#### ORDINANCE NO. 2538

## AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERCED, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 1.17 ENTITLED "CITY COUNCIL DISTRICTS" OF THE MERCED MUNICIPAL CODE

## THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERCED DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 1.17.** Chapter 1.17 "City Council Districts" of the Merced Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

## "CHAPTER 1.17 CITY COUNCIL DISTRICTS

Sections:	
1.17.010	Manner of Drawing City Council
	Districts.
1.17.020	Drawing of City Council Districts.
1.17.030	<b>Election Dates for City Council Districts.</b>

# **1.17.010** Manner of Drawing City Council Districts.

Pursuant to Section 400(E) of the Charter, the City is required to draw Council districts by ordinance. Pursuant to Section 400(A) of the Charter, there are to be six single-member districts with the Council Members elected by district and the Mayor elected at-large.

### **1.17.020** Drawing of City Council Districts.

A. The City Council hereby selects City of Merced Redistricting 2021 Map 203. A true and correct copy of Map 203 shall remain on file in the City Clerk's Office. B. City staff is directed to prepare legal descriptions that are consistent with Map 203 and shall forward said legal descriptions to the County of Merced for use in subsequent City of Merced City Council elections. No subsequent City Council action shall be necessary to confirm the validity of these legal descriptions.

#### **1.17.030** Election Dates for City Council Districts

A. The initial election date for District 1 shall be in 2016 and every four years thereafter.

B. The initial election date for District 2 shall be in 2018 and every four years thereafter.

C. The initial election date for District 3 shall be in 2016 and every four years thereafter.

D. The initial election date for District 4 shall be in 2018 and every four years thereafter.

E. The initial election date for District 5 shall be in 2016 and every four years thereafter.

F. The initial election date for District 6 shall be in 2018 and every four years thereafter."

**SECTION 2.** FORWARDING CERTIFIED COPY OF ORDINANCE TO COUNTY OF MERCED. City staff is directed to provide a certified copy of this Ordinance to the County of Merced for use in subsequent City of Merced City Council elections.

**SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect thirty (30) days after its adoption.

**SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY.** If any section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance, is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of

competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have adopted this Ordinance, and each section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, subdivisions, sentences, clauses, phrases, or portions thereof be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

**SECTION 6. PUBLICATION.** The City Clerk is directed to cause a summary of this Ordinance to be published in the official newspaper at least once within fifteen (15) days after its adoption showing the vote thereon.

The foregoing Ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Merced on the <u>21stday of March</u>, 2022, and was passed and adopted at a regular meeting of said City Council held on the <u>4th</u> day of <u>April</u>, 2022, by the following called vote:

<b>AYES:</b> 4	<b>Council Members:</b>	BOYLE,	ORNELAS,	SERRATTO,	SHELTON	
<b>NOES:</b> 2	<b>Council Members:</b>	ECHEVAI	RRIA, PER	EZ		
ABSTAIN: 0	<b>Council Members:</b>	NONE				
ABSENT: 1	<b>Council Members:</b>	BLAKE				

#### **APPROVED:**

Matt Se

## **ATTEST:** STEPHANIE R. DIETZ, CITY CLERK

BY:

Assistant/Deputy City Clerk

(SEAL)

# **APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

3/8/2 **City Attorney** 



Date



Exhibit A

