

**LACONIA CITY COUNCIL AGENDA  
FEBRUARY 27, 2023**

**STAFF REPORT  
AGENDA ITEM 8.B.  
ADOPT ORDINANCE 2023-97, ADDING A NEW CHAPTER –  
WARD LINES - IN THE CITY OF LACONIA CODE**

**Discussion:** At the November 2, 2021 Municipal Election the voters voted in favor (1,837 Yes, 618 No) to remove the ward lines from the City Charter and place them into the City of Laconia Code allowing the City Council to adjust the ward boundary lines for redistricting purposes. The City is required to review and adjust its ward boundaries, if needed, after the release of the 10-year Federal Census data. Adoption of the attached Ordinance 2023-97 is the final piece to this action.

On November 22, 2021 the Mayor signed the Charter change reflecting the election results. At the December 13, 2021 City Council meeting, the Council held a public hearing and subsequently approved the new redistricting map.

The new Ordinance to include the ward descriptions in the City of Laconia Code was not completed, and was discovered in the fall of 2022 when the City Clerk was working on the State elections.

**Fiscal Impact:** Not applicable

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends that the City Council authorizes the Mayor to sign Ordinance 2023-97 since the changes reflected in the Ordinance were already approved by the voters on November 2, 2021 and by the City Council on December 13, 2021.

**This report submitted by:** Katie Gargano, City Clerk

**Proposed motion:**

*“I move that the City Council authorizes the Mayor to sign the attached Ordinance 2023-97, Ward Lines, as presented.”*