



MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Board of Commissioners
VIA: Robin Gomez, City Manager
FROM: Clara VanBlargan, City Clerk
DATE: June 16, 2023
RE: **City of Madeira Beach - Existing Boundaries of Election Districts**

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 and 2023. 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.

According to the attached chart the number of electors in District 4 exceeds the number of electors in District 1 (by 15.2%) and District 3 (by 15.05%). Therefore, the charter requires that the boundaries of the districts to be changed 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 1st reading at the July 12, 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 Proposed Ord. 2023-18
1	841	841	903	807	757
2	638	798	850	761	766
3	926	814	861	792	758
4	841	841	988	915	872

District 4 – District with highest number of voters (115 more voters than District 1, lowest number of voters)

- 15.2% higher than District 1 - (115 more voters)
- 13.9% higher than District 2 - (106 more voters)
- 15.05% higher than District 3 - (114 more voters)

Attachments

- 2023 Number of City of Madeira Beach Electors per District
- City Charter, Section 3.2 – Election District
- Election Districts 1, 2, 3 & 4