

# Council Agenda Summary

November 1, 2022

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## Title:

Public hearing and second reading of an Ordinance amending Article II, Section 2-60 of the Greeley Municipal Code regarding election wards

## Summary:

The Greeley City Charter describes the manner in which the city is organized for the purpose of electing the Mayor and members of City Council. As described, there "...shall be six (6) Councilmembers and a Mayor nominated and elected by the qualified electors of the City of Greeley..."

The Charter also describes that the city will be divided into four election wards of, as nearly as possible, an equal number of residents. Further, that no more often than once in four years, by ordinance, the Council should readjust the ward boundaries to "...comprise compact and contiguous territory..." to balance the population in each ward.

The most recent ward boundary modification took place on May 6, 2012 and since then, based upon the decennial federal census counts, it was found that Wards III and IV have grown to the extent that they are much larger than Wards I & II. To realign boundaries to meet the Charter directive and consider expected growth over the next decade, staff presented options for realignment of the wards at the Council's March 22, 2022 work session.

Council selected a preferred ward boundary alignment. This ordinance reflects and creates those modified boundaries. City Council introduced this ordinance at its October 18, 2022 meeting.

## Fiscal Impact:

Does this item create a fiscal impact on the City of Greeley?	No
If yes, what is the initial, or, onetime impact?	
What is the annual impact?	
What fund of the City will provide Funding?	
What is the source of revenue within the fund?	
Is there grant funding for this item?	N/A
If yes, does this grant require a match?	
Is this grant onetime or ongoing?	
Additional Comments:	

**Legal Issues:**

Consideration of this matter is a legislative process which includes the following public hearing steps:

- 1) City staff presentation (if requested)
- 2) Council questions of staff
- 3) Public input (hearing opened, testimony - up to three minutes per person, hearing closed)
- 4) Council discussion
- 5) Council decision

**Other Issues and Considerations:**

None.

**Strategic Work Program Item or Applicable Council Priority and Goal:**

*Infrastructure & Growth:* Establish the capital and human infrastructure to support and maintain a safe, competitive, appealing and successful community.

**Decision Options:**

- 1) Adopt the ordinance as presented; or
- 2) Amend the ordinance and adopt as amended; or
- 3) Deny the ordinance; or
- 4) Continue consideration of the ordinance to a date certain.

**Council's Recommended Action:**

A motion to adopt the ordinance and publish with reference to title only.

**Attachments:**

Ordinance  
Existing Ward Boundary Map  
Proposed Ward Boundary Map  
Presentation slides