

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-_____

CITY OF POMPANO BEACH
Broward County, Florida

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, TO MODIFY DISTRICT 3 AND DISTRICT 5 BY AMENDING THE BOUNDARY LINE BETWEEN BOTH DISTRICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, 1,073 residents comprising the majority of John Knox Village, currently reside in District 5; and

WHEREAS, 90 residents who reside in the South Garden Neighborhood of John Knox Village are currently located in District 3. That neighborhood consists of 33 triplex villas located south of S.W. 6th Street, also known as “Village Drive”; and

WHEREAS, research indicates that as far back as 2005, the boundary between District 3 and District 5 has been designed as “S.W. 6th Street”; and

WHEREAS, it would appear that all of John Knox Village was intended to be located in District 5, as it would make little sense to exclude one block of homes and require separate representation of a few residents from the same community; and

WHEREAS, the anomaly was likely caused by the inaccurate designation of S.W. 6th Street as the borderline between the two districts instead of S.W. 6th Court which would have included the omitted block of residents from the South Garden neighborhood. This information appears to have been incorrectly provided at the time to the City’s redistricting expert for its use in creating the City’s district map; and

WHEREAS, in April of 2025, a poll of the South Gardens residents by the John Knox Village Resident Senate Legislative Committee resulted in a clear preference of those residents to join District 5 and have a single commissioner represent all of John Knox Village; and

WHEREAS, moving the boundary line between Districts 3 and 5 from S.W. 6th Street south, to S.W. 6th Court, would result in all of John Knox Village residents residing within District 5 as desired; and

WHEREAS, consultation with the City's zoning expert, Kurt Spitzer of Kurt Spitzer and Associates, has confirmed that the small number of residents involved with the modification of both districts, would not negatively impact the City's Charter requirements or other legal requirements for redistricting; and

WHEREAS, Article I, Section 3 of the Charter of the City of Pompano Beach further requires that the boundary lines of the districts shall be adjusted into reasonably geographically compact areas; and

WHEREAS, both City Commissioners from Districts 3 and 5 have been kept fully apprised of this proposed change and have no objections to same; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to law, ten (10) days' notice has been given by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the City notifying the public of this proposed Ordinance and of a public hearing in the City Commission Chambers of the City of Pompano Beach; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing before the City Commission was held pursuant to the published notice described above, at which hearing the parties in interest and all other citizens so desiring had an opportunity to be and were, in fact, heard; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. That the boundary line between District 3 and District 5 shall be re-established from S.W. 6th Street to a revised location of S.W. 6th Court and adjusted to conform to the attached map, labeled as Exhibit “1” and incorporated herein as if set forth in full.

SECTION 2. That the City Commission finds and determines that the election districts, as modified and established herein are still all as nearly equal population as is practicable, in accordance with Article I, Section 3 of the City’s Charter and with the Constitution of the United States and of the State of Florida.

SECTION 3. If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable.

SECTION 4. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall become effective upon passage.

PASSED FIRST READING this _____ day of _____, 2025.

PASSED SECOND READING this _____ day of _____, 2025.

REX HARDIN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

KERVIN ALFRED, CITY CLERK

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