ORDINANCE NO. 3146

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING DISTRICT BOUNDARY LINES FOR BY-DISTRICT ELECTION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS RESULTING FROM THE 2020 US CENSUS REDISTRICTING PROCESS

RECITALS

- A. Whittier's City Charter, originally enacted in 1955, was amended by vote of the electorate in June 2014 to provide for by-district elections of its city council. Ordinance No. 3011 as approved by the electorate established a directly elected mayor and divided the City into four (4) council districts, to be established by the city council in the manner provided by law.
- B. Ordinance No. 3033 established the original District Boundaries Lines for bydistrict election in 2015.
- C. The 2020 US Census requires Cities with district elections review district boundary lines to ensure they conform with Federal and State law.
- D. On September 13, 2022, November 15, 2022, January 24, 2023, and March 14, 2023, the City held public hearings to solicit public testimony from residents regarding the redistricting process and City Council studied, discussed, and selected the appropriate district boundaries taking into account all requirements of Federal and State law.

NOW THEREFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: Section 2.04.050 is hereby amended to the Whittier Municipal Code: 2.04.050 – District Boundaries.

The council member districts of the city shall have the following legal boundaries:

District 1. The region bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the point of intersection of Broadway and City Boundary, and proceeding easterly along Broadway to Comstock Avenue, and proceeding southerly along Comstock Avenue to Wardman Street, and proceeding easterly along Wardman Street to Painter Avenue, and proceeding southerly along Painter Avenue to Whittier Boulevard, and proceeding westerly along Whittier Boulevard to Washington Avenue, and proceeding southerly along Washington Avenue to Putnam Street, and proceeding northerly along Putnam Street to Greenleaf Avenue, and proceeding southerly along Greenleaf Avenue to Danbrook Drive, and proceeding easterly along Danbrook Drive to Shoemaker Avenue, and proceeding southerly along Shoemaker Avenue to Block Boundary, and proceeding easterly along Block Boundary to Somerset Street, and proceeding easterly along Somerset Street to Addington Street, and proceeding easterly along Street to Painter Avenue, and

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proceeding southerly along Painter Avenue to City Boundary, and proceeding westerly along City Boundary to the point of beginning.

District 2. The region bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the point of intersection of City Boundary and Broadway, and proceeding easterly along City Boundary to Block Boundary, and proceeding southerly along Block Boundary to Penn Street, and proceeding westerly along Penn Street to Painter Avenue, and proceeding northerly along Painter Avenue to Wardman Street, and proceeding westerly along Wardman Street to Comstock Avenue, and proceeding northerly along Comstock Avenue to Broadway, and proceeding westerly along Broadway to the point of beginning.

District 3. The region bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the point of intersection of City Boundary and Block Boundary, and proceeding easterly along City Boundary to Colima Road, and proceeding northerly along Colima Road to Whittier Boulevard, and proceeding westerly along Whittier Boulevard to Catalina Avenue, and proceeding northerly along Catalina Avenue to Mar Vista Street, and proceeding westerly along Mar Vista Street to Catalina Avenue, and proceeding northerly along Catalina Avenue to Precinct Boundary, and proceeding northerly along Precinct Boundary to Block Boundary, and proceeding easterly along Block Boundary to the point of beginning.

District 4. The region bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the point of intersection of Penn Street and Painter Avenue, and proceeding easterly along Penn Street to Block Boundary, and proceeding easterly along Block Boundary to Precinct Boundary, and proceeding southerly along Precinct Boundary to Catalina Avenue, and proceeding southerly along Catalina Avenue to Mar Vista Street, and proceeding easterly along Mar Vista Street to Catalina Avenue, and proceeding southerly along Catalina Avenue to Whittier Boulevard, and proceeding easterly along Whittier Boulevard to Colima Road, and proceeding southerly along Colima Road to City Boundary, and proceeding westerly along City Boundary to Painter Avenue, and proceeding northerly along Painter Avenue to Addington Street, and proceeding westerly along Addington Street to Somerset Street, and proceeding westerly along Somerset Street to Block Boundary, and proceeding westerly along Block Boundary to Shoemaker Avenue, and proceeding northerly along Shoemaker Avenue to Danbrook Drive, and proceeding westerly along Danbrook Drive to Greenleaf Avenue, and proceeding northerly along Greenleaf Avenue to Putnam Street, and proceeding southerly along Putnam Street to Washington Avenue, and proceeding northerly along Washington Avenue to Whittier Boulevard, and proceeding easterly along Whittier Boulevard to Painter Avenue, and proceeding northerly along Painter Avenue to the point of beginning.

These district boundaries are depicted on a boundary map attached hereto as Exhibit A. These boundaries will remain in effect until amended by ordinance.

Nothing herein shall affect the terms of office of the five members of the city council in office at the time this section takes effect, who shall continue in office until their terms expire.

SECTION 3. Any provision of the Whittier Municipal Code or appendices thereto inconsistent with the provisions of the Ordinance, to the extent of such inconsistencies and no further, are repealed or modified to that extent necessary to affect the provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. Should any section, subsection, clause or provision of this ordinance for any reason be held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance, it being hereby expressly declared that this ordinance, and each and every section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase hereof would have been prepared, proposed, approved, adopted and/or ratified irrespective of the fact that any one or more section, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases of this ordinance be declared invalid.

SECTION 5. The Mayor shall sign and the City Clerk shall attest to the passage of this Ordinance. The City Clerk shall cause the same to be published once in the official newspaper within 15 days after its adoption. This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after its adoption.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of April 2023.

Attest:

GARCIA JR., City Clerk

Exhibit: A – District Boundaries Map

I CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE NO. 3146 was introduced on the 14th day of March 2023, and was adopted by the City Council of the City of Whittier at the regular meeting held on the 11th day of April 2023, by the following vote:

AYES:

Council Members:

J. Martinez, Dutra, Warner, O. Martinez

NOES:

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Council Member:

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ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

O GARCIA JR., City Clerk

