

ORDINANCE 05-25

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A MAP OF WARDS FOR THE CITY OF NELSONVILLE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, under the general plan of the statutory form of government provided for in the Ohio Revised Code, the council of a city includes seven seats, four of which are selected based on wards and three of which are selected at-large;

WHEREAS, Nelsonville does not currently have wards;

WHEREAS, the Athens County Board of Elections has indicated a ward map is required to be in force in order for the Athens County Board of Elections to accept a petition for a candidate running for one of the four ward Council seats;

WHEREAS, the deadline for partisan primary candidate petitions to be submitted to the Athens County Board of Elections is February 5, 2025;

WHEREAS, litigation regarding the procedures relating to change of form of government is currently pending before the Ohio Supreme Court,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NELSONVILLE, ATHENS COUNTY, OHIO AS FOLLOWS:

1. Council hereby adopts the map attached hereto as **Exhibit A** to be the ward map for the City of Nelsonville. This ward map shall apply to the 2025 municipal primary election.
2. In the event the Ohio Supreme Court exercises jurisdiction and takes the case currently pending before it, the map in **Exhibit A** shall not apply to the 2025 municipal primary election.
3. City Council hereby finds that this Ordinance was adopted in a meeting open to the public as required by applicable law.
4. Five (5) members of Council voting to dispense with the two readings of this Ordinance, the rules are hereby suspended for this Ordinance and this Ordinance is hereby enacted on the first reading, to O.R.C. 731.15, and Nelsonville City Charter Sections 4.09 through 4.11. This Ordinance is hereby passed as an emergency measure pursuant to O.R.C. 731.30, Article IV, Sections 4.09 through 4.11 as an emergency in the operation of the City government because the February 5, 2025 deadline for the 2025 municipal primary election is imminent and is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, morals or welfare of the City, and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its adoption.

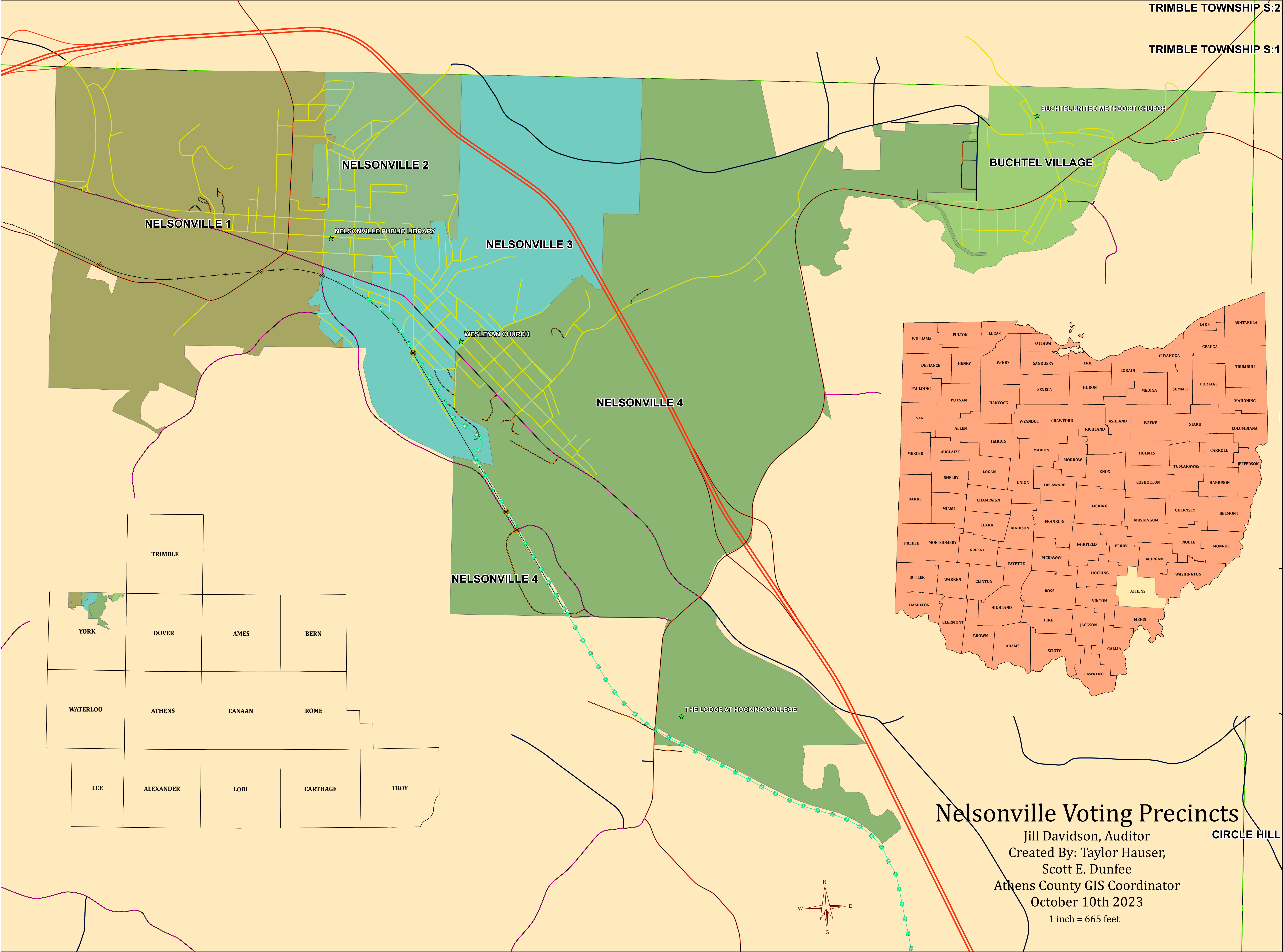
Duly enacted by Council on first reading on the 28th day of January, 2025.

NELSONVILLE CITY COUNCIL

President of Council

Clerk of Council

First Reading: 01/28/2025 Under suspension of the rules



Nelsonville Voting Precincts

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1 inch = 665 feet

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