

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDINANCE NO: 21-11

In the Matter of Reviewing and Modifying the District Boundaries for Election of County Commissioners (Map J).

WHEREAS, Lane County is governed by the Lane County Home Rule Charter approved by the voters at the November 6, 1962 General Election; and,

WHEREAS, the Lane County Home Rule Charter Chapter III Sections 10(d) and 10(e) require the Board of Commissioners in accordance with federal census figures to redraw the boundaries for the five (5) commissioner districts; and,

WHEREAS, the Lane County Home Rule Charter Chapter III, Section 10(d) requires the Board of Commissioners to engage in the review of the boundaries for the five (5) commissioner districts not less than every ten (10) years; and,

WHEREAS, the Lane County Home Rule Charter Chapter III, Section 10(e) requires the Board of Commissioners to adopt the five (5) commissioner districts by ordinance not less than every ten (10) years; and,

WHEREAS, the last ordinance creating the boundaries for the five (5) commissioner districts was adopted on by the Board of Commissioners on October 26, 2011; and,

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization, the President of the United States and the Governor of Oregon has declared COVID-19 a global pandemic, a national emergency and statewide public health emergency; and,

WHEREAS, the Lane County Board of Commissioners has declared COVID-19 a Lane County public health emergency on March 17, 2020 with Board Order 20-03-17-06 and extended the emergency declarations on multiple occasions; and,

WHEREAS, Lane County has experienced continued closures or restrictions to government and non-government services, and the cancellation of large gatherings of people, which has made the gathering of census data more difficult; and,

WHEREAS, on July 28, 2020 the Board of Commissioners directed the Lane County Counsel to develop of process to obtain public input on the redistricting process and the format for an evening public comment devoted to redistricting; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners held a public evening comment session on September 15, 2020 soliciting public input on how the redistricting process should be conducted;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners held a work session on December 2, 2020 and heard testimony from the League of Women Voters and the Democratic Party of Lane County on their suggestions for the redistricting process; and,

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2021 the Board of Commissioners heard a presentation regarding the creation of the Independent Redistricting Committee and at the

conclusion of the meeting the Board directed the Lane County Counsel to develop of a process for selecting members of the Independent Redistricting Committee and draft by-laws for the Independent Redistricting Committee; and,

WHEREAS, on February 16, 2021, the United States Census Bureau announced that it would have redistricting data available to the states by September 30, 2021; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Oregon will needed to perform certain redistricting work with the 2021 census data before Lane County can complete its redistricting plan; and,

WHEREAS, the amount of time between September 30, 2021 and October 26, 2021 was insufficient to permit a complete and thoughtful review of population densities to permit the creation of commissioner district boundaries so as not to deny any person equal protection of the law; and,

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2021 the Board of Commissioners discussed the inability to complete the redistricting process in a meaningful and thoughtful manner before October 26, 2021 as required by the Lane County Home Rule Charter; and,

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2021 the Board directed the Lane County Counsel to draft two ordinances relating to redistricting: the first to be a place holder to make certain the Board remained in compliance with the Lane Charter deadlines for redistricting and the second to create an Independent Redistricting Committee that would perform the required redistricting using the 2020 census data; and,

WHEREAS, on June 8, 2021 the Board adopted two proposed ordinances, Ordinance 21-03, a place holder to make certain the Board remained in compliance with the Lane Charter deadlines for redistricting and Ordinance 21-04, to create an Independent Redistricting Committee, both Ordinances were on the same schedule so there would be no question redistricting would ultimately be performed using 2020 Census data; and,

WHEREAS, from September 1, 2021 through November 4, 2021, the Independent Redistricting Committee met and completed the duties of the Independent Redistricting Committee per Lane Code 21.001; and

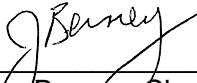
WHEREAS, the Independent Redistricting Committee made a report to the Board, and the Board has fully considered the matter in accordance with the Home Rule Charter. Chapter III, including review of the Independent Redistricting Committee presentation on November 9, 2021, public hearings on the matter on November 30, 2021, and testimony and evidence presented during these proceedings

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Lane County **ORDAINS** as follows:

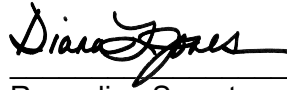
1. The election districts from which County Commissioners shall be elected are hereby established as shown on the attached maps, and denominated as follows:
 - a) West Lane County District #1
 - b) Springfield District #2
 - c) South Eugene District #3
 - d) North Eugene District #4
 - e) East Lane County District #5

2. Upon approval of a final map, grant the County Clerk discretion to fine-tune the commissioner district boundaries in de Minimis ways that align the boundaries with existing districts, provided the population equality is not significantly altered.
3. Upon enactment of the ordinance, the attached maps shall be recorded in the Lane County Deeds and Record. After recording, the appropriate recording identification shall be noted on the bottom of this ordinance.
4. Lane County Ordinance No. 9-11. Which previously set district boundaries is hereby repealed.

