

ORDINANCE NO. 011, 2011  
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS  
SUBMITTING TO A VOTE OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF  
FORT COLLINS A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE II OF THE  
CITY CHARTER, PERTAINING TO COUNCIL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 8 of the City Charter states that the Charter may be amended as provided by the laws of the State of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, Section 31-2-210, C.R.S. states that Charter amendments may be initiated by the adoption of an ordinance by the City Council submitting a proposed amendment to a vote of the registered electors of the City of Fort Collins; and

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 1(d) of the City Charter requires the City Clerk to determine, prior to each regular biennial election, if the number of registered electors in the Council district containing the lowest number of registered electors is less than eighty-five percent of the number of registered electors in the district containing the highest number and, if so, to recommend district boundary changes to the Council to be established by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, due to advances in technology, it is now feasible for the City Clerk to more efficiently and accurately calculate the total population of Council districts; and

WHEREAS, upon recommendation of the City staff, the City Council believes that the method used by the City for adjusting Council district boundaries should be based upon total population rather than the number of registered electors in each district, and that such method is more clearly consistent with the constitutional principle of “one person, one vote” and the basic precepts of representative government.

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

Section 1. That the following proposed changes to Article II, Section 1 of the City Charter shall be submitted to the registered electors of the City as “Proposed Charter Amendment No. 1” at the regular municipal election to be held on Tuesday, April 5, 2011:

**Section 1. Membership; terms.**

(a) *Composition of Council.* The Council shall consist of seven (7) members, including a Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem, elected as provided in this Article.

(b) *Method of election.* The Mayor shall be nominated and elected from the city at large. The remaining six (6) members shall be nominated and elected by Districts. The election of District Councilmembers shall alternate between the election of representatives for Council Districts 1, 3 and 5 and the election of representatives for Council Districts 2, 4 and 6.

(c) ~~Redistricting~~ **Council district boundaries.** The city shall be divided into six (6) **contiguous, reasonably compact** ~~D~~districts, each representing one (1) contiguous, reasonably compact unit **each of which shall consist of contiguous, undivided general election precincts and, to the extent reasonably possible, an equal number of inhabitants.** The ~~D~~districts shall be numbered consecutively in a clockwise fashion beginning with the northeast ~~D~~district, which shall be District 1. The Council shall ~~provide~~**establish** by ordinance ~~for the giving of~~**process for adjusting district boundaries and giving** notice of any ~~redistricting proceedings~~**proposed boundary changes,** and the manner of protesting such ~~proceedings~~**proposed changes.**

~~(d) —~~ *Formula for redistricting.* No later than one hundred and eighty (180) days before each regular biennial election, the City Clerk shall determine if the number of registered electors in the District containing the lowest number of registered electors is less than eighty-five (85) percent of the number of registered electors in the District containing the highest number. If so, the City Clerk shall recommend to the Council ~~District boundary changes, which shall be established by ordinance at least one hundred and twenty (120) days before the election.~~

~~(e)~~ *Terms.* Except as otherwise provided in Section 18 of this Article and Section 3(d) of Article IX, the term of office of the Mayor shall be two (2) years, and the term of office of all other members of the Council shall be four (4) years each; provided, however, that all such officers shall serve until their successors have been elected and have taken office. The terms of the Mayor and other members of the Council shall begin when they take the oath of office, which shall occur as the first order of business at the first regular or special Council meeting following their election or appointment.

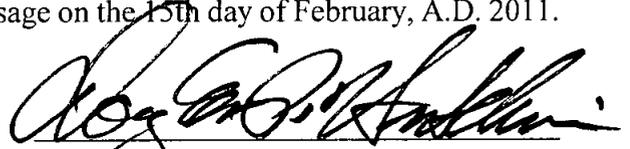
Section 2. That the following ballot language is hereby adopted for submitting Proposed Charter Amendment No. 1 to the voters at said election:

**CITY-INITIATED  
PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT NO. 1**

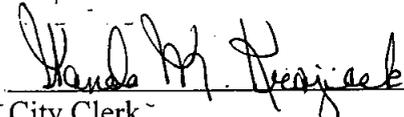
Shall Article II, Section 1 of the Fort Collins City Charter be amended to change the method for adjusting City Council district boundaries so that the size and configuration of Council districts will be based upon the number of people residing in each district rather than the number of registered electors?

YES \_\_\_\_\_  
NO \_\_\_\_\_

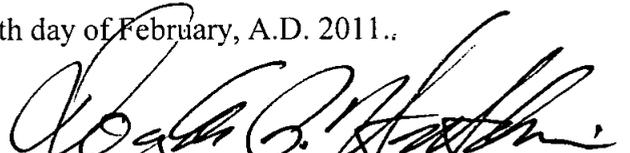
Introduced, considered favorably on first reading, and ordered published this 1st day of February, A.D. 2011, and to be presented for final passage on the 15th day of February, A.D. 2011.

  
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Mayor

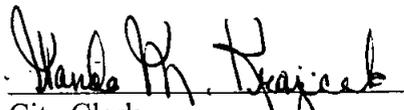
ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk

Passed and adopted on final reading on the 15th day of February, A.D. 2011..

  
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