



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT
INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA
AGENDA ITEM NO. L.2

DATE: March 15, 2022
TO: City Council
FROM: Stephen Fischer, City Attorney, (805) 385-7483, stephen.fischer@oxnard.org
SUBJECT: Adoption of an Ordinance Amending Oxnard City Code Section 2-2.5.Regarding the Boundaries and Identifying Number of Each City Council District.

RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council adopt an Ordinance that amends Oxnard City Code Section 2-2.5 regarding the boundaries and identifying number of each City Council district.

BACKGROUND

Every ten years, cities with by-district elections are required to use new census data to review and redraw district lines to reflect population changes. This process, called redistricting, ensures that all districts within a city have nearly an equal number of people residing within each district.

While state law only requires that the City hold four public hearings or workshops on the redistricting process, the City Council held a total of seven public hearings on the redistricting process. These public hearings were held on July 29, 2021, September 30, 2021, December 6, 2021, January 6, 2022, January 22, 2022, February 1, 2022 and February 16, 2022.

At the end of the February 16, 2022 meeting, the City Council voted 5 to 2 to select NDC Map 203A as the map that the Council wished to be brought back at the March 1, 2022 City Council meeting. Based upon the City Council's direction, City staff drafted for City Council consideration an ordinance that amended Oxnard City Code Section 2-2.5. so that the boundaries and identifying number of each City Council district are modified to be consistent with NDC Map 203A.

At the meeting of March 1, 2022, by a 6-1 vote, the City Council approved the first reading of the ordinance by title only and waived further reading of the ordinance.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

This agenda item does not relate to the five strategic priorities adopted by City Council on March 16, 2021.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact.

COMMITTEE OUTCOME

This item did not originate in Committee.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Ordinance Designating City Council Districts

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
OXNARD AMENDING OXNARD CITY CODE SECTION 2-2.5
REGARDING CITY COUNCIL DISTRICTS AND AMENDING THE
BOUNDARIES AND IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS OF THE DISTRICTS
AS INDICATED IN APPENDIX A**

WHEREAS, every ten years, cities with by-district elections are required to use new census data to review and redraw district lines to reflect population changes; and

WHEREAS, this redistricting process ensures that all districts within a city have nearly an equal number of people residing within each district; and

WHEREAS, although the City recently went through the districting process in 2018, the Council districts that were created reflected the population totals from the 2010 census; and

WHEREAS, under state law, public entities with elections in November 2022 have until April 17, 2022 in which to adopt district maps that reflect the changes in population indicated in the 2020 census (as modified by the State of California to reflect the original residency of persons incarcerated in California's prisons); and

WHEREAS, although state law only requires that the City hold four public hearings or workshops, the City Council held a total of seven public hearings regarding redistricting on July 29, 2021, September 30, 2021, December 6, 2021, January 6, 2022, January 22, 2022, February 1, 2022 and February 16, 2022; and

WHEREAS, during this redistricting process, members of the public submitted a total of 11 maps for the City Council's consideration (Public Maps 1 through 11) and the City's demographer also prepared four maps for the City Council's consideration (NDC Maps 201, 202, 203 and 203A); and

WHEREAS, after duly considering all of the maps submitted by members of the public and the City's demographer, and considering all written and verbal public testimony, the City Council has determined that it wishes to adopt NDC Map 203A; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds and declares that NDC Map 203A meets all the requirements of state law including, but limited to, that the modified Council Districts:

- A. Are substantially equal in population;
- B. Comply with the U.S. Constitution, the California Constitution and the federal Voting Rights Act;
- C. Are geographically contiguous;
- D. Minimize the division of local neighborhoods and local communities of interest;

- E. Create district boundaries that residents can easily identify and understand;
- F. Are compact in size; and
- G. Are not adopted to favor or discriminate against a political party.

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OXNARD DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Code Amendment. Section 2-2.5 of the Oxnard City Code is amended to read as follows:

“2-2.5 City Council Districts Established. Six City Council districts are hereby established in the City of Oxnard. The boundaries and identifying number of each district shall be as described on NDC Map 203A codified as Appendix A and incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining portions of this Ordinance shall nonetheless remain in full force and effect. The Council of the City of Oxnard hereby declares that it would have adopted each section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, phrases, or portions of this Ordinance be declared invalid or unenforceable.

