



MEMORANDUM
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT RESOURCE AGENCY
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIVISION
County of Placer

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors **DATE:** September 14, 2021
FROM: Steve Pedretti, Community Development Resource Agency Director
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SUBJECT: 2021 Redistricting Code Amendment for Timeline Relief

ACTION REQUESTED

Adopt an ordinance to enable Placer County Code, Chapter 1, Article 1.08, Sections 1.08.020 through 1.08.060 to be amended by resolution for purposes of updating the supervisorial district boundaries based upon the 2020 census data delays.

BACKGROUND

The 2020 census data is significantly delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The final and adjusted data is expected by the end of September 2021. This delay, coupled with the state deadlines for county redistricting maps, has resulted in a compressed timeline for the process. Due to these delays in the delivery of 2020 Census data, staff introduced an ordinance on August 31, 2021, with oral reading waived, to provide local timeline relief and adopt redistricting maps by resolution instead of ordinance. Adoption by resolution would allow the maps to be accepted immediately and allow adequate time to review and analyze map alternatives, conduct the public hearing process, and meet a December 15, 2021 deadline.

No changes have been made to the ordinance since the introduction.

FISCAL IMPACT

There are no additional fiscal impacts to the General Fund expected.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Ordinance to Modify District Boundaries Through a Resolution

Before the Board of Supervisors County of Placer, State of California

In the matter of:

Ordinance to Modify District Boundaries
Through a Resolution

Ordinance No.: _____

Introduced: _____

The following Ordinance was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer at a regular meeting held on _____, by the following vote:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Signed and approved by me after its passage.

Chair, Board of Supervisors

Attest:

Clerk of said Board

WHEREAS, district boundaries are redrawn every 10 years following completion of the United States census and using that census as a basis, the Board of Supervisors (Board) must adjust supervisorial district boundaries within the County so that the supervisorial districts remain substantially equal in population as required by the United States Constitution;

WHEREAS, Placer County Code Chapter 1, Article 1.08 identifies the supervisorial district boundaries for each of the five districts within the County, and the Placer County Charter at Section 202 requires that the boundaries of the supervisorial districts shall only be changed pursuant to the general law;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Elections Code section 21500 *et seq.*, the process for redistricting is through adoption of new district boundaries by the Board, either through ordinance or resolution;

WHEREAS, Government Code sections 25127 through 25130 require that amendments to the county code occur through the adoption of an ordinance, and therefore modifications to

supervisory district boundaries contained in the Placer County Code must occur through that process as well;

WHEREAS, generally the adoption of an ordinance requires a two-hearing process set forth in Government Code section 25131, and ordinances are not effective until 30 days after their final passage pursuant to Government Code section 25123, which ultimately results in ordinance adoption taking roughly 60 days;

WHEREAS, the redistricting process has traditionally occurred over multiple months, but due to delays in the federal census data the timeline for redistricting in 2021 is much more compressed; and

WHEREAS, given the shortened deadline for redistricting, there is a corresponding need to reduce the procedural impediments to provide maximum time for creation, review and approval of new district boundaries, and by adopting an ordinance that allows for modification of the district boundaries through a resolution it would reduce some of those procedural delays.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS of the County of Placer ordains as follows:

1. Placer County Code, Chapter 1, Article 1.08, Sections 1.08.020 through 1.08.060 shall be amended by resolution for purposes of updating the supervisory district boundaries based upon the 2020 census data.
2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect thirty (30) days after its adoption.

