

ORDINANCE NO. 1611

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, REDEFINING THE WARD BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF 1965 (42 USC 1973) AND THE UNITED STATES CENSUS OF 2020; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATELY EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the voting rights act of 1965 requires compliance with the “one person-one vote” principle based on the population of various wards; and

WHEREAS, the City has re-examined the population growth in each of the City’s ward boundaries as a result of the 2020 census, and finds it appropriate to adjust the ward boundaries as a result of growth since the 2010 census; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is authorized to amend the ward boundaries, by Ordinance and without an additional referendum, the boundaries of the City as needed to meet applicable standards of equal protection and voters’ rights, and the City Council finds it is necessary and appropriate to amend the ward boundaries more than twelve months preceding the next election of City Council members, so as to allow any interested persons to confirm their qualification and ward residency prior to the City’s 2024 election cycle.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH:

SECTION 1. From and after the effective date of this ordinance, Section 7-4 of the City’s Charter is amended to redefine the City’s ward boundaries as follows:

Sec. 7-4. Wards.

The City shall be divided into four (4) wards numbered 1, 2, 3 and 4. The boundaries of such wards shall be as follows:

- (a) *Ward 1.* Ward 1 shall consist of all the territory within the City lying east of the following described line, to-wit: Begin on the south boundary of the City along the Gulf of Mexico south of the intersection of Census Block 120050027131012 and Beach Boulevard; thence continue northwesterly along Beach Boulevard to the intersection of Front Beach Road, thence easterly to the intersection of Hutchinson Boulevard (Middle Beach Road); continue north along Richard Jackson Boulevard to the intersection of Basin Bayou Drive; thence continue north along the west line of Census Block 120050027102001 to the City’s northern boundary. ~~Begin on the south boundary of the City along the Gulf of Mexico south of the intersection of Front Beach Road and Alf Coleman Road, thence continue northeasterly along the Right of Way of Alf Coleman Road to~~

the intersection of Alf Coleman Road Right of Way with the north line of the southwest quarter of Section 29, Township 3 South, Range 16 West; continuing westerly along said north line to the intersection of Lyndell Lane (S.R. 30H); thence northerly along Lyndell Lane to the intersection with Panama City Beach Parkway (US Hwy 98); thence continue north along the east line of Section 22, Township 3 South, Range 16 West, to the City's northern boundary.

- (b) *Ward 2.* Ward 2 shall consist of all the territory within the City lying between the line described in paragraph (a) of this section and the following described line, to-wit: **south boundary of the City along the Gulf of Mexico south of the intersection of Front Beach Road and Crane Street; thence east along Front Beach Road to the southeast corner of Census Block 120050027111002; continue north Census Block 120050027111002 to Panama City Beach Parkway; thence west to the intersection of Nautilus Street; thence north to intersection of Fairway Circle; thence northerly along to the City's northern boundary.** ~~south boundary of the City along the Gulf of Mexico south of the intersection of Front Beach Road and Nautilus Road; thence northeasterly along Nautilus Road to its intersection with Panama City Beach Parkway (US Hwy 98); thence westerly along the right of way of the Panama City Beach Parkway (US Hwy 98) to the intersection of Panama City Beach Parkway and Gulf Boulevard; thence northwesterly along Gulf Boulevard to the City's northern boundary.~~
- (c) *Ward 3.* Ward 3 shall consist of all the territory within the City lying between the line described in paragraph (b) of this section and the following described line, to-wit: **Ward 3 shall consist of all the territory within the City lying between the line described in paragraph (b) of this section and the following described line, to-wit; south boundary of the City along the Gulf of Mexico south of the intersection of Front Beach Road and SR 79; thence northerly along SR79 to the intersection Panama City Beach Parkway (US Hwy 98); then easterly along Panama City Beach Parkway to the intersection of Drive; thence northerly along Pier Park Drive to the intersection of Bay Parkway; thence northerly along Bay Parkway to the City's northern boundary.**

~~south boundary of the City along the Gulf of Mexico south of the intersection of Front Beach Road and SR 79; thence northerly along SR 79 to the intersection Panama City Beach Parkway (US Hwy 98); thence easterly along Panama City Beach Parkway to the intersection of Pier Park Drive; thence northerly along Pier Park Drive to the northwest corner of Palmetto Trace Phase Four according to the Plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 21, Page 48 through 55 of the public records of Bay County, Florida; thence following easterly along the northern and easterly boundaries of Palmetto Trace Phase Three, according to the~~

~~plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 20, Page 43 and 44 of the public records of Bay County, to the intersection of the eastern line of Section 17, Township 3 South, Range 16 West; thence northerly along said line to the City's northern City boundary.~~

(d) *Ward 4.* Ward 4 shall consist of all the territory within the City lying west of the line described in paragraph (c) of this section.

and as pictorially depicted in Exhibit A attached hereto.