Section 3. Within fifteen days after passage, the City Clerk shall cause this ordinance to be published one time in a newspaper of general circulation, published and circulated in the City. Ordinance No. _____ was introduced on March 1, 2022, and finally adopted on March 15, 2022 to become effective thirty days thereafter.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

John Zaragoza, Mayor

ATTEST:

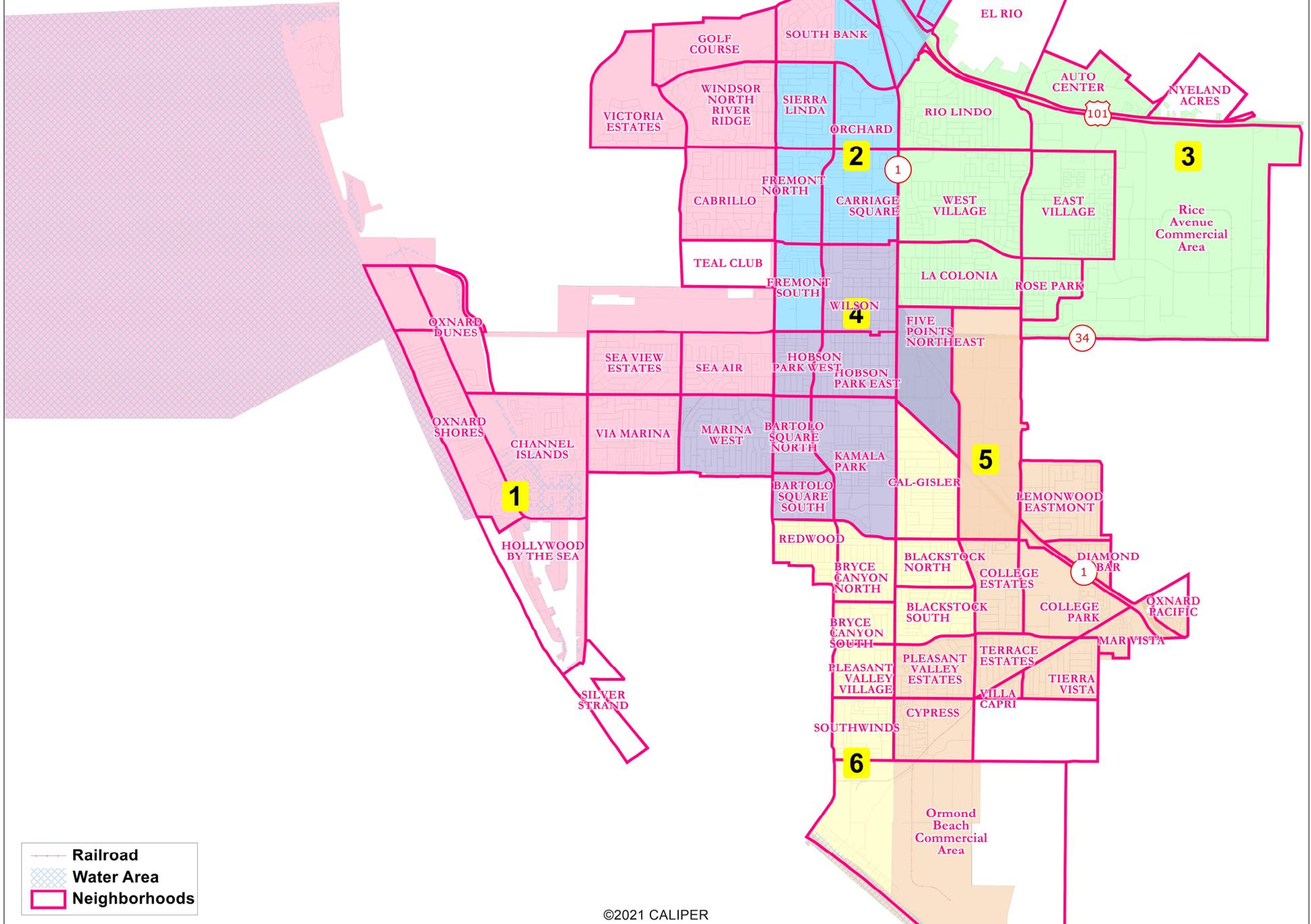
Rose Chaparro, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Stephen M. Fischer, City Attorney

Appendix A

NDC 203A



- Railroad
- Water Area
- Neighborhoods