



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

City Council

STAFF

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SUBJECT

Second Reading of Ordinance No. 150, 2022, Amending Ordinance No. 084, 2022 to Amend the Effective Date of the 2022 Council District-Precinct Map.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Ordinance, adopted 6-0 on December 20, 2022, amends Ordinance No. 084, 2022, Amending the City of Fort Collins District-Precinct Map, adopted on second reading on July 19, 2022, in order to move forward clarification and amendment of the District-Precinct Map in order to eliminate confusion and practical impacts and inconsistencies in Councilmember districts.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on Second Reading.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

The Ordinance originally adopted, attached for reference, stated the newly-adopted District-Precinct Map would be in effective for determining eligibility for City Council offices for the 2023 regular election and for determining eligibility of any interim appointments for Council vacancies.

This approach, while consistent with historical practice, has raised significant confusion and some practical difficulties in determining Councilmember roles and responsibilities. This is exacerbated by the change in term lengths approved in the November 2022 Special Election which will extend current terms of several Councilmembers and the Mayor from April 2023 until the newly effective swearing in date of the second Tuesday in January of 2024.

In light of these issues, staff has prepared information for Council to consider about alternatives to address these concerns. The option recommended by the Election Code Committee is the adoption of a new ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 084 and set an earlier date for the new District-Precinct Map and Council districts to go into effect, making the Map and related changes effective as of the effective date of Ordinance No. 084, 10 days following its passage on July 19, 2022.

CITY FINANCIAL IMPACTS

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BOARD / COMMISSION / COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Council's Election Code Committee considered this topic at their December 5, 2022, meeting. The committee unanimously recommended adoption of an ordinance amending the original adoption of the amended district-precinct map to set the effective date as of the original effective date of Ordinance No. 084, 2022. An excerpt of the draft minutes of that ECC meeting are included as an attachment to this item.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

Notice of the proposed amendment to Ordinance No. 084, 2022 was published in the Coloradoan on Sunday, December 4, 2022, and again on Sunday, December 11, 2022, following the same notification provisions required for initial adoption of an amended district-precinct map in a redistricting process.

ATTACHMENTS

First Reading attachments not included.

1. Ordinance for Consideration
2. Ordinance Exhibit A – District-Precinct Map