



Township of Haverford

Ordinance No. 3014 - 2025

An Ordinance of Haverford Township, Delaware County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending Chapter 37, "Wards and Precincts," to amend portions of the boundaries of Ward Precincts 3-4 and 4-4 and the Ward Map to reapportion the Township's voting districts to contain nearly equal electors as practicable as officially and finally reported in the 2020 Federal Decennial Census.

Whereas, the Home Rule Charter of the Township of Haverford ("Township") and the Pennsylvania First Class Township Code authorizes the Haverford Township Board of Commissioners ("Board") to make and adopt ordinances consistent with the constitution and laws of this Commonwealth and with the Haverford Township Charter when necessary for the proper management, care and control of the Township and the maintenance of peace, good government, health and welfare of the Township and its citizens;

Whereas, Article IX, Section 11 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, and Section 12.05 of the Municipal Reapportionment Act (53 Pa.C.S.A. §§ 901, et seq.), require that all municipalities in which the elected officials are elected by districts, and not elected at-large, must examine the distribution of their voting districts to ensure that they are as nearly even in population as practicable after each decennial census is reported;

Whereas, pursuant to the Act, and in accordance with Sections 202 and 203 of the Township Charter, the Township has nine Township Commissioner Districts, referred to as "wards," that form a compact, contiguous territory following distinctive geographical boundaries. Such wards are required to contain, as nearly as possible, equal numbers of residents as determined by the latest official census of the United States Bureau of the Census, and may be changed in accordance with the law;

Whereas, legal guidance and precedent establishes that, to ensure an equal number of residents in each ward (as nearly as possible), no ward should deviate more than ten percent (10%) from the average population;

Whereas, the results of the decennial census revealed that Haverford Township voting districts are imbalanced in the number of electors, such that Ward 4 deviated above the average population by 10.6%, and Ward 3 deviated below the average population by 6.5%;

Whereas, relocating 425 electors from Ward 4-4 to Ward 3-4 would result in a deviation of approximately 3.1%, which would match the average deviation of all wards;

Whereas, such relocated electors would be located from Census Block's 1000, 1001, 1005, 1006, 1010, 1011, and 1012;

Whereas, it has been determined that such a relocation would not violate the Voting Rights Act, nor would the relocation have a substantial impact on election outcomes;

Whereas, for the above stated reasons, and to advance the health, welfare, and constitutional rights of the voters of Haverford Township, and to comply with the Pennsylvania Constitution and the Municipal Reapportionment Act, the Board desires to amend its Code of Ordinances, Chapter, 37, Wards and Precincts, to amend portions of the boundaries of Ward Precincts 3-4 and 4-4 and the Ward Map to reapportion the Township's voting districts to contain nearly equal electors as practicable as officially and finally reported in the 2020 Federal Decennial Census;

Whereas, the Township finds that the proposed amended districts, and the entire proposed Ward Map, would still result in contiguous and compact boundaries and that the nine Township wards would divide the Township electorate into nine evenly numbered voting districts;

Now, Therefore, be it Ordained and Enacted by the Haverford Township Board of Commissioners, that the voting district / ward map for Haverford Township is hereby repealed and replaced with the Ward Map attached hereto as Exhibit "A", which shall be the official ward and voting district / precinct map of Haverford Township, Delaware County.

Now, Therefore, be it Further Ordained and Enacted by the Haverford Township Board of Commissioners, that the Haverford Township Code of Ordinances shall be amended as set forth below:

Section I: Amendment of the Code. The Haverford Township Code of Ordinances, Chapter 37, Wards and Precincts, is amended as follows:

Section 37-3, Ward No. 3, shall be amended to reflect the new Ward boundary shown on the Ward Map, with the written description amended to provide as follows:

