

ORDINANCE NO. 150, 2022  
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS  
AMENDING THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE DISTRICT-PRECINCT MAP  
ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 084, 2022

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 1 of the City Charter requires that the City be divided into six contiguous, reasonably compact City Council districts, each of which shall consist of contiguous, undivided general election precincts, and, to the extent reasonably possible, an equal number of inhabitants; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to City Charter, redistricting must be completed not less than 180 days before the next regular election; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to City Code Section 7-87(b), not more than 18 months after the official decennial publication of the United States Census concerning the population of Fort Collins, the City Clerk must recommend to the City Council any district boundary changes necessary to ensure that, to the extent reasonably possible, there is no more than a ten-percent (10%) deviation between the most populous and the least populous City Council districts; and

WHEREAS, in light of the legal precedents and guidance related to determining voter districts, communities of interest and impacts to ethnic and racial populations are also taken into account in redistricting decisions; and

WHEREAS, due to significant changes to the Larimer County general election precincts, upon which the Council District map must be based, earlier in 2022 staff completed a review of the adjustments required to existing districts to incorporate those changes, seeking to minimize the deviation between the most and least populous City Council districts based on the population data available this year from the 2020 Census; and

WHEREAS, on July 5 and July 19, staff presented for Council consideration on first and second reading Ordinance No. 084, 2022, adopting a new district-precinct map to reflect the foregoing and based on review and discussion by the Election Code Committee; and

WHEREAS, since adoption of Ordinance No. 084, there has been significant confusion and inconsistency in the implementation of the new districts; and

WHEREAS, in order to eliminate any related confusion, dispute or practical difficulties, this Ordinance sets a clear date for implementation of the new districts as of the effective date of Ordinance No. 084, which is July 29, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the City Clerk caused the publication of notices of this Ordinance clarifying the effective date of the adopted district boundary amendments to be made as provided in City Code Section 7-87; and

WHEREAS, the Council district-precinct map adopted in Ordinance No. 084 and made effective with that Ordinance is attached as Exhibit "A."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS as follows:

Section 1. That the City Council hereby makes and adopts the determinations and findings contained in the recitals set forth above.

Section 2. That the district-precinct map dated July 5, 2022, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by this reference, adopted by Ordinance No. 084, 2022, is hereby made effective for all intents and purposes, retroactively to the effective date of Ordinance No. 084, 2022, which is July 29, 2022.

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading, and ordered published this 20th day of December, A.D. 2022, and to be presented for final passage on the 17th day of January, A.D. 2023.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

Passed and adopted on final reading this 17th day of January, A.D. 2023.

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