



PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE BY THE MADERA CITY COUNCIL OF ITS INTENT TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE

Notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, April 6, 2022, in the Council Chambers of the City Hall, 205 West Fourth Street, Madera, California at a regular meeting of the City Council at 6:00 p.m. and via teleconference, the City Council of the City of Madera intends to adopt an ordinance. The title of the ordinance is "Ordinance Amending Section 2-1.21 of Title II, of the City of Madera Municipal Code Regarding By-District Elections, Adjusting the Boundaries of City Council Election Districts and Confirming Such Revised Council District Boundaries, as Reflected in the Attached Map."

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE

The proposed ordinance adjusts council district boundaries as required by the United States Constitution, the Federal Voting Rights Act, and the California Elections Code. This review for adjustment of boundaries is required every ten years based on population numbers determined by the Census Bureau. In establishing the boundaries of the districts the Council must give consideration to the following factors in the following priority: (a) the one-person/one vote requirement; (b) contiguity of districts, (c) respecting communities of interest, (d) drawing easily identifiable districts through use of natural or artificial boundaries and (e) compactness of territory in districts. The Council held public hearings on October 20, 2021, November 3, 2021, February 2, 2022, March 2, 2022, March 16, 2022 and workshops in accordance with legal requirements. At the public hearings on redistricting, the Council heard testimony which led the Council to reach the following determinations: (1) The election districts are geographically contiguous. (2) To the extent practicable, the preferred map reflecting adjusted boundaries respects the geographic integrity of local neighborhoods and local communities of interest. (3) The election districts are easily identifiable and understandable by residents. (4) To the extent practicable, the election districts are geographically compact. Their configurations for the most part are compact, simple shapes, with nearby populations included in the same districts. (5) The election districts are balanced in terms of total population and voting age population. The districts are well within the one-person/one-vote deviations permitted under federal and state voting rights laws. (6) The election districts conform to concentration of minority voters. Current Councilmembers may continue serving the term of office for which elected or appointed.

The Ordinance will amend Section 2-1.21 of Title II, of the City's municipal code regarding by-district elections, adjust the boundaries of City Council election districts, and confirm the revised Council district boundaries. The ordinance will become effective thirty days from its adoption.

A full version of the ordinance can be viewed at www.madera.gov or at the City Clerk's office, at City Hall, 205 W. Fourth Street, Madera. The meeting will be livestreamed at www.madera.gov/live. The public may participate in person or telephonically during the meeting. Comments will also be accepted via email at citycouncilpubliccomment@madera.gov . The Council agenda will be posted not later than Friday, April 1, 2022, on the City website at www.madera.gov .

If you have any questions or comments regarding this hearing notice, you may call the City Clerk at (559) 661-5405 or email at redistricting@madera.gov .