4071
Clear Fork	1085
Falls Mills	1115
Freestone	314
Graham	5378
Indian Valley	1338
Jeffersonville	5496
Jewell Ridge	500
Mundy Town	2284
Paint Lick	2931
Pocahontas	694
Richlands	7773
Springville	2675
Thompson Valley	1077
Tip Top	1048
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>39,991</b>

**SECTION 6:** The map outlining the redistricting of the District boundary lines, which includes the precincts therein, of Tazewell County, Virginia, are attached to this *Ordinance*, labeled “Exhibit D” and incorporated herein by reference thereto.

**SECTION 7:** The sections and provisions of this *Ordinance* are severable such that if any section or provision of any section hereof shall be deemed unconstitutional, violative of any law, invalid, or of no force and effect by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this *Ordinance* and any section hereof, shall remain valid striking there from the unconstitutional, unlawful or invalid provision thereof.

**SECTION 8:** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect as of **May 5, 2022**.

**SECTION 9:** This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to and in accordance with the authority granted to Boards of Supervisors in Virginia by federal and state laws including, but not limited to, Sections 15.2-1211, 15.2-1425, 24.2-129, and 24.2-304.1 *et seq.*, of the Code of Virginia, (1950), as amended.

**SECTION 10:** This *Ordinance* shall repeal any other *Ordinance* now in effect in Tazewell County, Virginia, which is in conflict with this *Ordinance*, only to the extent that the provisions of said *Ordinance* are in conflict herewith and the remaining provisions of said *Ordinance* shall remain in full force and effect as if adopted herewith, absent those parts of such *Ordinance* as are in conflict with this *Ordinance*.

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It is so **ORDAINED** this 5th day of April, 2022.

RECORDED VOTE:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

MEMBERS ABSENT:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSTENTIONS:

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ATTEST:

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Aaron M. Gillespie  
Chairman – Board of Supervisors

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C. Eric Young  
Tazewell County Administrator