

O-2022-24

ORDINANCE

AMENDING MUNICIPAL WARD BOUNDARIES FOR THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD,
COLORADO

WHEREAS, Ordinance O-2013-14 established boundaries for city council wards and municipal precincts in the City of Lakewood, pursuant to Section 2.7 of the Lakewood Home Rule Charter;

WHEREAS, following the 2020 U.S. Census, the Colorado Independent Congressional and Legislative Redistricting Commission developed new boundaries for Colorado's congressional offices as well as state house and state senate districts, which were upheld by the Colorado Supreme Court in November 2021;

WHEREAS, the Jefferson County Clerk and Recorder's Office was Constitutionally required to alter the boundaries of Jefferson County's general election precincts (a.k.a. county precincts) in response to the new State election districts;

WHEREAS, two of the municipal precincts of the City of Lakewood which were established in 2013 are no longer valid due to the establishment of those new Jefferson County Precincts;

WHEREAS, at the October 24, 2022 meeting of the Lakewood City Council, the governing body reviewed the ward boundary requirements as set forth in State Statute, City Charter and City Municipal Code, and reviewed three recommendations for amending the boundaries of the Lakewood City Council Wards to conform to the boundaries of the county's election precinct while continuing to prioritize the criteria for City wards to remain contiguous, compact, and as equal in population as practicable in accordance with the 2020 decennial U.S. Census Data;

WHEREAS, following public review of the three boundary amendment recommendations the City Council indicated a preference to keep the ward boundaries as close as possible to the Wards as established in 2013;

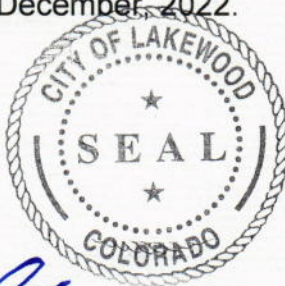
WHEREAS, approval of this ordinance on first reading is intended only to confirm that the City Council desires to comply with the Lakewood Municipal Code by setting a public hearing to provide City staff and the public an opportunity to present evidence and testimony regarding the proposal; and

WHEREAS, approval of this ordinance on first reading does not constitute a representation that the City Council, or any member of the City Council, supports, approves, rejects or denies the proposal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Lakewood:

1. SECTION 1. The City ward boundaries are hereby adopted so that each of the wards of the City shall consist of and contain the general election precincts listed opposite the number of each ward on Exhibit "A" and as shown on the map on Exhibit "B," both as attached hereto and made a part hereof; however, that no portion of any general election precinct lying outside of the boundaries of the City of Lakewood shall constitute a part of any ward of the City.
2. SECTION 2. The City Council hereby finds and determines that the wards as provided herein are as compact and as equal in population as is practicable, taking into consideration the need to follow general election precinct lines, and the nature and characteristics of the City of Lakewood.
3. SECTION 3. The Municipal Election Precincts previously established by Ordinance O-2013-14 are no longer applicable and are hereby declared void.
4. SETION 4. This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after final publication.

I hereby attest and certify that the within and foregoing ordinance was introduced and read on first reading at a hybrid regular meeting of the Lakewood City Council on the 28th day of November 2022; published by title in the Denver Post and in full on the City of Lakewood's website, www.lakewood.org, on the 1st day of December 2022; set for public hearing on the 12th day of December 2022; read, finally passed and adopted by the City Council on the 12th day of December 2022, and signed, and approved by the Mayor on the 13th day of December, 2022.




Adam Paul, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jay Robb, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

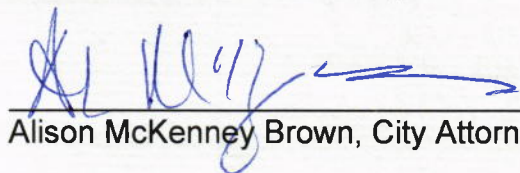

Alison McKenney Brown, City Attorney

Exhibit "A"

**CITY OF LAKEWOOD
2022 WARD BOUDARY POPULATIONS
ESTABLISHED BY O-2022-24**

WARD	GENERAL ELECTION PRECINCTS	GENERAL ELECTION PRECINCT POLULATION
1	7222330217	2221
1	7222330218	1820
1	7222330219	1644
1	7222330220	2021
1	7222330221	1440
1	7222330222	2178
1	7222330223	2261
1	7222330224	2645
1	7222330245	923
1	7222330246	3203
1	7222330248	2280
1	7223030267	2065
1	7223030268	2037
1	7223030288	2415
1	7223030289	2287
TOTAL POPULATION WARD 1		31,440
2	7223030264	1908
2	7223030265	2300
2	7223030266	2031
2	7223030269	3242
2	7223030270	2559
2	7223030271	2351
2	7223030272	2282
2	7223030277	3075
2	7223030278	2343
2	7223030290	2555
2	7223030291	1499
2	7223030292	1658
2	7223030293	2106
TOTAL POPULATION WARD 2		29,909
3	7203030210	1354
3	7203030213	2319
3	7223030275	369
3	7223030276	1875
3	7223030279	2218
3	7223030280	2096
3	7223030281	2281
3	7223030282	1431
3	7223030283	1785
3	7223030284	2492
3	7223030285	2314
3	7223030286	1899
3	7223030287	1756
3	7223030294	1882
3	72230330295	1323
3	7223030296	1010
3	7223030297	1870
3	7223030298	1252
TOTAL POPULATION WARD 3		31,526

4	7202330129	1610
4	7202330130	2004
4	7202330131	2483
4	7202330132	2589
4	7202330133	2575
4	7202330134	2433
4	7202330135	2418
4	7202330136	2480
4	7202330138	2242
4	720330139	1109
4	7202330141	1729
4	7202830191	2320
4	7202830192	2658
4	7202830209	1895
TOTAL POPULATION WARD 4		30,562
5	7202330140	1087
5	7202830187	1332
5	7202830193	2522
5	7202830194	(1974)
5	7202830197	1194
5	7202830199	1519
5	7202830200	2140
5	7202830201	2721
5	7202830202	1285
5	7202830203	2660
5	7202830204	1606
5	7202830206	1917
5	7203030211	2759
5	7203030212	2197
5	7203030214	1458
5	7203030215	(2332)
5	7203030216	1159
TOTAL POPULATION WARD 5		32,547

Exhibit B

