

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF WISE  
COUNTY, VIRGINIA TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPORTIONMENT OF MEMBERS OF  
COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, TO ESTABLISH BOUNDARY LINES OF THE  
ELECTION DISTRICTS AND TO NAME EACH ELECTION DISTRICT**

**ORDINANCE # \_\_\_\_\_**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF WISE COUNTY, VIRGINIA

**SECTION 1 :** Pursuant to Section 15.2-1211 of the Code of Virginia, the election districts of Wise County, Virginia are hereby established as set forth in this Ordinance.

**SECTION 2 :** The population of Wise County decreased from 41,452 in 2011 to 35,086 in 2020. The population of the newly established districts as determined by the 2020 Census Data are as follows:

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>POPULATION</u>
1	8,539
2	8,359
3	9,053
4	9,135

**SECTION 3:** The boundaries of the respective election districts are set forth as follows:

**DISTRICT ONE:**

BEGINNING in the Northeast part of the County at the point where the Pound River and Dickenson County Line intersect; then follows the Pound River in a southwesterly direction to the confluence of Bold Camp Creek; then following Bold Camp Creek south to the intersecting point of a ridge near Mullins Fork; following this ridge to the crest of Bold Camp Mountain and follows this crest to the crest of Indian Creek Mountain at Rocky Fork; then following Rocky Fork to the intersection of Rt. 626; then following Rt. 626 to Rt. 823 and following Rt. 823 to the intersection of U.S. 23; then following U.S. 23 to the intersection of business 23; then following the Town boundaries to the intersection with Rt. 681 following this road south to the intersection with the Norton City Limits; then following the City Limits Westerly to the intersection with the ridge of Stone Mountain and following this ridge Westerly to the intersection with old U.S. 23/58 A at Roaring Branch; then following Roaring Branch southwest to the crest of Stone Mountain; then continuing southwest with the crest of Stone Mountain to High Butte at the Wise-Lee County line; then following this line northwesterly to the intersection of the Wise-Lee County, Virginia and Harlan County, Kentucky Line; then following this line north to the Wise-Letcher County Line and following this line to the Wise-Dickenson County Line, and then along this line back to the starting point at the Pound River.

### **DISTRICT TWO:**

BEGINNING in the Northeast part of the county at the point where the Pound River and Dickenson County line intersect; then following the Pound River in a Southwesterly direction to the confluence of Bold Camp Creek; then following Bold Camp Creek South to the intersecting point of a ridge near Mullins Fork; following this ridge to the crest of Bold Camp Mountain and following this crest to the crest of Indian Creek Mountain at Rocky Fork; then following Rocky Fork to the intersection of Rt. 626; then Following Rt. 626 to the intersecting point of Rt. 823 and following Rt. 823 to the Southern intersection of US 23; then following US 23 to the intersection of Bus 23; then following the Town of Wise limit line until intersecting with Rt. 640; then following Rt. 640 northeasterly to the intersecting point with Rt. 643; then follows Rt. 643 southeasterly until Steele's Fork following this fork South and continuing across Alt Rt. 58 with the Gladeville -Lipps Magisterial line to the N&W Railway just West of Rt. 658; then follows the railroad tracks through Coeburn to the eastern town limit boundary; then follows the town limit line approx 100 yards north to Alt Rt. 58 following this route to the intersecting point with Rt. 654; then follows Rt. 654 east to the crest of the mountain; then follows this crest North to Rt.652 and follows this route to the Dickenson County line and following this line back to the BEGINNING point at the Pound River.

### **DISTRICT THREE:**

BEGINNING at a point on the Wise-Lee County Line known as High Butte on the crest of Stone Mountain; then northeast with Stone Mountain to the headwaters of Roaring Branch; then with Roaring Branch northeast to its mouth in Powell River just below the crest of Stone Mountain; then leaving Roaring branch and following the crest of the mountain easterly to the Norton City Limits boundary; then following the Norton City limits in a Southernly direction to the intersection with Route 619 following this road to the Scott County Line; then following the Wise-Scott County line southwesterly to the Southernmost tip of the County and turning Northwesterly following the Wise-Lee County line back to the stalling point at High Butte.

### **DISTRICT FOUR:**

BEGINNING at the point at which Rt. 619 enters the County at the Scott County line following this route to the Norton City limits; then following the Norton City limits Northerly to the point at which Rt. 681 intersects the Norton City Boundary; then follows Rt. 681 to the point of contact with the Town of Wise boundary; then follows the eastern boundary of the Town of Wise until intersecting with Rt. 640; then follows Rt. 640 northeasterly to the intersection point with Rt. 643; then follows Rt. 643 southeasterly until Steele's Fork following this fork south to Rt. 646 continuing south across Alt Rt. 58 with the Gladeville-Roberson Magisterial line and intersecting the N&W Railway just west of Rt. 658; then follows the railroad tracks through Coeburn to the eastern town limit boundary; then follows the Town Limit Line approx 100 yards north to Alt. Rt. 58 following this route to the intersecting point with Rt. 654; then follows Rt. 654 east to the crest of the mountain; then follows this crest North to Rt. 652 and follows this route to the Dickenson County line following the Dickenson County Line to the Russell County line to the Eastern most tip of the County; then turning West along the Wise /Russell and the

Wise/Scott County lines back to the starting point at the High Knob Road.

**SECTION FOUR:** Two Supervisors shall be elected from each district set forth by this ordinance.

**SECTION FIVE:** Should any section or provision of this ordinance be decided to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section and provision of this ordinance.

**SECTION SIX:** This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its adoption and enactment by the Board of Supervisors of Wise County, Virginia. Candidates for the Office of County Supervisor to be elected on November 7, 2023, and thereafter shall offer for election from the election districts as established by this ordinance.

Enacted and ordained this 9<sup>th</sup> day of December 2021.

This ordinance shall become effective upon passage.

ATTEST:

WISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Michael W. Hatfield, Clerk

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J. H. Rivers, Chairman