

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF MERCED, CALIFORNIA,
AMENDING CHAPTER 1.17 ENTITLED “CITY
COUNCIL DISTRICTS” OF THE MERCED
MUNICIPAL CODE**

**THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERCED DOES ORDAIN
AS FOLLOWS:**

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 1.17. Chapter 1.17
“City Council Districts” of the Merced Municipal Code is amended to read as
follows:

**“CHAPTER 1.17
CITY COUNCIL DISTRICTS**

Sections:

- 1.17.010 Manner of Drawing City Council
Districts.**
1.17.020 Drawing of City Council Districts.
1.17.030 Election Dates for City Council Districts.

**1.17.010 Manner of Drawing City Council
Districts.**

Pursuant to Section 400(E) of the Charter, the City is
required to draw Council districts by ordinance. Pursuant
to Section 400(A) of the Charter, there are to be six
single-member districts with the Council Members
elected by district and the Mayor elected at-large.

1.17.20 Drawing of City Council Districts.

A. The City Council hereby selects City of Merced
Redistricting 2021 Map 203. ~~the NDC C North Adjusted
Plan as the boundaries for the three City Council districts~~

~~for that portion of the City of Merced located north of the Burlington/Santa Fe Railroad.~~ A true and correct copy of Map 203 shall remain on file in the City Clerk's Office.

~~B.—The City Council hereby selects the NDC C South Adjusted Plan as the boundaries for the three City Council districts for that portion of the City of Merced located south of the Burlington/Santa Fe Railroad. A true and correct copy of the NDC C South Adjusted Plan shall remain on file in the City Clerk's Office.~~

CB. City staff is directed to prepare legal descriptions that are consistent with Map 203 ~~the NDC C North Adjusted Plan and the NDC C South Adjusted Plan~~ and shall forward said legal descriptions to the County of Merced for use in subsequent City of Merced City Council elections. No subsequent City Council action shall be necessary to confirm the validity of these legal descriptions.

1.17.030 Election Dates for City Council Districts

A. The initial election date for District 1 shall be in 2016 and every four years thereafter.

B. The initial election date for District 2 shall be in 2018 and every four years thereafter.

C. The initial election date for District 3 shall be in 2016 and every four years thereafter.

D. The initial election date for District 4 shall be in 2018 and every four years thereafter.

E. The initial election date for District 5 shall be in 2016 and every four years thereafter.

F. The initial election date for District 6 shall be in 2018 and every four years thereafter.”

SECTION 2. FORWARDING CERTIFIED COPY OF ORDINANCE TO COUNTY OF MERCED. City staff is directed to provide a certified copy of this Ordinance to the County of Merced for use in subsequent City of Merced City Council elections.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect thirty (30) days after its adoption.

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY. If any section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance, is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have adopted this Ordinance, and each section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, subdivisions, sentences, clauses, phrases, or portions thereof be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 6. PUBLICATION. The City Clerk is directed to cause a summary of this Ordinance to be published in the official newspaper at least once within fifteen (15) days after its adoption showing the vote thereon.

The foregoing Ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Merced on the ____ day of _____, 2022, and was passed and adopted at a regular meeting of said City Council held on the ____ day of _____, 2022, by the following called vote:

AYES: Council Members:

NOES: Council Members:

ABSTAIN: Council Members:

ABSENT: Council Members:

APPROVED:

Mayor

**ATTEST:
STEPHANIE R. DIETZ, CITY CLERK**

BY: _____
Assistant/Deputy City Clerk

(SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney Date