The boundaries of Ward No. 3 shall be as shown on the attached map which is made part of this chapter, the written description thereof being as follows: Beginning at the point of intersection of the center of Philadelphia and Western R.R. (Southeastern Pennsylvania Transit Authority (SEPTA) Hi-Speed Line) with the center of Ardmore Avenue; thence southwestwardly along the center of Ardmore Avenue to its intersection with the extension of the southwesterly line of Delaware County Tax Map Parcel No. 22-04-006-6700; thence southeasterly along the southwesterly property line of Tax Map Parcel No. 22-04-006-6700 and the rear property lines of Tax Map Parcel Nos. 22-04-006-6600 and 22-04-006-6500; thence along the southeasterly line of Tax Map Parcel No. 22-04-006-6400; thence along the rear lines of Tax Map Parcel Nos. 22-04-001-7100, 22-04-001-7001, 22-04-001-7000, 22-04-001-6901, and 22-04-001-6900 to its intersection with the southwesterly line of Tax Map Parcel No. 22-04-001-6900; thence northeasterly along the southeasterly line of 22-04-001-6900 to the southwesterly line of Tax Map Parcel No. 22-04-001-6800; thence southeasterly along the southwesterly line of Tax Map Parcel No. 22-04-001-6800 extended to the center line of West Golf View Road; thence southwestwardly along the center line of West Golf View Road to the center line of Ellis Road; thence southeastwardly along the center line of Ellis Road to the center line of Prescott Road; thence southeastwardly along the center line of Prescott Road to its intersection with the center of Hillcrest Avenue; thence southwestwardly and eastwardly along the center of Hillcrest Avenue to its intersection with the center of Eagle Road; thence southwestwardly along the center of Eagle Road to its intersection with the center of the Penn Central Railroad (formerly the Philadelphia and Baltimore Central Railroad) right-of-way; thence southeastwardly along the center of the Penn Central Railroad (formerly the Philadelphia and Baltimore Central Railroad) right-of-way to its intersection with the extension of the center of Wood Lane; thence northeastwardly and eastwardly along the extension of and the center of Wood Lane to its intersection with the center of Bellemead Avenue; thence southeastwardly along the center of Bellemead Avenue to its intersection with the center of Braeburn Road; thence northeastwardly along the center of Braeburn Road to its intersection with the center of the southbound travel lanes of Darby Road; thence northwardly along the center of the southbound travel lanes of Darby Road to its intersection with the center of Marthart Avenue; thence northeastwardly along the center of Marthart Avenue to its intersection with the center of Winton Avenue; thence northwestwardly along the center of Winton Avenue to its intersection with the center of Campbell Avenue; thence northeastwardly and southeastwardly along the center of Campbell Avenue to its intersection with the center of Hastings Avenue; thence northeastwardly along the center of Hastings Avenue to its intersection with the center of Earlington Road; thence northwestwardly along the center of Earlington Road to its intersection with the center of Eagle Road; thence southwestwardly along the center of Eagle Road to its intersection with the center of Poplar Road; thence northwestwardly along the center of Poplar Road to its intersection with the center of Linden Drive; thence northwestwardly along the center of and the extension of Linden Drive to its intersection with the center of Cobbs Creek; thence northwestwardly along the center of Cobbs Creek to its intersection with the center of Golf View Road; thence northeastwardly along the center of Golf View Road to its intersection with the center of Sunnybrook Lane; thence southeastwardly along the center of Sunnybrook Lane to its intersection with the extension of the common line between Tax

Map Parcel Nos. 22-14-324 and 22-14-325; thence northeastwardly along said common line between Tax Map Parcel Nos. 22-14-324 and 22-14-325 to its intersection with the center of the Philadelphia and Western R.R. (Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA) Hi-Speed Line); thence northwestwardly along the center of the Philadelphia and Western R.R. (SEPTA Hi-Speed Line) to its intersection with the center of Ardmore Avenue, being the first mentioned point and place of beginning.

Section 37-4, Ward No. 4, shall be amended to reflect the new Ward boundary shown on the Ward Map, with the written description amended to provide as follows:

The boundaries of Ward No. 4 shall be as shown on the attached map which is made part of this chapter, the written description thereof being as follows: Beginning at the point of intersection of the center of West Chester Pike and Darby Creek; thence northwardly along the center of Darby Creek to its intersection with the northerly boundary of Haverford Township, also being the southerly boundary of Radnor Township; thence northeastwardly along the boundary of Haverford Township, also being the southerly boundary of Radnor Township, to its intersection with the center of Mill Road; thence southeastwardly along the center of Mill Road to its intersection with the center of Radnor Road; thence southwardly along the center of Radnor Road to its intersection with the center of Darby Road; thence southeastwardly along the center of Darby Road to its intersection with the center of Ardmore Avenue; thence northeastwardly along the center of Ardmore Avenue to its intersection with the extension of the northeasterly property line of Delaware County Tax Map Parcel No. 22-04-004-8216; thence southeastwardly along the northeasterly property line of Delaware County Tax Map Parcel No. 22-04-004-8216; thence along the rear property lines of Tax Map Parcel Nos. 22-04-004-8215, 22-04-004-8214, 22-04-004-8213, 22-04-004-8212, 22-04-004-8211, 22-04-004-8210, 22-04-004-5120, 22-04-004-5110, 22-04-004-5100, 22-04-001-6820 and 22-04-001-6810 to the common line between Tax Map Parcel No. 22-04-001-6810 and 22-04-001-6800; thence southeasterly along the common line between 22-04-001-6810 and 22-04-001-6800 extended to its intersection with the center of West Golf View Road; thence southwesterly along the center line of West Golf View Road to its intersection with the center line of Ellis Road; thence southeastwardly along the center line of Ellis Road to its intersection with the center line of Prescott Road; thence southeastwardly along the center of Prescott Road to its intersection with the center of Hillcrest Avenue; thence southwestwardly and eastwardly along the center of Hillcrest Avenue to its intersection with the center of Eagle Road; thence southwestwardly and southwardly along the center of Eagle Road to its intersection with the center of Warren Avenue; thence westwardly along the center of Warren Avenue to its intersection with the center of Chester Avenue; thence northwardly along the center of Chester Avenue to its intersection with the center of Lawrence Road; thence westwardly along the center of Lawrence Road to its intersection with the center of Mt. Pleasant Road; thence southeastwardly along the center of Mt. Pleasant Road to its intersection with the center of Maryland Avenue; thence southeastwardly along the center of Maryland Avenue to its intersection with the center of Lynnewood Drive; thence southwestwardly along the center of Lynnewood Drive to its intersection with the center of Stanton Avenue; thence southeastwardly along the center of Stanton Avenue to its intersection with the center of Ashton Road; thence southwestwardly along the center of Ashton Road to its intersection with the rear line of Tax Map Parcel No. 22-30-066; thence westwardly along the rear line of Tax Map Parcel No. 22-30-066 to its intersection with the common line between Tax Map Parcel Nos. 22-30-066 and 22-30-067; thence southwardly along the extension of the common line between Tax Map Parcel Nos. 22-30-066 and 22-30-067 to its intersection with the center of West Chester Pike; thence westwardly along the center of West Chester Pike to its intersection with the center of Robinson Avenue; thence northeastwardly along the center of Robinson Avenue to its intersection with the center of Fairmont Road; thence northwestwardly along the center of Fairmont Road to its southerly intersection with the center of Circle Drive; thence northwestwardly and eastwardly along the center of Circle Drive to its northerly intersection with the center of Fairmont Road; thence northwestwardly along the center of Fairmont Road to its intersection with the center of Lawrence Road; thence southwardly along the center of Lawrence Road to its intersection with the center of West Chester Pike; thence westwardly along the center of West Chester Pike to its intersection with the center of Darby Creek, being the first mentioned point and place of beginning.

Section 37-12.D, Precinct No. 3-4, shall be amended to reflect the new precinct boundary shown on the Ward Map, with the written description amended to provide as follows:

The boundaries of Precinct No. 3-4 shall be as shown on the attached map which is made part of this chapter, the written description thereof being as follows: Beginning at the point of intersection of the center of Ardmore Avenue with the center of Darby Road; thence southwestwardly along the center of Ardmore Avenue to its intersection with the extension of the southwesterly line of Delaware County Tax Map Parcel No. 22-04-006-6700; thence southeasterly along the southwesterly property line of Tax Map Parcel No. 22-04-006-6700 and the rear property lines of Tax Map Parcel Nos. 22-04-006-6600 and 22-04-006-6500; thence along the southeasterly line of Tax Map Parcel No. 22-04-006-6400; thence along the rear lines of Tax Map Parcel Nos. 22-04-001-7100, 22-04-001-7001, 22-04-001-7000, 22-04-001-6901, and 22-04-001-6900 to its intersection with the southwesterly line of Tax Map Parcel No. 22-04-001-6900; thence northeasterly along the southeasterly line of 22-04-001-6900 to the southwesterly line of Tax Map Parcel No. 22-04-001-6800; thence southeasterly along the southwesterly line of Tax Map Parcel No. 22-04-001-6800 extended to the center line of West Golf View Road; thence southwestwardly along the center line of West Golf View Road to the center line of Ellis Road; thence southeastwardly along the center line of Ellis Road to the center line of Prescott Road; thence southeastwardly along the center line of Prescott Road to the center line of Colfax Road; thence northeastwardly along the center line of Colfax Road to its intersection with the center of Grasslyn Avenue; thence southeastwardly along the center of Grasslyn Avenue to its intersection with the center of Eagle Road; thence northeastwardly along the center of Eagle Road to its intersection with the center of Clover Lane; thence northwestwardly along the center of and northerly extension of Clover Lane to its intersection with the center of Huntington Lane; thence northwestwardly along the center of and the northerly extension of Huntington Lane to its intersection with the center of Ardmore Avenue; thence southwestwardly along the center of Ardmore Avenue to the center of Darby Road, being the first mentioned point and place of beginning.

