

**TOWNSHIP OF UPPER PROVIDENCE
COUNTY OF DELAWARE
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
ORDINANCE No. 566**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UPPER PROVIDENCE, COUNTY OF
DELAWARE, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA REAPPORTIONING THE
VOTING DISTRICTS INTO DISTRICTS WITH COMPACT AND CONTIGUOUS
TERRITORY AS NEARLY EQUAL IN POPULATION AS PRACTICABLE AS
OFFICIALLY AND FINALLY REPORTED IN THE 2020 FEDERAL DECENNIAL
CENSUS**

WHEREAS, the Township of Upper Providence is a municipal corporation organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

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

WHEREAS, the results of the 2020 decennial census revealed that the Upper Providence Township voting districts are imbalanced in population such that the largest district has twenty-eight percent (28%) more population than the smallest district; and

WHEREAS, the Township enacted Ordinance 543 on December 19, 2022, which adopted a new district map and redistricted the Township according to the standards of the Pennsylvania Constitution and Municipal Reapportionment Act, and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 543 was challenged in Court by certain residents, at CV-2023-000503, and Judge John Whelan issues an Order on September 29, 2023 which directed the Township to revise the map “into five voting districts which shall be as even in number of electors as practicable” (Underlining added) pursuant to the Upper Providence Township Home

Rule Charter, instead of “population” as required by the Pennsylvania Constitution and Municipal Reapportionment Act.

WHEREAS, the Township enacted Ordinance 550 on January 11, 2024, which adopted a new district map and redistricted the Township according to the “as even in number of electors as practicable” standard of the Home Rule Charter, and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 550 was again challenged in Court by residents, at CV-2024-001294, and Judge John Whelan issues an Order on May 30, 2025 which reversed his previous decision and directed the Township to revise the map “based on population and comply with the Pennsylvania Constitution and the Municipal Reapportionment Act”(the “MRA”), and

WHEREAS, the Township has now revised its approved map pursuant to the Court’s Order using the Constitutional and MRA standard of population, and

WHEREAS, the independent calculation tool of the nonpartisan website www.davesredistricting.com shows that the newly revised Map, attached hereto as Exhibit A, divides the Township’s population, as measured by the 2020 decennial census into five voting districts in which the population of the largest voting district is only 72 persons larger than the smallest voting district, a difference of only 3.32%, and

WHEREAS, the Township finds that the districts as defined in the Map are all contiguous, and

WHEREAS, the Township finds that the districts as defined in the Map are all compact, and

WHEREAS, the Township finds that the Map divides the Township electorate into five voting districts which are as nearly equal in population as practicable, and

WHEREAS, the Township finds that the Map also supports the ancillary goal of preserving the alignment with existing neighborhoods and communities of interest within the Township as best as possible while equalizing population.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township of Upper Providence Council that:

SECTION 1 – Adoption of 2026 Electoral District Map

1. The voting district map for Upper Providence Township shall hereby be repealed and replaced. The voting district map (“Map”) attached hereto as Exhibit A shall be the official map of Upper Providence Township, Delaware County for all elections occurring on or after January 1, 2026.

2. The voting districts of Upper Providence Township shall be modified and reapportioned so that the five voting districts shall be bound and described as follows:

A. First Voting District

Beginning at the intersection North Orange St. and Media Bypass (Route 1). proceeding along the centerline of N. Orange Street southeast to the intersection of Kirk Lane. Thence following the centerline of Kirk Lane to the southwest to the intersection to the intersection of W. 3rd St. Thence following W. 3rd St. to the East to the border with Media Borough. Thence following the border of Media Borough south to the southwest corner of Media Borough and then east along the border of Media Borough until the intersection of E. Lincoln St. and Manchester Avenue at the border with Nether Providence Township. Thence following the border of Nether Providence Township south to the intersection with the Ridley Creek at the southern border of Upper Providence Township and Middletown Township. Thence following the border of Middletown Township northwest along the Ridley Creek to the intersection of the border with Middletown Township with the Media Bypass (Route 1). Thence following the centerline of the Media Bypass (Route 1) back to the intersection with N. Orange St. at the place of beginning.

B. Second Voting District

Beginning at the intersection of State Road and Greenhill Road at the border with Media Borough and proceeding northeast along the centerline of State Road to the intersection of N. Overhill Rd.. Thence following the centerline of North Overhill Rd., northwest to the intersection of Summit Road. Thence following Summit

Road along its centerline northeast to the intersection with Robin Road. Thence following Robin Road along its centerline northwest to the intersection with Valley View Road. Thence following the centerline of Valley View Road to the northeast, continuing to the northwest as Valley View Road splits, to its intersection with Sandy Bank Road. Thence following the centerline of Sandy Bank Road to the northeast to its intersection with the Media Bypass (Route 1). Thence following the Media Bypass (Route 1) to the east to the border the Township with Marple Township at the Crum Creek. Thence following the border of the Township with Marple Township southeast along the Crum Creek to the southeastern corner of the Township where it meets with Marple Township, Springfield Township, and Nether Providence Township. Thence following the border of the Township with Nether Providence Township to the southwest until reaching the border with Media Borough. Thence following the border with Media Borough to the northwest and back to the place of beginning at the intersection of State Road and Greenhill Road.