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 3. The appropriate officers and agents of the City are authorized and directed to codify, include and publish in electronic format the provisions of this Ordinance within the Panama City Beach Code, and unless a contrary ordinance is adopted within ninety (90) days following such publication, the codification of this Ordinance shall become the final and official record of the matters herein ordained. Section numbers may be assigned and changed whenever necessary or convenient.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Panama City Beach, Florida, this 9th day of February, 2023.


MARK SHELDON, MAYOR

ATTEST:


LYNNE FASONE, CITY CLERK

EXAMINED AND APPROVED by me this 9th day of February, 2023.


MARK SHELDON, MAYOR

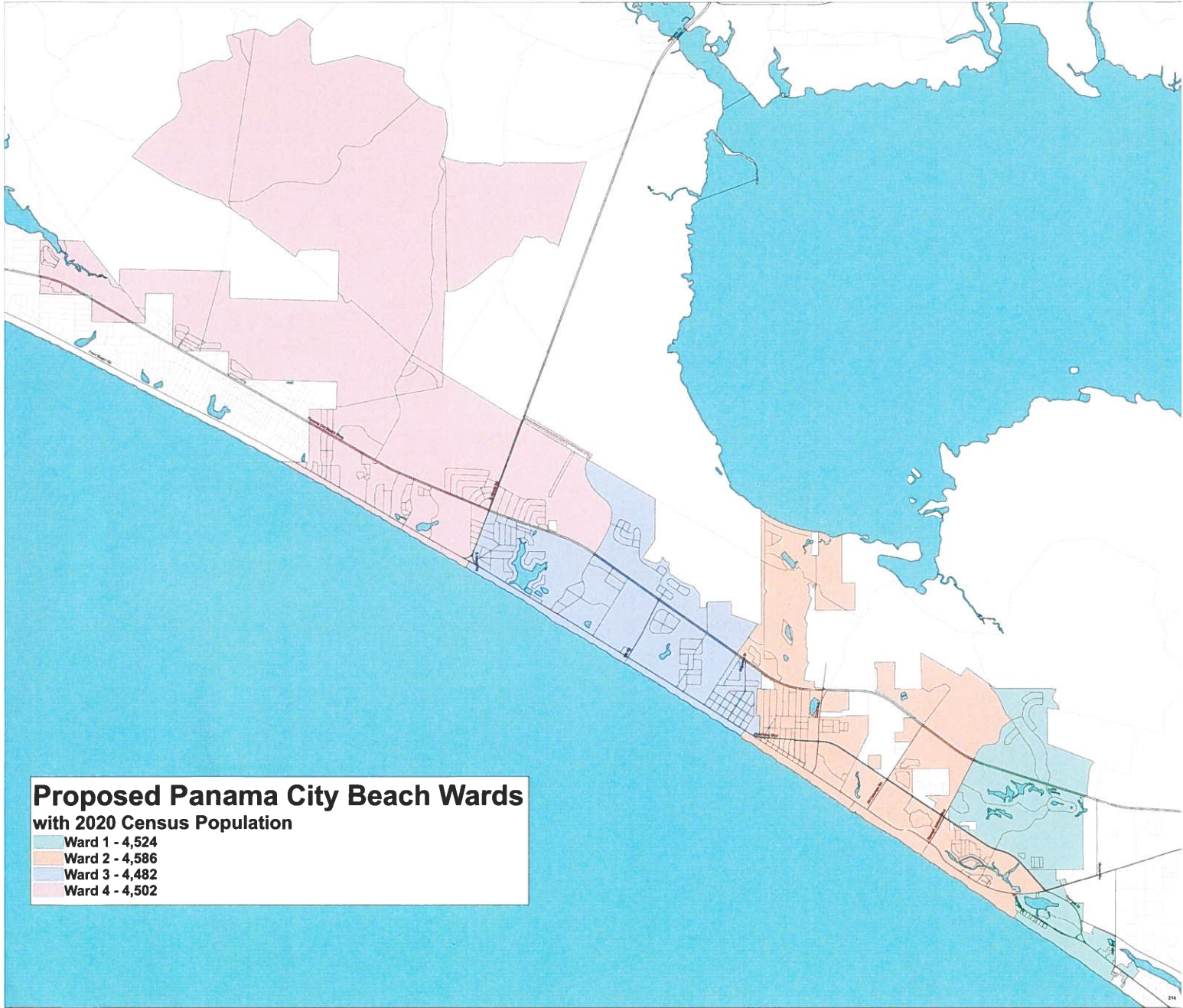
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LYNNE FASONE, CITY CLERK

EXHIBIT A

(MAP ILLUSTRATING NEW WARD BOUNDARIES)



Proposed Panama City Beach Wards
with 2020 Census Population

Ward 1	- 4,524
Ward 2	- 4,586
Ward 3	- 4,482
Ward 4	- 4,502