

ORDINANCE NO.1107

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA ESTABLISHING FIVE CITY COUNCIL DISTRICTS FOR A BY-DISTRICT ELECTORAL SYSTEM AND CERTAIN RELATED MATTERS

WHEREAS, the City of La Verne currently elects the Mayor and Members of the City Council using an at-large system of elections; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code section 34886, the City Council has the authority to adopt an ordinance changing the system of elections in the City from an at-large election system to a by-district election system; and

WHEREAS, the change in the method for electing members of the City Council is made in furtherance of the purposes of the California Voting Rights Act; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the requirements of Election Code section 10010, the City Council held public hearings on November 1, 2021 and November 15, 2021 regarding proposed draft district maps and received proposed draft maps from members of the public; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to implement by-district voting to be effective with the next General Municipal Election to be held on June 7, 2022; and

WHEREAS, on November 15, 2021, the City Council selected one of the proposed district maps to establish the City Council electoral districts in the City, which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has taken all legal prerequisites to the enactment of this Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the City Council now desires to adopt this Ordinance to establish by-district elections in five single-member districts in the City, and to adopt the map depicting the boundaries and identifying number of the five City Council districts in the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The above recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. A new Chapter 2.10 - City Council Elections by District is hereby added to the La Verne Municipal Code to read as follows:

CHAPTER 2.10 - CITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS BY DISTRICT

2.10.010 Declaration of Purpose

The City Council hereby declares the purpose of this Chapter is to further the purposes of the California Voting Rights Act (Elections Code 14025 et seq.), as amended.

2.10.020 By-District Elections for City Council

A. Pursuant to Government Code section 34886, members of the City Council shall be elected by-district in five single-member districts. Members of the City Council shall be elected by-district meaning one member of the City Council shall be elected from each district by the voters of that district alone. Each member of the City Council shall serve a four-year term until his or her successor is qualified.

B. Pursuant to Government Code section 34882, the City Council member elected to represent a district must reside in that district and be a registered voter in that district, and any candidate for City Council must reside in, and be a registered voter in, the district in which he or she seeks election at the time nomination papers are issued, Pursuant to Elections Code section 10227.

2.10.030 City Council Districts Established

A. The boundaries and identifying number of each of the five City Council districts shall be as described on the City Council District Map attached hereto as Exhibit "A", and incorporated herein by this reference.

B. The City Council districts described in subsection A, above, shall continue in effect until they are amended or repealed in accordance with law. The boundaries of the City Council districts shall be reapportioned from time to time as required by the Elections Code or any other applicable law.

2.10.040 Implementation of By-District Elections

A. The by-district system of elections shall be implemented beginning at the General Municipal Election to be held June 7, 2022, as follows:

1. Members of the City Council shall be elected in districts 1, 3 and 4 beginning at the General Municipal Election on June 7, 2022, and every four years thereafter; and
2. Members of the City Council shall be elected in districts 2 and 5 beginning at the General Municipal Election in March 5, 2024, and every four years thereafter.

B. No term of any member of the City Council that commenced prior to the effective date of this Chapter shall be affected by the adoption of this Chapter.