

ORDINANCE NO. 11-1193

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A PLAN OF DISTRICTS/WARDS AND DEFINING BOUNDARIES FOR EACH SAID DISTRICT/WARD AS SINGLE-MEMBER ELECTION DISTRICTS FOR COUNCILORS; AND PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF AN ELECTION PLAN; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FURTHER REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 01-1137

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF GRANTS, NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this ordinance is to establish wards/districts in the nature of single-member districts for election of Councilors and to adopt rules and regulations to implement elections by district as required and authorized in Section 3-12-1.1, NMSA 1978.

SECTION 2. CREATION OF WARDS/DISTRICTS

A. Beginning with the March 2012 regular municipal election, Councilors shall reside in and be elected from wards/districts, which shall constitute single-member municipal election districts, except as otherwise provided in this Ordinance.

B. There are created four wards/districts more particularly described as follows:

1. **DISTRICT 1.** District 1 is more particularly described as beginning at the intersection of North Hills Boulevard and Roosevelt Avenue:

<u>Along</u>	<u>Direction</u>	<u>To</u>
N Hills Blvd	North	unnamed road
unnamed road	Northwest	unnamed stream
unnamed stream	South	unnamed stream
unnamed stream	Northwest	City Limits
City Limits	North, East, South	unnamed pipeline
unnamed pipeline	North	unnamed road
unnamed road	West	Roosevelt Ave
Roosevelt Ave	West	Leon Dr
Leon Dr	South	Gunnison Ave
Gunnison Ave	West	Encino Ave
Encino Ave	North	Houston Ave
Houston Ave	West	Del Norte Ave
Del Norte Ave	North	Inwood Ave
Inwood Ave	West	Elm Dr
Elm Dr	North	Roosevelt Ave
Roosevelt Ave	West	N Hills Blvd

Ending at the intersection of North Hills Boulevard and Roosevelt Avenue.

2. **DISTRICT 2.** District 2 is more particularly described as beginning at the intersection of Roosevelt Avenue and Elm Drive:

<u>Along</u>	<u>Direction</u>	<u>To</u>
Elm Dr	South	Washington Ave
Washington Ave	West	Mesa Blvd
Mesa Blvd	Southeast	Mount Taylor Ave
Mount Taylor Ave	West	Ash St
Ash St	South	Truman Ave
Truman Ave	West	Nimitz Dr
Nimitz Dr	South	Rio San Jose
Rio San Jose	Northwest	Anderman St
Anderman St	North	Truman Ave
Truman Ave	West	Geis St
Geis St	North	Washington Ave
Washington Ave	West	1st St
1st St	North	Roosevelt Ave
Roosevelt Ave	East	Elm Dr

Ending at the intersection of Roosevelt Avenue and Elm Drive.

3. **DISTRICT 3.** District 3 is more particularly described as beginning at the intersection of Roosevelt Avenue and Leon Drive:

<u>Along</u>	<u>Direction</u>	<u>To</u>
Leon Dr	South	Gunnison Ave
Gunnison Ave	West	Encino Ave
Encino Ave	North	Houston Ave
Houston Ave	West	Del Norte Ave
Del Norte Ave	North	Inwood Ave
Inwood Ave	West	Elm Dr
Elm Dr	South	Washington Ave
Washington Ave	West	Mesa Blvd
Mesa Blvd	Southeast	Mount Taylor Ave
Mount Taylor Ave	West	Ash St
Ash St	South	Truman Ave
Truman Ave	West	Jensen St
Jensen St	South	Sage Ave
Sage Ave	East	Balsam St
Balsam St	South	George Hanosh Blvd
George Hanosh Blvd	West	Santa Fe Ave
Santa Fe Ave	Southeast	City Limits
City Limits	East, North, West	unnamed pipeline
unnamed pipeline	North	unnamed road
unnamed road	West	Roosevelt Ave
Roosevelt Ave	West	Leon Dr

Ending at the intersection of Roosevelt Avenue and Leon Drive.

4. **DISTRICT 4.** District 4 is more particularly described as beginning at the intersection of Rio San Jose and Nimitz Drive:

<u>Along</u>	<u>Direction</u>	<u>To</u>
Rio San Jose	Northwest	Anderman St
Anderman St	North	Truman Ave
Truman Ave	West	Geis St
Geis St	North	Washington Ave
Washington Ave	West	1st St
1st St	North	Roosevelt Ave
Roosevelt Ave	East	N Hills Blvd
N Hills Blvd	North	unnamed road
unnamed road	Northwest	unnamed stream
unnamed stream	South	unnamed stream
unnamed stream	Northwest	City Limits
City Limits	West, South, East	Santa Fe Ave
Santa Fe Ave	Northwest	George Hanosh Blvd
George Hanosh Blvd	East	Balsam St
Balsam St	North	Sage Ave
Sage Ave	West	Jensen St
Jensen St	North	Truman Ave
Truman Ave	West	Nimitz Dr
Nimitz Dr	South	Rio San Jose

Ending at the intersection of Rio San Jose and Nimitz Drive.

