



## MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Board of Commissioners  
VIA: Robin Gomez, City Manager  
FROM: Clara VanBlargan, City Clerk  
DATE: July 17, 2023  
RE: **City of Madeira Beach – Change in Existing Boundaries of Election Districts**

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### **Background**

The City of Madeira Beach electors approved a charter amendment at the March 2019 Municipal Election requiring the Board of Commissioners to every five years, by Ordinance, either change the existing boundaries of its districts as it may deem equitable or to reaffirm the old district boundaries so that each district contains as nearly as possible the same number of electors. This was last done through the passage of Ordinance 2018-08 on September 4, 2018. No change in the boundaries of districts shall be made within six (6) months preceding an election in the City. The next Municipal Election is scheduled for March 19, 2024. Therefore there can be no change in the boundaries of the districts after September 18, 2023. This agenda item was prepared for that purpose.

### **City Charter, Section 3.2, Election District, (B) provides:**

“Every five years the Board of Commissioners shall, by Ordinance either change the existing boundaries of said districts as it may deem equitable or to reaffirm the old district boundaries so that each district contain as nearly as possible the same number of electors; and similar Ordinances either changing or affirming the said district boundary lines for this purpose shall be passed every five years thereafter. If, prior to the passage of any Ordinance or Ordinances and applicable to district boundary lines and made mandatory by this section, if determined by the Board of Commissioners that there is an imbalance of electors exceeding fifteen (15) percent of the said district, or such imbalance that in their judgment and opinion, a new Ordinance changing the boundaries of said districts should be passed in order to equalize as nearly as possible the number of electors in each district, by Ordinance, change the boundaries of said district for such purposes. No change in districts shall be made within six (6) months preceding an election in the City.”

The Chart below shows the number of electors for each district in 2007, 2008, 2014, 2018, 2023, and in 2023 with the proposed change in district boundaries. The City Clerk’s office obtained the number of current electors for 2023 as of the last election from the Pinellas County Supervisors of Elections. The updated district maps were recently prepared by the Community Development Department.

The item was discussed at the June 28, 2023 BOC Regular Workshop Meeting. The consensus was for the City Clerk to bring forward at the July 26, 2023 BOC Regular Workshop Meeting the changes to equalize as nearly as possible the number of electors in each district.

Once the boundaries have been established by the Board of Commissioners an ordinance will be prepared for 1<sup>st</sup> reading at the August 9, 2023, BOC Regular Meeting for that purpose.

CITY OF MADEIRA BEACH VOTERS PER DISTRICT						
DISTRICT	3,246 VOTERS  Ord. 1114 (8/14/2007)	3,294 VOTERS  Ord. 1128 (6/10/2008)	3,602 VOTERS  Ord. 2014-11 (10/14/2014)	3,275 VOTERS  Ord. 2018-08 (09/04/2018)	3,153 VOTERS  As of March 2023	3,153 VOTERS Change in District Boundaries July 26, 2023
1	841	841	903	807	757	787
2	638	798	850	761	766	787
3	926	814	861	792	758	792
4	841	841	988	915	872	790
<p><b>Current – Before change in District Boundaries:</b></p> <p>District 4 – District with highest number of voters (115 more voters than District 1, lowest number of voters)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>15.2% higher than District 1 - (115 more voters)</li> <li>13.9% higher than District 2 - (106 more voters)</li> <li>15.05% higher than District 3 - (114 more voters)</li> </ul>						

### Attachments

- Number of City of Madeira Beach Electors per District
- City Charter, Section 3.2 – Election District
- Change Election District Boundaries 1, 2, 3 & 4