



## REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

Approved by:

Alicia Gonzales, City Clerk

Arnoldo Rodriguez, City Manager

Council Meeting of: July 1, 2026

Agenda Number: B-3

### SUBJECT:

Adoption of Updated District Boundary to Include Property Annexed into the City (Adell-D Street Annexation)

### RECOMMENDATION:

Waive the full reading and adopt an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Madera amending Subsection C (3) of Section 2-1.08 of the City Municipal Code to adopt revised district boundaries by title only, including CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) determination

### SUMMARY:

Since the last election, LAFCo approved the Adell-D Street Annexation (LAFCO File No. 2024-02), into the City's jurisdiction. The annexed territory includes an existing residence and is approved for the additional development of single-family residences. Members of the public residing in this area are not legally allowed to participate in City elections until the City's District boundaries are also updated. Normally there would not be sufficient time to complete this process by July 1<sup>st</sup> to allow voting in local elections this November due to the ballot process, etc. To complete this process and allow members of the public residing in the annexed territory to participate in local elections, an ordinance was introduced at the Council meeting on June 17, 2026, to allow for updating district boundaries. The requested action is to adopt the ordinance amending the Municipal Code to finalize the procedural steps to effectuate the process.

### BACKGROUND:

Every 10 years Election Code section 2160 requires cities with by-district election systems to redraw their district boundary maps to ensure compliance with the California and federal Voting Rights Acts. This process, called redistricting, ensures that all districts have a nearly equal population. The City adopted its current district boundaries in 2022 based on 2020 census data as required by law. Subsequently, it updated the district boundaries in 2024 to account for continued annexation into the City.

Since the adoption of the most current boundary maps in 2024, the Adell-D Street Annexation was completed. This annexation is adjacent to District 3 and includes territory with one occupied existing residence and is approved for the additional development of single-family residences.

While the area is in the City, it is not within a Council district, thus the Council District boundaries must be modified to incorporate the annexed area to allow for voting in City elections.

#### **DISCUSSION:**

State laws set strict criteria for the updates of the district boundaries in such circumstances. Specifically, the City Council is required to add the new territory "to the nearest existing Council district" without changing the boundaries of other Council district boundaries. As a result, the City's discretion is limited regarding the present annexation.

As District 3 is the "nearest existing Council district" to the annexed property, the ordinance proposes to add the annexed territory to District 3 consistent with the mandatory requirements of State law.

Normally there would not be sufficient time complete this process by July 1<sup>st</sup> to allow voting in local elections this November due to the ballot process, etc. This would mean that the people living in the City (the annexed area) would not be able to vote in the City's elections. However, the City Clerk reached out to the County Register of Voters, who graciously provided additional time to the City to provide all of the necessary information so that the ordinance could be adopted at the Council meeting of July 1<sup>st</sup>. An expedited process to update the District map for District 3 to adopt an ordinance amending the Municipal Code would allow for all people within City limits to be able to vote in City elections this November and thereafter.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact to modifying the boundaries other than staff time to prepare the necessary staff reports and modify the district boundary description.

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

Decline to adopt the Ordinance at this time or continue the matter to a future meeting.

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Madera amending Subsection C (3) of Section 2-1.08 of the City Municipal Code and adopting revised district boundaries

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA  
AMENDING SUBSECTION (C)(3) OF SECTION 2-1.08 OF CHAPTER 1 OF  
TITLE II OF THE MADERA MUNICIPAL CODE AND ADOPTING REVISED  
DISTRICT VOTING BOUNDARIES**

**WHEREAS**, in 2010 a voter-approved districting plan was adopted by Ord. 890 that established six Council districts; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 16, 2022, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 988 updating the Council district boundaries based on the most recent U.S. Census; and

**WHEREAS**, the annexation of new territory known as the “Adell-D Street Annexation” as well as certain portions of the surrounding area (“Annexed Territory”) into the City was approved by the Madera County Local Agency Formation Commission (“LAFCO”) on February 20, 2025 (LAFCO File No. 2024-02), and became effective on February 20, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to California Elections Code Section 21603(A), “[If] 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”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Annexed Territory is immediately adjacent to District 3; and

**WHEREAS**, the area for the Annexed Territory is generally depicted in the graphic representation attached hereto as Exhibit “A”; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council now desires to enact this Ordinance to annex the Adell-D Street Annexation into District 3.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the City Council of the City of Madera does ordain as follows:

**SECTION 1.** The above recitals are hereby incorporated by reference.

**SECTION 2.** This Ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) under Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines, which provides that CEQA only applies to projects that have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where, as here, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question would have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA.

