

Reading: the ___ day of April, 2022.

A RESOLUTION BY THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF LYONS, GEORGIA, CALLING FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF LYONS, GEORGIA, BY THE ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENACTING A NEW REDISTRICTING PLAN FOR FIVE (5) ELECTION WARDS OR DISTRICTS WITHIN THE CITY; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR ALL OTHER PURPOSES ALLOWED BY LAW.

WHEREAS, Sec. 5.11., regarding division of city into wards, of Article V, regarding elections and removal, of The Charter of the City of Lyons (“Charter”), provides for the division of the area within the corporate limits of the City of Lyons, Georgia (“City”) into five (5) election wards or districts, and Sec. 5.11. defines the boundaries of such election wards or districts;

WHEREAS, according to the 2020 Census the population of the City was 4,239 (see copy of population summary dated March 23, 2022 attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference);

WHEREAS, in light of the 2020 Census and in order to protect against any unsuitable deviations in the population of the City among the existing election wards or districts within the City, the Governing Authority of the City of Lyons (“Governing Authority”) finds that it is necessary and appropriate to re-examine its existing redistricting plan;

WHEREAS, the Governing Authority has engaged the Legislative and Congressional Reapportionment Office (“LCRO”) of the Georgia General Assembly to conduct a careful review of the 2020 Census data as it relates to the City, to determine whether the City’s population, based on the 2020 population count, is properly apportioned or divided among the existing election wards or districts of the City to ensure continued compliance with the United States Constitution (including the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment), the Georgia Constitution, the Voting Rights Act of 1965, and the principle of “one person, one vote”;

WHEREAS, as part of such review, the LCRO considered appropriate redistricting principles, including compactness, contiguity, respecting political boundaries, communities of interest and incumbent protection;

WHEREAS, as part of its analysis, the LCRO provided the Governing Authority with a new redistricting plan which consists of the population summary described above, the new map of election wards or districts entitled “Lyon City Council Districts-2022”, and a description of the proposed, new election wards or districts (see copies of the map and description of proposed, new election wards or districts, attached hereto as Exhibits B and C, respectively, and incorporated herein by reference);

WHEREAS, the LCRO’s analysis determined that, due to the unsuitable size of deviations in the population of the City among the existing election wards or districts, the Governing Authority, as authorized by the general power of home rule, should approve and adopt a new redistricting plan, which will result in the redistricting of its five (5) election wards

or districts, so that future municipal elections comply with the United States Constitution (including the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment), the Georgia Constitution, the Voting Rights Act of 1965, and the principle of “one person, one vote”;

WHEREAS, a new redistricting plan will enable the Governing Authority to ensure that future municipal elections within the City comply with the United States Constitution (including the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment), the Georgia Constitution, the Voting Rights Act of 1965, and the principle of “one person, one vote”;

WHEREAS, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-35-4.1, the Governing Authority is authorized to reapportion the election wards or districts from which members of the Governing Authority are elected following publication of the United States decennial census of 1980 or any future such census, and such reapportionment of wards or districts shall be effective for the election of members to the municipal governing authority at the next regular general municipal election following the publication of the decennial census; and

WHEREAS, for the reasons set forth above, the Governing Authority desires to implement a new redistricting plan by approving, adopting and ultimately implementing an ordinance amending the Charter to reflect the appropriate reapportionment of the population of the City, following the 2020 Census, among the five (5) election wards or districts, in the form of descriptions of the new boundaries of such wards or districts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Authority of the City as follows:

Resolved, that, as part of formulating a new redistricting plan, the Governing Authority has considered and will continue to consider the analysis of the LCRO, including the latest population summary and proposed, new map of election wards or district of the City, and a description of the proposed, new election wards or districts of the City, all as set forth in Exhibits A, B and C attached hereto.

Resolved further, that, as part of formulating a new redistricting plan, the Governing Authority has considered and will continue to consider the unsuitable size of the deviations in the population of the City among the existing election wards or districts, and it has considered appropriate redistricting principles, including compactness, contiguity, respecting political boundaries, communities of interest and incumbent protection;

Resolved further, that, as part of formulating a new redistricting plan, the Governing Authority has considered and agrees with the LCRO’s determination the Governing Authority should engage in the process of redistricting its five (5) wards, so that future municipal elections comply with the United States Constitution (including the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment), the Georgia Constitution, the Voting Rights Act of 1965, and the principle of “one person, one vote”.

