ORDINANCE NO. 084, 2022 OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS AMENDING THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS DISTRICT-PRECINCT MAP

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, in light of significant changes to the Larimer County general election precincts, upon which the Council District map must be based, staff recently 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, pursuant to the above-referenced provisions, the City Clerk presented alternative district boundary changes to the Election Code Committee for consideration and comment, and based on the Committee's discussion, has presented four alternative district boundary changes for the City Council's consideration; and

WHEREAS, from those four alternatives, the City Council has selected an alternative that it believes best serves the interests of the residents of the City and comports with the requirements of the City Charter and Code; and

WHEREAS, the district boundary changes are consistent with Larimer County's general election precinct boundaries as required; and

WHEREAS, the City Clerk caused the publication of notices of proposed district boundary amendments to be made in accordance with the requirements of City Code Section 7-87; and

WHEREAS, the new Council district-precinct map attached as Exhibit "A" depicts adjusted precinct boundaries and adjusted Council district boundaries.

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, is hereby adopted and shall be in effect for the following purposes:

- (1) determining eligibility for City Council offices for the 2023 regular municipal election; and
- (2) determining eligibility of any interim appointments to fill any City Council vacancies which may occur following the effective date of this Ordinance.

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading, and ordered published this 5th day of July, A.D. 2022, and to be presented for final passage on the 19th day of July, A.D. 2022.

Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Passed and adopted on final reading this 19th day of July, A.D. 2022.

ATTEST:

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