

ORDINANCE 2022 - 27

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF SUNNYSIDE, WASHINGTON, REDISTRICTING
SUNNYSIDE CITY COUNCIL ELECTORAL DISTRICTS 1, 2, 3, and 4 TO
REFLECT THE POPULATION INFORMATION FROM THE 2020 FEDERAL
DECENNIAL CENSUS

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Sunnyside was presented with a draft plan (proposed map) for the proposed new City of Sunnyside City Council Electoral Districts; and

WHEREAS, the draft plan was published on the City of Sunnyside's website and a legal notice for a November 3, 2022 public meeting was placed in the Sunnyside Sun on October 26, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a public meeting held on November 3, 2022, to accept public comment on the proposed electoral districts ; and

WHEREAS, no comments were received from the public at the November 3, 2022 public meeting; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, having heard and considered all public comment and testimony presented at such public meeting, hereby finds and concludes as follows:

The City Council finds and determines that, pursuant to RCW 29A.76.010, the electoral districting plan shall be consistent with the following criteria:

- (a) Each internal electoral district shall be as nearly equal in population as possible to each and every other such electoral district comprising the City of Sunnyside.
- (b) Each electoral district shall be as compact as possible.
- (c) Each electoral district shall consist of geographically contiguous area.
- (d) Population data may not be used for purposes of favoring or disfavoring any racial group or political party.
- (e) To the extent feasible and if not inconsistent with the basic enabling legislation for the City of Sunnyside, the electoral district boundaries shall coincide with existing recognized natural boundaries and shall, to the extent possible, preserve existing communities of related and mutual interest.

WHEREAS, the City Council finds and determines that Chapter 1.10 establishing and implementing such electoral districting plan shall be amended to reflect the new electoral districts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUNNYSIDE, WASHINGTON, as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 1.10 of the Sunnyside Municipal Code is hereby amended to reflect new electoral district boundaries, which reads as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

SECTION 2. The electoral districts described and delineated in Chapter 1.10 of the Sunnyside Municipal Code shall be as set forth in the Electoral Districting Map attached hereto as Exhibit "B" and incorporated herein by this reference, which shall be the official Electoral Districting Map of the City of Sunnyside. Such Electoral Districting Map shall be amended from time to time to conform with any action of the City Council amending the electoral districts established herein.

SECTION 3. Except as amended herein, Title 1 of the Sunnyside Municipal Code shall remain unchanged.

SECTION 4. The City Manager is hereby authorized to deliver and publish this Ordinance to all agencies with jurisdiction.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance is subject to the following procedures set forth in RCW 29A.76.010(6) which provides as follows:

- (a) Any registered voter residing in an area affected by the redistricting plan may request review of the adopted local plan by the superior court of the county in which he or she resides, within forty-five days of the plan's adoption. Any request for review must specify the reason or reasons alleged why the local plan is not consistent with the applicable redistricting criteria. The municipal corporation, county, or district may be joined as respondent. The superior court shall thereupon review the challenged plan for compliance with the applicable redistricting criteria set out in subsection (4) of this section.
- (b) If the superior court finds the plan to be consistent with the requirements of this section, the plan shall take effect immediately.
- (c) If the superior court determines the plan does not meet the requirements of this section, in whole or in part, it shall remand the plan for further or corrective action within a specified and reasonable time period.

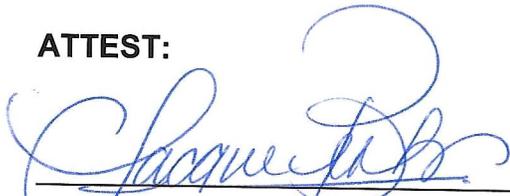
- (d) If the superior court finds that any request for review is frivolous or has been filed solely for purposes of harassment or delay, it may impose appropriate sanctions on the party requesting review, including payment of attorneys' fees and costs to the respondent municipal corporation, county, or district.

Section 6. This ordinance shall be effective five days after passage, approval and publication as required by law.

PASSED this 14th day of November, 2022.


DEAN BROERSMA, MAYOR

ATTEST:


JACQUELINE RENTERIA, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


SAXTON, RILEY & RILEY, LLPC
Attorneys for the City of Sunnyside

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EXHIBIT A

1.10.020 Electoral district number 1.

Electoral district number 1 shall consist of that territory within the City limits as shown on the electoral districting map.

1.10.030 Electoral district number 2.

Electoral district number 2 shall consist of that territory within the City limits as shown on the electoral districting map.

1.10.040 Electoral district number 3.

Electoral district number 3 shall consist of that territory within the City limits as shown on the electoral districting map.

1.10.050 Electoral district number 4.

Electoral district number 4 shall consist of that territory within the City limits as shown on the electoral districting map.