Resolved, further, that, the Governing Authority will adhere to the following procedure and/or requirements in adopting, approving and ultimately implementing a new redistricting plan: pursuant to OCGA §§ 36-35-4.1 (b), the Governing Authority shall by ordinance amend its

Charter pursuant to OCGA § 36-35-3 (b)(1) to reapportion its election wards or districts in accordance with the following specifications:

- Each reapportioned election ward or district shall be formed of contiguous territory; and the boundary lines of such ward or district shall be the center lines of streets or other well-defined boundaries;
- Variations in population among such wards or districts shall comply with the one person-one vote requirements of the United States Constitution; and
- The reapportionment shall be limited to adjusting the boundary lines of the existing wards or districts only to the extent reasonably necessary to comply with applicable law; and the number of members of the Governing Authority and the manner of electing such members, except for the adjustment of district boundary lines, shall not be changed by the Governing Authority.

Resolved further, that, the Governing Authority will also adhere to the following procedure and/or requirements in adopting, approving and ultimately implementing a new redistricting plan: pursuant to OCGA §§ 36-35-3 (b)(1), except as provided in OCGA § 36-35-6, the Governing Authority will, as an incident of its home rule power, amend its charter by following the following procedure:

- Municipal charters may be amended by ordinances duly adopted at two regular consecutive meetings of the municipal governing authority, not less than seven nor more than 60 days apart. A notice containing a synopsis of the proposed amendment shall be published in the official organ of the county of the legal situs of the municipal corporation or in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipal corporation once a week for three weeks within a period of 60 days immediately preceding its final adoption. The notice shall state that a copy of the proposed amendment is on file in the office of the clerk or the recording officer of the municipal governing authority and in the office of the clerk of the superior court of the county of the legal situs of the municipal corporation for the purpose of examination and inspection by the public. The recording officer of the municipal governing authority shall furnish anyone, upon written request, a copy of the proposed amendment.

Resolved further, that, upon the approval and adoption of a new redistricting plan, the Governing Authority shall implement same by amending Sec. 5.11., of Article V., of the Charter, to reflect the appropriate reapportionment of the population of the City, following the 2020 Census, among the five (5) election wards or districts within the City, consistent with Exhibit C attached hereto, and the Governing Authority shall notify the Georgia Secretary of State of such amendment to the Charter.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its approval and adoption by the Governing Authority of the City.

So resolved, approved and adopted, this ____ day of _____, 2022, by the Governing Authority of the City.

GOVERNING AUTHORITY:

Willis NeSmith, Jr.
Mayor

Council Member/
Mayor Pro Tem

Council Member

Council Member

Council Member

Council Member

ATTEST:

Lynn Rowland
City Clerk

(SEAL)

User: Lyons

Plan Name: LyonsCC-2022

Plan Type: Local

Population Summary

Wednesday, March 23, 2022

4:34 PM

Summary Statistics:

Population Range:	842 to 853
Ratio Range:	0.01
Absolute Range:	-6 to 5
Absolute Overall Range:	11
Relative Range:	-0.71% to 0.59%
Relative Overall Range:	1.30%
Absolute Mean Deviation:	3.40
Relative Mean Deviation:	0.40%
Standard Deviation:	3.87

