



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE  
City Commission Agenda Memo  
REGULAR MEETING**

**#22-0429**

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**TO:** Honorable Mayor & Members of the  
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

**FROM:** Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

**DATE:** April 27, 2022

**TITLE:** Public Hearing – Second Reading of an Ordinance Establishing  
Geographical Boundaries of the Four City Commission Districts -  
**(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the City Commission approve, on second reading, an ordinance reestablishing geographical boundaries of the four City Commission districts so that, pursuant to Section 7.12 of the City Charter, those districts shall be as approximately equal in population as is practicable.

**Background**

The redistricting consultants from Florida Atlantic University (FAU) analyzed the current Commission districts and the 2020 U.S. Census data and presented its findings at the March 15, 2022, City Commission Conference Meeting.

A public redistricting workshop was held on March 17, 2022, for City residents to provide comments on new district boundaries. The FAU consultants developed four district map options for the City Commission's consideration and for a vote to adopt one with the new geographical boundaries.

At the April 5, 2022, City Commission Conference Meeting, the Commission reviewed the four maps presented and, after discussion and public input, requested an alternative map that would minimize the changes from the current boundaries and aim to keep the neighborhood associations within a single Commission district. At the Regular Commission Meeting on April 5, 2022, the Commission deferred the First Reading of an ordinance reestablishing geographical boundaries and called a special meeting for April 12, 2022, at 5:00 PM, where they would vote to adopt one of the district maps provided.

At the April 12, 2022, Special Meeting, the City Commission requested new map options using only the population data from the 2020 U.S. Census. The First Reading of an Ordinance Reestablishing Geographical Boundaries was then deferred to the April 19, 2022 Commission Meeting.

At the April 19, 2022 Commission Conference Meeting, the City Commission reviewed four new map alternatives developed by the FAU redistricting consultants. The City Commission requested a change to Map Option 6, with a revision to the boundary between Districts 1 and 2 along Federal Highway south of NE 14 Court to keep the Lake Ridge neighborhood together within District 2. This revision is referenced in this memorandum as Map Option 6B.

At the April 19, 2022 Commission Meeting, the City Commission passed an ordinance on first reading adopting Map Option 6B. This map maintains all City neighborhoods within a single Commission district. In this new map, only two neighborhoods will be in new districts: Riverland Village moves from District 4 to District 3 and Poinsettia Heights moves from District 2 to District 1. The City Commission will meet on Wednesday, April 27 at 4 p.m. for the second reading of the ordinance before the final map is sent to the Broward County Supervisor of Elections.

### **Resource Impact**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

### **Strategic Connections**

This item supports the Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024 Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Neighborhood Enhancement Focus Area
- Goal 4: Build a thriving and inclusive community of neighborhoods.

This item advances the Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We Are Community.

### **Attachments**

Exhibit 1 – Exhibit 1 – Amendment 3 to Consultant Report: Additional Redistricting Alternative for the City of Fort Lauderdale

Exhibit 2 – Ordinance

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