

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ELECTION OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS FROM DISTRICTS RATHER THAN AT LARGE.

WHEREAS, Lehi City Council members are currently elected at large; and

WHEREAS, Lehi City has increased in population, territory, and geographical diversity; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to have all areas of the City represented on the Lehi City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City has the authority under Utah Code 10-3-205.5(2) to provide for the election of some or all of the council members by district.

NOW THEREFORE be it ordained by the governing body of Lehi City as follows:

1. All Lehi City Council members shall be elected to represent a district of the City.
2. Within 6 months after passage of this ordinance, the City shall, by ordinance, divide the City into five districts that are substantially-equal in population. All area within an individual district shall be contiguous, while avoiding peninsulas where possible. Existing geographical features shall be used where possible in the determination of district boundaries.
3. Council seats for districts 1 and 2 shall be filled in the municipal election in the year that the Mayor's seat is up for election beginning with the municipal election in 2013. Council seats 3, 4, and 5 shall be filled in the municipal election beginning with the municipal election in 2015. All terms shall be 4-year terms, as required by Utah State Law.
4. The City shall, by ordinance, make adjustments in the boundaries of the districts as may be required to maintain districts of substantially-equal population within 6 months after the Utah State Legislature completes its redistricting process, and may do so at such other times as the City may deem necessary.
5. Candidates for any council member position, in addition to meeting the eligibility and residency requirements of Utah law, must also be residents of the district from which they run.
6. Within 6 months after passage of this ordinance, each member of the current City Council shall be designated, by ordinance, to represent one of the newly-created districts.
7. Any sitting City Council members who, because of the passage of the ordinance mentioned in Section 6 above, or a future redistricting, do not live within the district that they represent, shall continue to hold their seats for their current terms, regardless of which district they may reside in, but if they run for re-election, they must run for the district seat that they reside in.

PASSED AND DATED this _____ day of _____, 2011.

Mayor

Attest:

Recorder