



## STAFF REPORT

**MEETING DATE:** April 22, 2026

**PRESENTER:** John Jansons, City Manager  
Hilda Montoy, City Attorney

**SUBJECT:** An Ordinance of the City Council of the City Of Kerman Amending Section 2.55.060 of Title 2, Chapter 2.55 of The Kerman Municipal Code to Adjust the Boundaries of City Council Election District Nos. 1, 3, And 4 and Add Annexed Property to the City Council District Boundaries Map. (JAJ & HCM)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Council waive full reading and introduce ordinance of the City Council of the City of Kerman amending Section 2.55.060 of Title 2, Chapter 2.55 of the Kerman Municipal Code to adjust the boundaries of City Council Election District Nos. 1, 3, and 4 and Adding Annexed Property to the City Council District Boundaries Map.

**DISCUSSION:**

On July 28, 2018, the City Council adopted an ordinance creating by-district elections requiring that the City be divided into four councilmember districts and that councilmembers for those districts be elected by district, and said ordinance is codified in Chapter 2.55 of Title 2 of the Kerman Municipal Code.

On March 23, 2022, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 22-02 updating the ordinance based on the most recent U.S. Census and pursuant to the procedures under the Voting Rights Act and California Fair Maps Act; and

Kerman Municipal Code Section 2.55.060 includes a Council District Boundaries Map. Since the adoption of the last Council District Boundaries Map, the City has annexed territory to the City of Kerman which now requires inclusion into the Council District Boundaries to reflect that Certificates of Completion for Annexation were recorded by LAFCO for the following areas:

1. "Whitesbridge-Siskiyou No. 2018-1 Reorganization"; LAFCo File No. RO-20-03;
2. "Eastside Community Park Reorganization"; LAFCo File No. RO-20-08; .
3. "Whispering Falls Reorganization"; LAFCo File No. RO-25-01;
4. "Crown Schaad Reorganization"; LAFCo File No. RO-24-08; and
5. "Del Norte Estates Reorganization"; LAFCo File No. RO-25-06.

Accordingly, the California Elections Code Section 21603(A) states: "[I]f the boundaries of a city expand by the addition of new territory, including through annexation of unincorporated territory or consolidation with another city, the council shall add that new territory to the nearest existing council district without changing the boundaries of other council district boundaries."

The City Council now desires to enact this Ordinance to add the annexed territories to Council Districts 1, 3, and 4. Adding the annexed territories to Council Districts necessitates the amendment of the City Council District Boundaries Map.

As result, Subsection E of Section 2.55.060 of Title 2, Chapter 2.55 Of The Kerman Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

**E. City Council Districts Established.**

1. The district boundaries for the four city council districts shall be as depicted on the "City Council District Boundaries Map" in **Exhibit 'A'** of Ordinance No. 26-\_\_ and on file in the City Clerk's Office which is hereby adopted and incorporated herein by this reference.
2. The City Council district boundaries established under this section shall continue in effect until they are amended or repealed by ordinance in accordance with law. The boundaries of the city council districts shall be reapportioned from time to time as required by the California Elections Code, federal and state voting rights laws, or any other applicable law.

As more territory is annexed to the City, the Council District Boundaries Map will be amended by ordinance. Additionally, all the districts' boundaries will be reviewed and adjusted by ordinance as part of the decennial process.

Adjustment of the boundaries will ensure that any residents in the annexed areas will be able to vote in the next City election.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:**

This activity is exempt from environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") (Pub. Resources Code, § 21000 et seq.) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines, (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15000 et seq.) §§ 15061(b)(3), 15320, and 15378(b)(3). The redistricting process is an organizational and administrative activity of the City, does not have the potential to result in either a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, and is therefore not a project for purposes of CEQA. (State CEQA Guidelines, §§ 15061(b)(3); 15378(b)(5).) In the event the transition process does constitute a project, it is categorically exempt under the Class 20 (Changes in the Organization of Local Governments) categorical exemption. (State CEQA Guidelines, § 15320.) None of the exceptions to the exemptions found in State CEQA Guidelines, § 15300.2 apply.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or part of the proposed ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, phrase, or portions of this ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have adopted this ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, phrases, or portions be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

None.

**CONCLUSION:**

If this Ordinance is adopted, it shall become effective thirty days after its adoption and the City Clerk shall notify the Elections Office of the adjusted boundaries.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

A. Proposed Ordinance w/Exhibit