

**CITY OF WHEAT RIDGE, COLORADO**  
**INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LANGWORTHY**  
**Council Bill No. 14**  
**Ordinance No. 1488**  
Series of 2011

**TITLE: AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A NEW CODE SECTION 1-11  
CONCERNING COUNCIL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES, AND IN  
CONNECTION THEREWITH, APPROVING AN AMENDED COUNCIL  
DISTRICT MAP PURSUANT TO CHARTER SECTION 4.2**

**WHEREAS**, as a home rule city, the City of Wheat Ridge governs the election of its City Council as an exclusively local matter under Article XX of the Colorado Constitution; and

**WHEREAS**, for purposes of representation on the City Council, the City is presently divided into four (4) Council districts, each district represented by two (2) Council members; and

**WHEREAS**, the four Council districts are also used as the basis for appointment of board and commission members; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council is charged with the authority and responsibility pursuant to Section 4.2 of the Home Rule Charter, to establish and amend, from time to time, the boundaries of Council districts in order to ensure that the districts are contiguous, compact, and approximately equal in population, such that each reapportionment shall be complete six (6) months prior to the next ensuing general municipal election; and

**WHEREAS**, the present boundaries of the four Council districts have not been altered since 1978; and

**WHEREAS**, since that date, significant additional real property has been added to the City by annexation; and

**WHEREAS**, new development, shifts in development, and redevelopment throughout the City has resulted in shifts in population density among the present Council districts, such as to render them less equal in population and less compact in area; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has caused to be prepared a study documenting the present population of the City within the present four Council districts; and

**WHEREAS**, using the population data study and GIS data mapping techniques, the City Council has caused to be prepared a new Council district map, which adjusts

the boundaries of the four Council districts to account for additions in property to the City and shifts in population density since 1978; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council wishes to adopt a new district map for Council districts within the City pursuant to Charter Section 4.2, and to make conforming changes to the Wheat Ridge Code of Laws to implement the same.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** the City Council of the City of Wheat Ridge, Colorado as follows:

**Section 1.** Chapter 1 of the Wheat Ridge Code of Laws is amended by the adoption of a new section 1-11, entitled "Council District Map," to read as follows:

**Sec. 1-11. Council district map.**

- (a) Pursuant to Section 4.2 of the Charter, the council shall adopt and regularly amend a map dividing the city into four (4) districts for the purpose of election of council members, such districts to be contiguous, compact and approximately equal in population. The map shall be adopted by the council by ordinance and a true and correct copy thereof maintained in the office of the city clerk.
- (b) Simultaneously (except as prohibited by Section 4.2) with the annexation of real property by the city, the city council shall by ordinance amend the council district map to incorporate the annexed area into one or more council districts, and to make such other adjustments to the council district map as required to comply with Section 4.2 of the Charter.
- (c) Any board or commission member in office and representing a council district at the time of an amendment to the council district map, the effect of which places such member in a different council district than that from which the member was originally appointed, shall nevertheless remain a legally appointed member until his or her then-current term of office expires.

**Section 2. Council district map adopted.** Pursuant to the authority vested in it by Charter Section 4.2, the city council hereby adopts the map attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and fully incorporated herein, entitled: "2011 Council District Map," as the official map of the four (4) council districts within the City, and directs that a copy of the same be kept on permanent file with the office of the city clerk.

**Section 3. Severability, Conflicting Ordinances Repealed.** If any section, subsection or clause of this Ordinance shall be deemed to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, the validity of the remaining sections, subsections and clauses shall

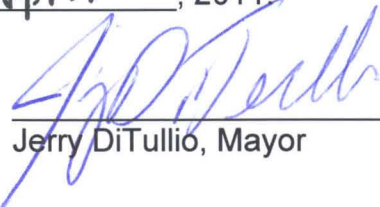
not be affected thereby. All other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

**Section 4. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption, as provided by Section 5.11 of the Charter.

**INTRODUCED, READ, AND ADOPTED** on first reading by a vote of 6 to 0 on this 11th day of April, 2011, ordered published in full in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Wheat Ridge, and Public Hearing and consideration on final passage set for April 25, 2011 at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers, 7500 West 29th Avenue, Wheat Ridge, Colorado.

**READ, ADOPTED AND ORDERED PUBLISHED** on second and final reading by a vote of 7 to 0, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2011.

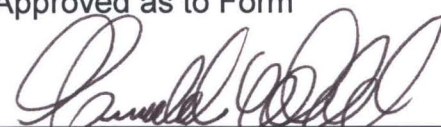
**SIGNED** by the Mayor on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2011.

  
Jerry DiTullio, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Michael Snow, City Clerk

Approved as to Form

  
Gerald E. Dahl, City Attorney

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**Exhibit A**  
**2011 Council District Map**

[Attached]

# 2011 Council District Map

Adopted April 25, 2011

