

ORDINANCE 2024 - _____

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF SUNNYSIDE,
WASHINGTON, AMENDING THE SUNNYSIDE MUNICIPAL CODE
(SMC), SECTION 1.10.080 VOTING – RESIDENCY**

WHEREAS, the City of Sunnyside recognizes the need for tailored representation that addresses the unique needs of its diverse communities; and

WHEREAS, the current at-large voting system during the general elections permits all qualified voters within the city to vote for any candidate running for City Council, regardless of the district in which the voter resides; and

WHEREAS, implementing a district representation will ensure that council members from districts 1, 2, 3, and 4 are elected by and accountable specifically to the residents within those districts, while maintaining at-large representation for districts 5, 6, and 7;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
SUNNYSIDE, WASHINGTON**, as follows:

SECTION 1. That section 1.10.080 of the Sunnyside Municipal Code entitled “Electoral Districts” is amended upon adoption and incorporation of Exhibit A, attached hereto.

SECTION 2: This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and approval, with the provisions applying from the next primary and general election cycle following the enactment.

SECTION 3. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect thirty (30) days after its passage and publication as provided by law.

PASSED this 28th day of May 2024.

DEAN BROERSMA, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JACQUELINE RENTERIA, CITY CLERK

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