**SECTION 3.** Subsection (C)(3) of Section 2-1.08 of Chapter 2 of Title II of the Madera Municipal Code is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

(C) *District boundaries.* The Council member districts of the city shall have the following legal boundaries:

(3) District 3. The region bounded and described as follows: all of that portion of Madera County bounded and described as follows: beginning at the point of intersection of Foxglove Way and N Granada Dr, and proceeding easterly along Foxglove Way to N Schnoor St, and proceeding northerly along N Schnoor St to Ave 16, and proceeding westerly along Ave 16 to State Rte 99, and proceeding southerly along State Rte 99 to nonvisible boundary, and proceeding northerly along nonvisible boundary to unnamed ramp, and proceeding southerly along unnamed ramp to nonvisible boundary, and proceeding northerly along nonvisible boundary to the Madera city line, and proceeding easterly along the Madera city line to Austin St, and proceeding southerly along Austin St to E Cleveland Ave, and proceeding easterly along E Cleveland Ave to N Lake St, and proceeding southerly along N Lake St to Fresno River, and proceeding westerly along Fresno River to N D St, and proceeding southerly along N D St to E 3rd St, and proceeding westerly along E 3rd St to W 3rd St, and proceeding westerly along W 3rd St to N H St, and proceeding northerly along N H St to Union Pacific RR, and proceeding westerly along Union Pacific RR to N I St, and proceeding northerly along N I St to Roberts Ave, and proceeding westerly along Roberts Ave to N Pine St, and proceeding southerly along N Pine St to N Park Dr, and proceeding easterly along N Park Dr to Foster Ave, and proceeding southerly along Foster Ave to Sunset Ave, and proceeding westerly along Sunset Ave to N Schnoor St, and proceeding northerly along N Schnoor St to W Cleveland Ave, and proceeding westerly along W Cleveland Ave to N Granada Dr, and proceeding northerly along N Granada Dr to the point of beginning.

Effective July 6, 2024, the region shall also include the additional territory bounded and described as follows: beginning at the point of intersection of the Madera city line and the westerly boundary line of the Madera Irrigation District Lat. 24.2 Canal at the West Adell Street alignment, and proceeding northerly along the westerly boundary of the Madera Irrigation District Lat. 24.2 Canal to a point of intersection with the southerly boundary of the Madera Irrigation District Lat. 24.2 Canal where said canal curves in a westerly direction, and proceeding easterly to Country Club Drive (Rd. 26), and proceeding northerly along Country Club Drive (Rd. 26) to Martin Street, and proceeding easterly along Martin Street to North D Street, and proceeding southerly along North D Street to a point of intersection with the Madera city line at Ellis Street, and proceeding westerly along Ellis Street to Sonora Street, and proceeding southerly along Sonora Street to the Madera city line, and proceeding southwestly along the Madera city line to West Adell Street, and proceeding westerly along West Adell Street to the point of beginning.

Effective July 1, 2026, the region shall also include the additional territory bounded and described as follows: beginning at the point of intersection of the Madera city line at Adell Street and North D Street and proceeding northerly along N D St to a point of intersection with the Madera city line east of N D St and proceeding easterly and thence

southerly along the Madera city line to a point of intersection with Adell St and proceeding westerly along Adell St to the point of beginning.

**SECTION 4:** The foregoing district boundaries are depicted on, and added to, the “City Council District Boundaries Map” attached hereto as Exhibit “A,” which shall be kept on file in the City Clerk's Office.

**SECTION 5:** If any article, section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Chapter is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this Chapter. The Council hereby declares that it would have adopted this chapter and adopted each article, section, sentence, clause or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more articles, sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

**SECTION 6:** This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force and effect from and after thirty (30) calendar days after its final passage and adoption. Within fifteen (15) calendar days after its adoption, the ordinance, or a summary of the ordinance, shall be published once in a newspaper of general circulation.

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Exhibit “A”: City Council District Boundaries Map

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**City Council District Boundaries Map**  
(Effective July 1, 2026)

