ORDINANCE 19-04

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CASTLE PINES, COLORADO CHANGING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE THREE WARDS OF THE CITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 31-4-104 OF THE COLORADO REVISED STATUTES

WHEREAS, Section 31-4-104, C.R.S. requires that the City of Castle Pines be divided into wards and that the boundaries and number of wards be changed only by majority vote of all members of City Council; and

WHEREAS, Section 31-4-104, C.R.S. further provides that the boundaries of the wards shall not be changed more often than once in six years, unless the change is necessary to conform to constitutional apportionment requirements; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has not changed its ward boundaries since the City's incorporation in 2008; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has referred a ballot question to the voters at a special election to be held on May 14, 2019 on the adoption of the City's home rule charter; and

WHEREAS, if the proposed home rule charter is approved by a majority of voters, Section 2.3 of the charter will change the reference from Council "ward" to Council "district" and would further require that any changes in the boundaries of Council district be made at least one hundred eighty (180) days prior to a regular or special election of the City; and

WHEREAS, in redrawing ward/district boundaries, the City Council desires to conform to constitutional principles of equal representation and one person-one vote; and

WHEREAS, United States courts have further identified the following goals to be achieved through redistricting: compactness; contiguity; and preservation of communities of interest (communities with one of more unifying features, such as geography, demography, ethnicity, culture, and other features); and

WHEREAS, while courts have not provided a definitive threshold in the percentage difference between the population of the most populated and least populated district, courts have found acceptable population ranges between 5% and 10%; and

WHEREAS, as a statutory city, the City is currently required to make changes to ward boundaries at least 90 days before any election; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to comply with the spirit of the home rule charter in effectuating redistricting at least 180 days prior to the next regular election on November 5, 2019; and

WHEREAS, City Staff has reviewed the latest available census figures following the 2014 American Community Survey, considered recent population increases in the new development in Lagae

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Ranch, and has taken into account population projections in Castle Pines Town Center and The Canyons developments before the next regular election, and has determined that the differential between Ward 3, the ward with the highest population and Ward 1, the ward with the lowest population, is approximately 11.6%; and

WHEREAS, based on the varying population totals among the wards, changes to the boundaries of the City Council wards are recommended as set forth on the proposed Official City Ward Map, Effective May 2019, attached hereto as **Exhibit A**; and

WHEREAS, the changes to the ward boundaries as set forth herein results in an estimated population percentage differential between the ward with the highest population number (Ward 2) and the ward with the lowest population number (Ward 1) of 3.2%; and

WHEREAS, City Council desires to change the boundaries of the Council wards as set forth herein, which changes shall be effective for the regular City election to be held on November 5, 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CASTLE PINES, COLORADO:

- <u>Section 1</u>. The City Council of the City of Castle Pines adopts the recitations set forth above as findings of the City Council and finds and determines further as follows:
 - a. The boundaries of the wards of the City of Castle Pines have not been changed within the preceding six years;
 - b. The boundaries of the existing wards do not provide for a proper apportionment of the City for municipal election purposes; and
 - c. The boundaries of the new wards as hereafter set forth provide for proper apportionment of the City.
- Section 2. If the Home Rule Charter is adopted by the voters on May 14, 2019, the City's ward map shall be renamed to: "City of Castle Pines Council District Map". Said map is on file in the office of the City Clerk, is posted on the City's website, and is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit A. Where the dividing line between two wards is shown as a platted street, alley or public right-of-way, the actual dividing line shall be the centerline of such street, alley or right-of-way. Disputes regarding the exact location of any ward/district boundary line shall be decided by the City Council.
- <u>Section 3</u>. <u>Severability</u>. If any section, paragraph, clause, or provision of this Ordinance shall for any reason be held to be invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, clause, or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance, the intent being that the same are severable.

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<u>Section 4</u>. <u>Effective Date</u>. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days after publication following final adoption, unless it is adopted as an emergency ordinance, in which event it shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

INTRODUCED, READ, AND PASSED ON FIRST READING AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CASTLE PINES, COLORADO THE 9TH DAY OF APRIL 2019.

READ, PASSED, AND ADOPTED ON SECOND READING AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CASTLE PINES, COLORADO THE 23RD DAY OF

APRIL, 2019.

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Tera Stave Radloff, Mayor

Approved as to form:

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Linda C. Michow

Linda C. Michow, City Attorney

ATTEST:

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Tobi Basile, CMC, City Clerk

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CERTIFICATION OF PUBLICATION

I hereby attest and certify that the within and foregoing Ordinance was introduced and read on first reading at a noticed public meeting of the Castle Pines City Council on April 9, 2019; published by reference by title only in the *Douglas County News-Press*, together with the statement that "[t]he complete text of all ordinances is available through the City Offices and on the City's official website"; and finally passed and adopted by the City Council on April 23, 2019 following a duly noticed public meeting and ordered published by title only, with amendments if any, one time in the *Douglas County News-Press* on May 9, 2019.

ATTEST:

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Tobi Basile, CMC, City Clerk

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EXHIBIT A CITY OF CASTLE PINES COUNCIL WARD/DISTRICT MAP

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