ENACTED this 30th day of November, 2021

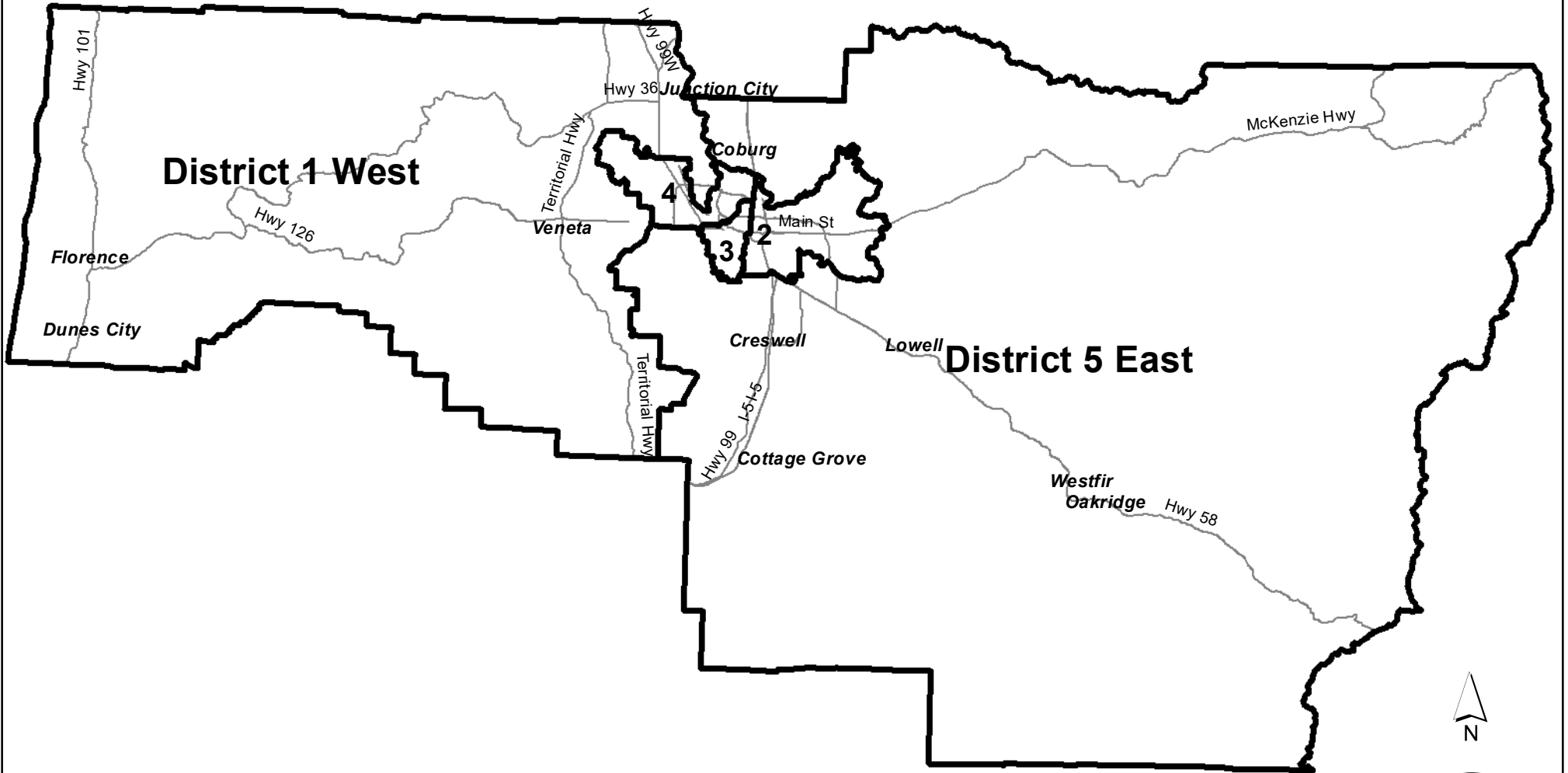


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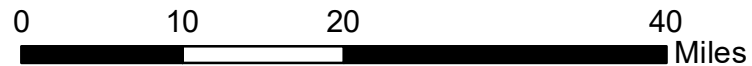


