

**AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**  
**FORT COLLINS CITY COUNCIL**

**ITEM NUMBER: 7**

**DATE: May 2, 2006**

**STAFF: Wanda Krajcek**

**SUBJECT**

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Second Reading of Ordinance No. 065, 2006, Amending the City of Fort Collins District-Precinct Map.

**RECOMMENDATION**

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Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on Second Reading.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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**FORT COLLINS CITY COUNCIL**

ITEM NUMBER: 12

DATE: April 18, 2006

STAFF: Wanda Krajicek

**SUBJECT**

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First Reading of Ordinance No. 065, 2006, Amending the City of Fort Collins District-Precinct Map.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on First Reading.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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**BACKGROUND**

Section 7-66 of the City Code provides that the Council shall, by ordinance, divide the City into as many election precincts as deemed necessary for the convenience of registered electors in the City. Insofar as practicable, boundaries must correspond with the election precincts established by the County.

In February 2006, Larimer County amended its precinct boundaries pursuant to C.R.S. 1-5-101(3), which requires at least one precinct for every 2,000 active eligible electors. Due to growth, Larimer County found it necessary to split three Fort Collins precincts into seven precincts. One precinct, in District 4, was split into two precincts (Attachment 1). One precinct in District 3 was split into two precincts (Attachment 2). Another precinct in District 3 was split into three precincts (Attachment 3). In this three-way split, only two of the resulting precincts include property within the city limits. The third, eastern-most precinct, does not contain any in-city property, and as such, is not assigned a City precinct number. **The changes in precinct boundaries do not affect Council District boundaries.**

In addition to the new precincts created by Larimer County's splitting of precincts, three new precincts have been added as a result of the Boma, Crawford, and Interchange Business Park 2nd and 3rd annexations. These annexations are located in County precincts that previously did not include any property within the Fort Collins city limits. To maintain corresponding boundaries with County

precincts, three new City precincts must be created. **These new precincts do not affect Council District boundaries.**

Because six new precincts are being added, a total renumbering of the City precincts is necessary to maintain a consecutive numbering scheme. The amended map increases the number of City precincts from 73 to 79.

Although the District-Precinct map will likely be amended this fall to adjust District boundaries in order to balance the number of registered voters between Districts pursuant to the requirements of the City Code and Charter, staff believes it necessary to make *precinct* boundary adjustments now due to the possibility of a special election in September on the collective bargaining Charter amendment. Staff believes it is in the City's best interest to have precinct boundaries that match Larimer County's precincts, because it will allow the City to obtain accurate, relevant voter registration records from the County Elections Office.

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ORDINANCE NO. 065, 2006  
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS  
AMENDING THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS  
DISTRICT-PRECINCT MAP

WHEREAS, by Ordinance No. 167, 2004, Council adopted the District-Precinct Map (the "Map") for the 2005 Regular Municipal Election; and

WHEREAS, the Map includes election precinct boundaries established pursuant to Section 7-66 of the Code of the City of Fort Collins which provides that, insofar as practicable, boundaries must correspond with the election precincts established by Larimer County (the "County"); and

WHEREAS, in February 2006, the County adjusted its precinct boundaries, thereby causing inconsistencies between County precinct boundaries and City precinct boundaries; and

WHEREAS, in addition to precinct boundary changes made by Larimer County, the City has annexed land in certain County precincts that previously did not contain any property included in the Fort Collins city limits, thereby creating the need for additional City precincts; and

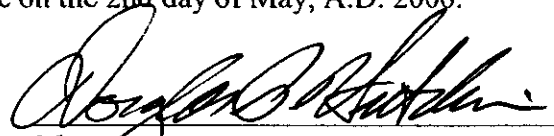
WHEREAS, the Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the citizens of Fort Collins to amend the previously adopted Map to correspond City precinct boundaries with the County precinct boundaries, as shown on the Amended District-Precinct Map, dated May 12, 2006 (the "Amended Map"), which is on file in the office of the City Clerk and which is incorporated herein by this reference.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS as follows:

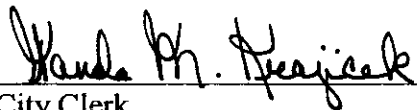
Section 1. That the City of Fort Collins District-Precinct Map, adopted by Ordinance No. 167, 2004 on November 16, 2004, is hereby amended by adjusting election precinct boundaries to correspond with County precinct boundaries, and by renumbering precincts as necessary, pursuant to the Amended Map heretofore referenced.

Section 2. That the Amended Map shall be used for determining residency for voter registration purposes for any special municipal election held following the effective date of this Ordinance and prior to the adoption of a District-Precinct Map for the next ensuing regular municipal election, except for any special municipal election held in conjunction with a consolidated or general election conducted by Larimer County.

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading, and ordered published this 18th day of April, A.D. 2006, and to be presented for final passage on the 2nd day of May, A.D. 2006.

  
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Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk

Passed and adopted on final reading on the 2nd day of May, A.D. 2006.

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