

House Bill 1029

By: Representatives Thomas of the 21st, Ridley of the 22nd, Jones of the 47th, Jasperse of the 11th, Parsons of the 44th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating a new charter for the City of Holly Springs in the County of
2 Cherokee, approved March 18, 1980 (Ga. L. 1980, p. 3281), as amended, so as to revise the
3 boundaries of the city; to provide that the city council shall be composed of four instead of
4 five members; to provide new city council district boundaries; to provide for definitions and
5 inclusions; to provide for continuation in office of the current councilmembers; to provide
6 effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 An Act creating a new charter for the City of Holly Springs in the County of Cherokee,
10 approved March 18, 1980 (Ga. L. 1980, p. 3281), as amended, is amended by revising
11 Section 1.02 as follows:

12 "SECTION 1.02.
13 Corporate boundaries.

14 (a)(1) The boundaries of this city shall be those described in described in Appendix A
15 attached to and made a part of this charter and further identified as 'User: HD 21 Plan
16 Name: HollySprings-city-2026 Plan Type: Local', with such alterations as may be made
17 from time to time in the manner provided by general state law.

18 (2) For the purposes of such plan:

19 (A) The term 'VTD' shall mean and describe the same geographical boundaries as
20 provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial
21 census of 2020 for the State of Georgia. The separate numeric designations in a district
22 description which are underneath a VTD heading shall mean and describe individual
23 Blocks within a VTD as provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the
24 United States decennial census of 2020 for the State of Georgia; and

25 (B) Except as otherwise provided in the description of any district, whenever the
26 description of any district refers to a named city, it shall mean the geographical
27 boundaries of that city as shown on the census maps for the United States decennial
28 census of 2020 for the State of Georgia.

29 (b) The boundaries of this city at all times shall be shown on a map, a written description
30 or any combination thereof, to be retained permanently in the office of the clerk and to be
31 designated, as the case may be: Official Map (or Description) of the Corporate Limits of
32 the City of Holly Springs, Georgia. Photographic, typed, or other copies of such map or
33 description certified by the clerk shall be admitted as evidence in all courts and shall have
34 the same force and effect as with the original map or description.

35 (c) The city council may provide for the redrawing of any such map by ordinance to reflect
36 lawful changes in the corporate boundaries. A redrawn map shall supersede for all
37 purposes the earlier map or maps which it is designated to replace."

38 **SECTION 2.**

39 Said Act is further amended by revising Section 2.01 as follows:

40 "SECTION 2.01.

41 City council creation; composition; number; election.

42 Except as otherwise specifically provided in this charter, the legislative authority of the
43 government of this city shall be vested in a city council to be composed of a mayor and
44 four councilmembers. The mayor and councilmembers shall be elected in the manner
45 provided by Article V of this charter."

46 **SECTION 3.**

47 Said Act is further amended by revising Section 5.02 as follows:

48 "SECTION 5.02.

49 Regular elections.

50 (a)(1) For purposes of electing members of the city council, the city is divided into four
51 districts. One member of the council shall be elected from each such district. The four
52 districts shall be and correspond to those four numbered districts described in and
53 attached to and made a part of this Act and further identified as 'User: HD 21 Plan:
54 HollySprings-p1-2026 Plan Type: Local'.

55 (2)(A) For the purposes of such plan:

56 (i) The term 'VTD' shall mean and describe the same geographical boundaries as
57 provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial
58 census of 2020 for the State of Georgia. The separate numeric designations in a
59 district description which are underneath a VTD heading shall mean and describe
60 individual Blocks within a VTD as provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census
61 for the United States decennial census of 2020 for the State of Georgia; and

62 (ii) Except as otherwise provided in the description of any district, whenever the
63 description of any district refers to a named city, it shall mean the geographical
64 boundaries of that city as shown on the census maps for the United States decennial
65 census of 2020 for the State of Georgia.

66 (B) Any part of the City of Holly Springs which is not included in any district
67 described in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be included within that district
68 contiguous to such part which contains the least population according to the United
69 States decennial census of 2020 for the State of Georgia.