C. Third Voting District

Beginning at the intersection of the East Rose Tree Road with N. Providence Road (Route 252) and following the centerline of N. Providence Road to the northwest to the intersection of N. Providence Rd. and Palmers Mill Road (Route 252). Thence following the centerline of N. Providence Rd. to the northwest to the intersection with Chapel Hill Road. Thence following the centerline of Chapel Hill Road to the southwest to the border with Middletown Township/Ridley Creek. Thence following the border with Middletown Township/Ridley Creek to the northwest to the border of Edgemont Township/Ridley Creek. Thence following the border of Edgemont Township along the edge of Ridley Creek State Park and continuing in a straight line to the northeast to the intersection of the Township with the border of Newtown Township at the Springton Lake Reservoir. Thence following the border of Newtown Township to the southeast along the Crum Creek and Springton Lake Reservoir to the intersection with the border of Marple Township and continuing along the border of the Township with Marple Township to the southeast until reaching the south side of the Media Bypass (Route 1). Thence following the Media Bypass (Route 1) to the west until its intersection with Sandy Bank Road. Thence following the centerline of Sandy Bank Road north to the intersection of East Rose Tree Road. Thence following the centerline of East Rose Tree Road northwest to the intersection of N. Providence Road (Route 252) at the point of beginning.

D. Fourth Voting District

Beginning at the intersection of N. Providence Road (Route 252) with East Rose Tree Road and following the centerline of East Rose Tree Road to the east to its intersection with Sandy Bank Road. Thence following the centerline of Sandy Bank Road to the southwest to the intersection with Valley View Road. Thence following Valley View Road along its centerline to the southeast and, at its point of splitting, continuing to follow Valley View Road to the southwest and continuing until the intersection with Robin Road. Thence following the

centerline of Robin Road to the southeast until its terminus at the intersection with Summit Road. Thence following the centerline of Summit Road to the southwest to the intersection with N. Overhill Road. Thence following the centerline of N Overhill Road to the southeast until the intersection with State Road. Thence following the centerline of State Road to the southwest until its intersection with the border of Media Borough at Greenhill Road. Thence following the border of Media Borough/centerline of Greenhill Road to the north until the northern point of Media Borough. Thence following the border with Media Borough to the southwest to its intersection with W. 3rd St. Thence following the centerline of W. 3rd St. to the west to the intersection with Kirk Lane. Thence following the centerline of Kirk Lane to the northeast to the intersection with Roberts Rd. Thence following the centerline of Roberts Rd. to the southeast to its intersection with Preston Road. Thence following the centerline of Preston Road to the northeast to the intersection of N. Providence Road (Route 252). Thence following the centerline of N. Providence Road (Route 252) to the intersection with the East Rose Tree Road at the point of beginning.

E. Fifth Voting District

Beginning at the intersection of Preston Road with N. Providence Road (Route 252). Thence following the centerline of N. Providence Road to the northwest to the intersection of N. Providence Rd. and Palmers Mill Road (Route 252). Thence following the centerline of N. Providence Rd. to the Northwest to the intersection with Chapel Hill Road. Thence following the centerline of Chapel Hill Road to the southwest to the border with Middletown Township/Ridley Creek. Thence following the border with Middletown Township/Ridley Creek to southeast to the intersection with the Media Bypass (Route 1). Thence following the centerline of Media Bypass (Route 1) northeast to the intersection with North Orange Street. Thence proceeding along the centerline of N. Orange Street southeast to the intersection of Kirk Lane. Thence following the centerline of Kirk Lane to the northeast to the intersection with Roberts Road. Thence following the centerline of Roberts Rd. to the southeast to its intersection with Preston Road. Thence following the centerline of Preston Road to the northeast to the intersection of N. Providence Road (Route 252) at the point of beginning.

3. The Township Manager is authorized to advise the Delaware County Bureau of Elections and the Court of Common Pleas of the change of voting districts.

SECTION 2. Repealer.

All ordinances, resolutions and parts of ordinances and resolutions inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed upon confirmation of the approval of the voting districts by the Court of Common Pleas of Delaware County and the final confirmation of this Ordinance. Should the Ordinance and Map be set aside or otherwise invalidated, the existing map currently in effect which was adopted by Ordinance No. 281 shall remain in effect.

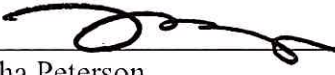
SECTION 3. Adoption.

This ordinance shall become effective five (5) business days after passage; provided, however, that all elections occurring on or before December 31, 2025, shall proceed under the existing map which was adopted by Ordinance No. 281.

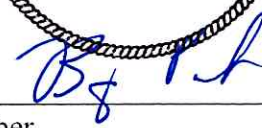
ENACTED AND ORDAINED this 14th day of September 2025.



TOWNSHIP OF UPPER PROVIDENCE:



Marsha Peterson,
Council Chairman

Attest: 

Barry Lubber,
Township Secretary

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istrict	Population	Deviation	
Un	0	0	
1	2,169	-1	
2	2,206	36	
3	2,167	-3	
4	2,176	6	
5	2,194	-36	
istrict Details			

Population			
D	Total	+/-	
In	0		
1	2,169	-0.06%	
2	2,206	1.64%	
3	2,167	-0.16%	
4	2,176	0.26%	
5	2,134	-1.68%	
	2,170	3.32%	

Colors	>
Overlays	>
Custom Overlays	>