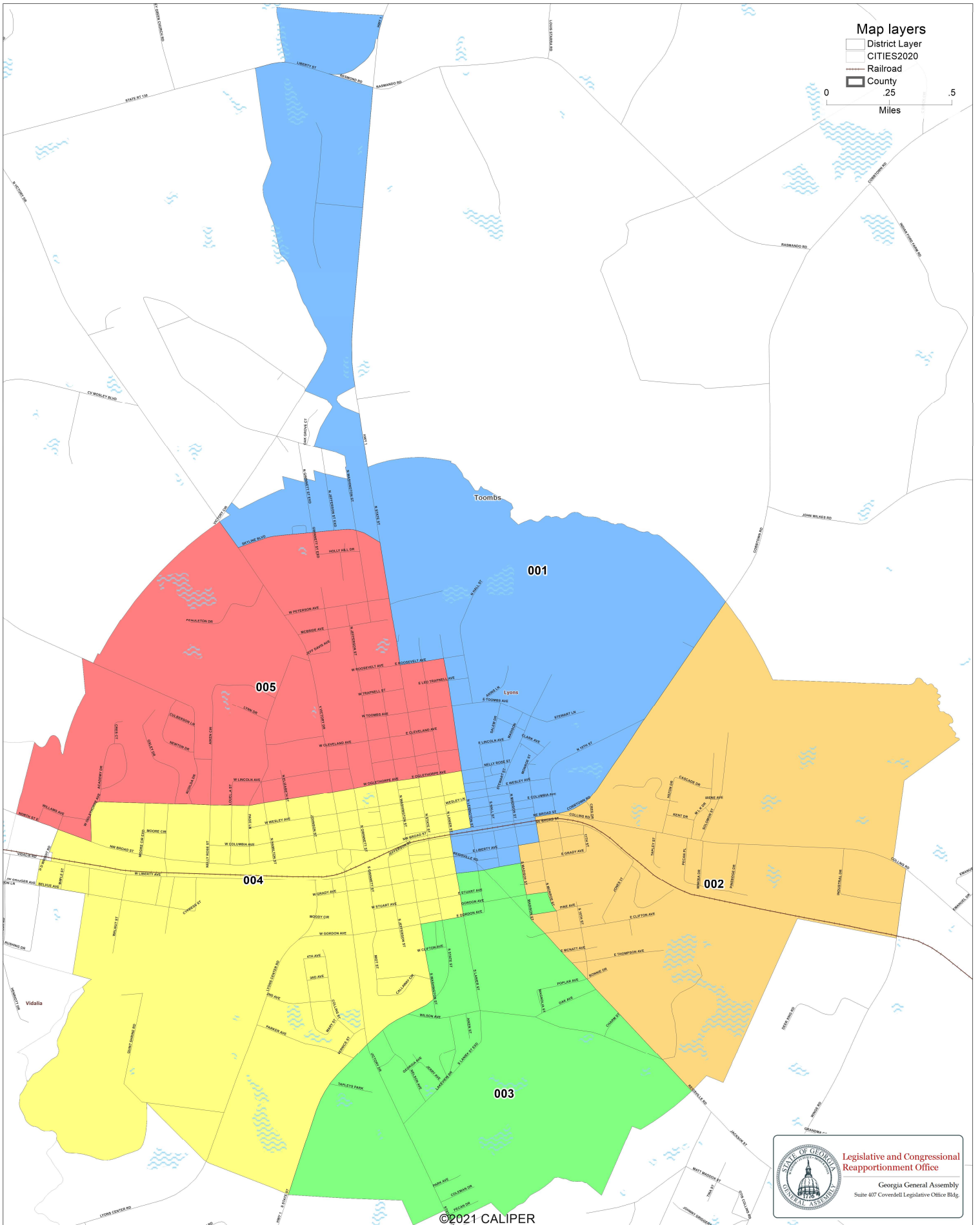
District	Population	Deviation	% Devn.	[18+ _Pop]	[% 18+ _Pop]	[% NH_Wht]	[% NH_Blkl]	[% Hispanic Origin]	[% NH_Asn]	[% NH_Ind]	[% NH_Hwn]	[% NH_Oth]	[% NH_2+ Races]
001	842	-6	-0.71%	570	67.7%	30.76%	53.44%	9.38%	0.95%	0%	0%	0.71%	4.75%
002	849	1	0.12%	593	69.85%	24.73%	59.13%	13.19%	0.35%	0%	0%	0.35%	2.24%
003	850	2	0.24%	575	67.65%	42%	17.18%	38.71%	0.12%	0%	0%	0.24%	1.76%
004	853	5	0.59%	670	78.55%	67.06%	18.05%	10.08%	0.12%	0%	0.12%	0.82%	3.75%
005	845	-3	-0.35%	674	79.76%	72.54%	16.33%	7.34%	1.07%	0.24%	0.12%	0.36%	2.01%

Total: 4,239

Ideal District: 848

Lyons City Council Districts- 2022

Client: Lyons
Plan: Lyons-CC-2022
Type: Local



DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED NEW ELECTION WARDS OR DISTRICTS
FOR CITY OF LYONS, GEORGIA

Sec. 5.11. - Division of city into wards.

(a) The City of Lyons, for the purpose of electing councilmembers, shall be divided into five (5) wards consisting of the following territory within the City of Lyons:

- (1) Ward 1: All of that portion of Toombs County bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the point of intersection of the Lyons city line and N Victory Dr, and proceeding northerly along the Lyons city line to Cobbtown Rd, and proceeding southerly along Cobbtown Rd to NE Broad St, and proceeding westerly along NE Broad St to S Monroe St, and proceeding southerly along S Monroe St to E Liberty Ave, and proceeding westerly along E Liberty Ave to S Madison St, and proceeding southerly along S Madison St to E Grady Ave, and proceeding westerly along E Grady Ave to S Lanier St, and proceeding northerly along S Lanier St to NE Broad St, and proceeding easterly along NE Broad St to N Lexington St, and proceeding northerly along N Lexington St to E Roosevelt Ave, and proceeding westerly along E Roosevelt Ave to N State St, and proceeding northerly along N State St to Skyline Blvd, and proceeding westerly along Skyline Blvd to N Victory Dr, and proceeding northerly along N Victory Dr to the point of beginning.
- (2) Ward 2: All of that portion of Toombs County bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the point of intersection of E Liberty Ave and S Madison St, and proceeding easterly along E Liberty Ave to S Monroe St, and proceeding northerly along S Monroe St to NE Broad St, and proceeding easterly along NE Broad St to Cobbtown Rd, and proceeding easterly and northerly along Cobbtown Rd to the Lyons city line, and proceeding southerly along the Lyons city line to Reidsville Rd, and proceeding northerly along Reidsville Rd to Madison St, and proceeding northerly along Madison St to Pine Ave, and proceeding easterly along Pine Ave to S Monroe St, and proceeding northerly along S Monroe St to E Gordon Ave, and proceeding westerly along E Gordon Ave to S Madison St, and proceeding northerly along S Madison St to the point of beginning.
- (3) Ward 3: All of that portion of Toombs County bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the point of intersection of S State St and the Lyons city line, and proceeding northerly along S State St to S Washington St, and proceeding northerly along S Washington St to W Gordon Ave, and proceeding easterly along W Gordon Ave to E Gordon Ave, and proceeding easterly along E Gordon Ave to S Lanier St, and proceeding northerly along S Lanier St to E Grady Ave,

and proceeding easterly along E Grady Ave to S Madison St, and proceeding southerly along S Madison St to E Gordon Ave, and proceeding easterly along E Gordon Ave to S Monroe St, and proceeding southerly along S Monroe St to Pine Ave, and proceeding westerly along Pine Ave to Madison St, and proceeding southerly along Madison St to Reidsville Rd, and proceeding southerly along Reidsville Rd to the Lyons city line, and proceeding westerly along the Lyons city line to the point of beginning.

(4) Ward 4: All of that portion of Toombs County bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the point of intersection of the Vidalia/Lyons city line and the Lyons city line, and proceeding northerly along the Vidalia/Lyons city line to the Lyons city line, and proceeding southerly along the Lyons city line to the Vidalia/Lyons city line, and proceeding northerly along the Vidalia/Lyons city line to the Lyons city line, and proceeding northerly along the Lyons city line to NW Broad St, and proceeding easterly along NW Broad St to W Oglethorpe Ave, and proceeding northerly and westerly along W Oglethorpe Ave to E Oglethorpe Ave, and proceeding easterly along E Oglethorpe Ave to N Lexington St, and proceeding southerly along N Lexington St to NE Broad St, and proceeding westerly along NE Broad St to S Lanier St, and proceeding southerly along S Lanier St to E Gordon Ave, and proceeding westerly along E Gordon Ave to W Gordon Ave, and proceeding westerly along W Gordon Ave to S Washington St, and proceeding southerly along S Washington St to S State St, and proceeding westerly and southerly along S State St to the Lyons city line, and proceeding westerly along the Lyons city line to the point of beginning.

(5) Ward 5: All of that portion of Toombs County bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the point of intersection of the Vidalia/Lyons city line and the Lyons city line, and proceeding northerly along the Vidalia/Lyons city line to the Lyons city line, and proceeding easterly along the Lyons city line to N Victory Dr, and proceeding southerly along N Victory Dr to Skyline Blvd, and proceeding easterly along Skyline Blvd to N State St, and proceeding southerly along N State St to E Roosevelt Ave, and proceeding easterly along E Roosevelt Ave to N Lexington St, and proceeding southerly along N Lexington St to E Oglethorpe Ave, and proceeding westerly along E Oglethorpe Ave to W Oglethorpe Ave, and proceeding westerly and southwesterly along W Oglethorpe Ave to NW Broad St, and proceeding westerly along NW Broad St to the Lyons city line, and proceeding westerly along the Lyons city line to the point of beginning.

(b) For the purposes of this section:

(1) Whenever the description of any ward refers to a named city, it shall mean the geographical boundaries of that city as shown on the census maps for the United States decennial census of 2020 for the State of Georgia.

(2) Any part of the City of Lyons which is not included in Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, as described in this section, or any territory annexed into the City of Lyons, shall be included within Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, whenever, or to the extent that, such ward, as the case may be, is contiguous to such part or territory and contains the least population according to the United States decennial census of 2020 for the State of Georgia.