Section 37-13.D, Precinct No. 4-4, shall be amended to reflect the new precinct boundary shown on the Ward Map, with the written description amended to provide as follows:

The boundaries of Precinct No. 4-4 shall be as shown on the attached map which is made part of this chapter, the written description thereof being as follows: Beginning at the point of intersection of the center of Prescott Road and the center of Colfax Road; thence southwestwardly along the center of Colfax Road to its intersection with the center of Merrybrook Drive; thence northwestwardly along the center of Merrybrook Drive to its intersection with the center of Paddock Road; thence northwestwardly along the center of Paddock Road to its intersection with the center of David Drive; thence northwestwardly along the center of David Drive to its intersection with the center of Ellis Road; thence northeastwardly along the center of Ellis Road to its intersection with the center of Ardmore Avenue; thence northeastwardly along the center of Ardmore Avenue to its intersection with the extension of the northeasterly property line of Delaware County Tax Map Parcel No. 22-04-004-8216; thence southeastwardly along the northeasterly property line of Delaware County Tax Map Parcel No. 22-04-004-8216; thence along the rear property lines of Tax Map Parcel Nos. 22-04-004-8215, 22-04-004-8214, 22-04-004-8213, 22-04-004-8212, 22-04-004-8211, 22-04-004-8210, 22-04-004-5120, 22-04-004-5110, 22-04-004-5100, 22-04-001-6820 and 22-04-001-6810 to the common line between Tax Map Parcel No. 22-04-001-6810 and 22-04-001-6800; thence southeasterly along the common line between 22-04-001-6810 and 22-04-001-6800 extended to its intersection with the center of West Golf View Road; thence southwesterly along the center line of West Golf View Road to its intersection with the center line of Ellis Road; thence southeastwardly along the center line of Ellis Road to its intersection with the center line of Prescott Road; thence southeastwardly along the center of Prescott Road to its intersection with the center of Colfax Road, being the first mentioned point and place of beginning.

Section II: Reflection of Changes to Wards and Precincts

For ease of review, the specific changes made to the amended boundary descriptions are reflected in Exhibit "B".

Unless for the ward and precinct changes set forth above in Section I, the ward and precinct boundaries of the remaining wards and precincts shall remain unchanged, as such contain nearly equal electors as practicable.

Section III: Repealer. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith or in conflict with any of the specific terms enacted hereby, to the extent of said inconsistencies or conflicts, are hereby specifically repealed.

Section IV: Revisions. The Haverford Township Board of Commissioners does hereby reserve the right, from time to time, to adopt modifications of, supplements to, or amendments of this Ordinance.

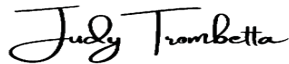
Section V: Severability. If any section, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this Ordinance shall be declared illegal, invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such declaration shall not prevent, preclude or otherwise foreclose enforcement of any of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

Section VI: Effective Date. This amendment shall become effective upon the legal date of its adoption.

Section VII: Failure to Enforce not a Waiver. The failure of Haverford Township to enforce any provision of this Ordinance shall not constitute a waiver by the Township of its rights of future enforcement hereunder.

Enacted and Adopted this 14th day of April, 2025.

Township of Haverford



By:

Judy Trombetta, President, Board of Commissioners



Attest:

David R. Burman, Township Manager/Secretary