70 (3) Except for incorporated islands of the City of Holly Springs, any part of the City of
71 Holly Springs which is described in paragraph (1) of this subsection as being included in
72 a particular district shall nevertheless not be included within such district if such part is
73 not contiguous to such district. Such noncontiguous part shall instead be included within
74 that district contiguous to such part which contains the least population according to the
75 United States decennial census of 2020 for the State of Georgia.

76 (4)(A) Those members of the city council who are serving as such on the effective date
77 of this Act and any person selected to fill a vacancy in any such office shall continue
78 to serve as such members until the regular expiration of their respective terms of office
79 and upon the election and qualification of their respective successors.

80 (B)(i) The initial councilmember elected from District 1 as newly described under
81 this Act shall be elected at the 2026 municipal general election to a four-year term of
82 office.

83 (ii) District 3, as it exists immediately prior to the effective date of this Act, shall be
84 designated as District 2, but as newly described under this Act, and on and after the
85 effective date of this Act, the councilmember serving from that former district shall
86 be deemed to be serving from and representing his or her district as newly described
87 under this Act and the successor to such member shall be elected at the 2028
88 municipal general election to a four-year term of office.

89 (iii) District 5, as it exists immediately prior to the effective date of this Act, shall be
90 designated as District 3, but as newly described under this Act, and on and after the
91 effective date of this Act, the councilmember serving from that former district shall
92 be deemed to be serving from and representing his or her district as newly described
93 under this Act and the successor to such member shall be elected at the 2028
94 municipal general election to a four-year term of office.

95 (iv) District 4, as it exists immediately prior to the effective date of this Act, shall
96 continue to be designated as District 4, but as newly described under this Act, and on
97 and after the effective date of this Act, the initial councilmember elected from
98 District 4 as newly described under this Act shall be elected at the 2026 municipal
99 general election to a four-year term of office."

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SECTION 4.

101 (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of this section, this Act shall become
102 effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

103 (b) The provisions of Sections 2 and 3 of this Act necessary to conduct elections for the
104 members of the mayor and council in 2026 shall become effective upon the approval of this
105 Act by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval. The remaining
106 provisions of Sections 2 and 3 shall become effective on January 1, 2027.

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SECTION 5.

108 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

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APPENDIX A

110 User: HD21

111 Plan Name: HollySprings-city-2026

112 Plan Type: Local

113 District HOLLYSPRINGS

114 County Cherokee GA

115 VTD BRADSHAW

116 Block 090808

117 2000 2011

118 VTD HICKORY FLAT

119 Block 090807

120 1000 1001 1002 1003 1004 1005 1006 1008 1009 1010 1014 1015

121 1016 1017 1019 1020 1021 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010

122 2011 2012 2013 2014 3002 3004 3005 3006 3007 3008 3010 3012

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125 VTD HOLLY SPRINGS

126 Block 090703

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132 Block 090704

133 2005 2006 2013

134 VTD LIBERTY
135 Block 090707
136 2003 2004 2005 2006
137 Block 090710
138 1000 1002 1003 1004 1005 1006 1008 1009 1011 1012 1013 2000
139 2001 2003 2007
140 VTD TOONIGH
141 Block 090703
142 2025 2026 2027 2029 2032 2034
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144 2012 2014
145 Block 090709
146 1003 1019 1021 1023 1024 1025 1027 1029 1035 1036
147 Block 090806
148 2003 2004 2005 2007 2008
149 VTD UNIVETER
150 Block 090606
151 3003 3004
152 VTD WILDCAT
153 Block 090703
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157 2000 2002 2003 2017
158 Block 090807
159 1011
160 Block 090808

APPENDIX B

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163 User: HD21

164 Plan Name: HollySprings-p1-2026

165 Plan Type: Local

166 District 001

167 County Cherokee GA

168 VTD HICKORY FLAT

169 Block 090807

170 1014 3002 3004 3005 3006 3007 3010 3013 3014 3032 3035 3036

171 VTD HOLLY SPRINGS

172 Block 090703

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183 District 002

184 County Cherokee GA

185 VTD BRADSHAW

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