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**VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022 -05**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA; UPDATING AND REVISING THE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES DESCRIBED IN THE VILLAGE CHARTER FOR THE ELECTION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 2020 U.S. CENSUS DATA, THE VILLAGE CHARTER, STATE LAW AND FEDERAL LAW; ADOPTING THE MAP INDICATING THE REVISED BOUNDARIES; PROVIDING FOR CREATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Estero, Florida was created by the Florida Legislature by 2014-249 Laws of Florida, as revised by 2015-193 and 2015-194 Laws of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, consistent with state and federal law, Section 9. (3) (a) of the Village Charter provides as follows: “There shall be seven village council districts. The districts shall be as roughly equal in permanent population as practicable according to the population figures available from the most recent Lee County population estimate determined by the decennial United States Census...” [Legal descriptions follow]; and

**WHEREAS**, consistent with state and federal law, Section 9. (3) (b) of the Village Charter provides as follows: “In the year 2015, and in odd-numbered years after each decennial United States Census thereafter, and at any time required by law, the council may redivide the village into seven districts as roughly equal in permanent population as practical”, and

**WHEREAS**, a study has been conducted by a professional consultant to review the changes in population, consider any changes in boundaries and population of the Village and its Districts, and describe recommended changes through a map indicating new boundaries,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA, THAT:**

**Section 1.** Pursuant to Section 9 of the Village of Estero Charter, the Florida Constitution and General Law, and consistent with Federal law, the Charter of the Village of Estero, Lee County, Florida is updated, revised and redivided into seven council districts of contiguous territory as roughly equal in permanent population as practicable in the manner shown on the Map, attached hereto as Exhibit "A", made a part hereof and adopted herein.