SECTION 3. MUNICIPAL ELECTION DISTRICT MAP

The boundaries of each ward/district are shown on the Municipal Election Ward/District Map, entitled City of Grants, Cibola County, New Mexico, marked Plan B, which is hereby adopted as the official districting map and is to be kept in the custody of the Municipal Clerk.

SECTION 4. IMPLEMENTATION OF DISTRICTED ELECTIONS

The system of single-member district elections by ward/district described herein shall be implemented as the terms of current councilors expire. In the interest of continuity of experience on the Council and to further all policies for which the staggered method of election has been adopted, no existing term of office of any current Councilors who has been elected by ward/district shall be shortened by implementation of this election system.

SECTION 5. CANDIDATES

- A. Only persons residing in a particular district/ward and who otherwise meet all applicable requirements imposed by law or ordinance shall be allowed to be candidates for the position of Councilor for that ward/district.
- B. In determining whether the residence of a person lies in a particular ward/district, the rules set forth in Sections 1-1-7 and 3-8-3 NMSA 1978 shall apply.

- C. In addition to the requirements for a declaration of candidacy set forth in Section 3-8-27 NMSA 1978, the Municipal Clerk shall not accept a declaration of candidacy for the position of Councilor unless the declaration of candidacy states in which ward/district the candidate resides and is seeking election. The Municipal Clerk shall determine if the candidate's residence is within the ward/district from which the candidate is seeking election. If the candidate does not reside within the appropriate ward/district, the Municipal Clerk shall determine the declaration of candidacy invalid.
- D. A write-in candidate shall not be elected to fill the position of Councilor, unless the write-in candidate resides in the ward/district from which the write-in candidate is elected.

SECTION 6. ELECTION RESOLUTION

In addition to the requirements of Section 3-8-26 NMSA 1978, the election resolution calling for a regular municipal election shall set forth which wards/districts shall elect Councilors at that election.

SECTION 7. POLLING PLACES

In addition to the requirements of Section 3-8-11 NMSA 1978, the Council shall assure that there shall not be less than one polling place in every ward/district that is electing a Councilor at the election.

SECTION 8. PRECINCT BOARDS

In addition to the requirements of Section 3-8-20 NMSA 1978, the Precinct Board shall assure that each elector votes only for a candidate for the position of Councilor from the ward/district within which that elector resides.

SECTION 10. PUBLICATION OF NAMES OF CANDIDATES

In addition to the requirements of Section 3-8-30 NMSA 1978, the Municipal Clerk shall assure that the publication of the names of candidates for the office of Councilor shall designate from which ward/district each such candidate seeks election.

SECTION 11. ELECTION OF OTHER MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to affect the manner in which other municipal officers are elected.

SECTION 12. PLURALITY OF VOTES CAST REQUIRED FOR ELECTION

In addition to the requirements of Section 3-8-32 NMSA 1978, each candidate for the position of Councilor shall receive only the votes cast for such candidate by the resident qualified electors of the ward/district from which that candidate is running. The candidate who received a plurality of

qualified votes cast by electors resident in that ward/district shall be elected to the office of Councilor.

SECTION 13. CANVASS OF RETURNS, ELECTION CERTIFICATE

Regarding canvass of returns and issuance of an election certificate, appropriate election officials shall assure that returns are canvassed and election certificates are issued on a ward-by-ward basis for the position of Councilor.

SECTION 14. REPEAL OF ORDINANCE 01-1137

Ordinance 01-1137 is hereby repealed effective at the time of adoption of this Ordinance.

SECTION 15. EMERGENCY CLAUSE

This ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency based upon an immediate danger to the welfare of the municipality. Redistricting must be completed and passed in accordance with City Charter Section 2.03 so the new election districts are utilized at the first regular municipal election following the completion of the decennial census. The next City of Grants municipal election must be conducted the first Tuesday in March 2012 and therefore the passing of this ordinance completing the redistricting work presents an emergency to the welfare of the City of Grants being in compliance with State Statute and City Charter. The ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passing.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of December, 2011.



Joe Murrietta, Mayor

ATTEST:



Denise Baca, City Clerk

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