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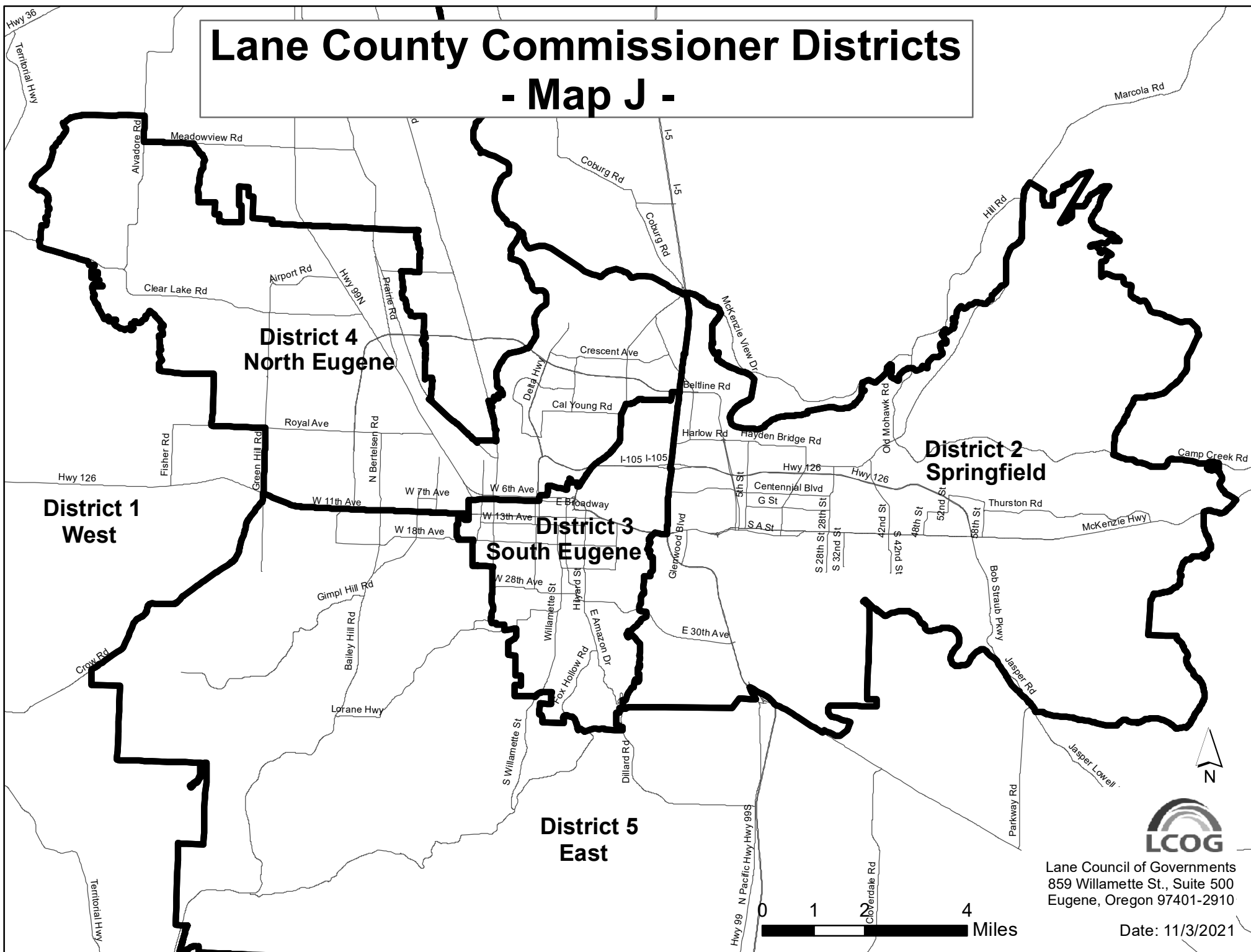


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