

**ORDINANCE NO. 25, 2022**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALPARAISO,  
INDIANA, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING  
COUNCILMANIC DISTRICTS**

**WHEREAS**, Ind. Code §36-4-6-4 requires the Common Council (the “Council”) of the City of Valparaiso, Indiana (the “City”) to redistrict the City’s legislative body districts in the second year after a year in which a federal decennial census is conducted; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Resolution No. 15, 2022 adopted on September 26, 2022, the Common Council adopted Guidelines for Common Council Legislative Redistricting (the “Guidelines”) setting forth the procedures and requirements for accomplishing the redistricting process; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Guidelines, the City caused to be published a “Notice Regarding Division of the Common Council of the City of Valparaiso, Indiana into Legislative Body Districts” (the “Notice”) in *The Times of Northwest Indiana* on September 30, 2022 and made the Notice available in the office of the Clerk-Treasurer of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council made provision for members of the public to object to the provisions of the Guidelines and to submit proposed maps in compliance with the Guidelines and gave public notice of the same in the Notice and one (1) written comment to the Guidelines was received dated October 10, 2022 from Barbara Domer and Kathryn Meyer requesting the removal of certain language encouraging precinct integrity from the Guidelines, which was not adopted by the Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council has received and considered six (6) plans submitted by members of the public with the following characteristics: (1) Dauginas Plan - total deviation of 7.45% with two precinct splits; (2) Hunt Plan - total deviation of 6.89% with no precinct splits; (3) Meyer (1) Plan - total deviation 10.15% with no precinct splits; (4) Meyer (2) Plan - total deviation 3.01% with nine precinct splits; (5) Domer plan – total deviation 9.65% with no precinct splits; and (6) Resetar plan – total deviation 11.5% with three precinct splits (the foregoing plans collectively the “Public Plans”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Council has received and considered a proposed Redistricting Plan submitted by the Redistricting Coordinators appointed by the Council (the “Coordinators’ Plan”) which the Council finds has a total deviation of 5.28%, splits no precincts and otherwise fully complies with the Guidelines and the Act; and

**WHEREAS**, while greater than the 5% total deviation goal contained in the Guidelines, the Council finds that the Coordinators’ Plan maintains the core of each current Council District, minimizing confusion among voters regarding their Council representative, has a lower total deviation than each of the Public Plans with the exception of the Meyer (2) Plan, without splitting precincts, which preserves precinct integrity, promotes election efficiency and minimizes voter and constituent confusion and meets the other requirement of the Guidelines and the Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council finds that the policy of maintaining the integrity of precinct lines in the process of redistricting is beneficial to the voters of the City, and the recognition and preservation of similar political subdivision lines has been recognized as a rational basis for the purpose of redistricting by the United States Supreme Court (*See, e.g., Mahan v. Howell* 410 U.S. 315 (1973)); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Notice, the Council held a public hearing on October 24, 2022 on the plans received by the Council at which members of the public could present testimony and render objections to or support for the plans to be considered for adoption; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council now desires to adopt the Coordinators' Plan and establish new City legislative body districts for the elections occurring in 2023 utilizing the 2020 decennial census data as required by Ind. Code §1-1-3.5-3.

**NOW THEREFORE, THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALPARAISO, INDIANA ORDAINS AND ENACTS THE FOLLOWING:**

**Section 1. Recitals Incorporated.** The foregoing Recitals are incorporated herein by this reference.

**Section 2. Districts Established.** Valparaiso Code §30.03 is hereby replaced and amended and shall hereafter read as follows:

**§30.03 - Division of City into Five Districts**

The City shall be divided into five council Councilmanic Districts for the purposes of electing Council members. The five (5) Council districts are described as follows (descriptions include only those portions of the listed election precincts which are within the City's corporate boundaries):

- (1) District 1 (Ward #1): Center 03; Center 16; Center 17; Center 22; Center 24; Center 31; Washington 02; and Morgan 03.
- (2) District 2 (Ward #2): Center 01; Center 02; Center 05; Center 09; and Center 28.
- (3) District 3 (Ward #3): Center 06; Center 07; Center 08; Center 19; Center 26; and Center 29.
- (4) District 4 (Ward #4); Center 11; Center 14; Center 15; Center 18; Center 21; Center 25; and Center 33.
- (5) District 5 (Ward #5): Center 13; Center 27; Center 30; Center 34; Center 35; and Washington 03.

**Section 3. District Ordinance Construction.** Valparaiso Code §30.04 is hereby established and shall read as follows:

**§30.04 - CONFLICTS, OMISSIONS, DUPLICATIONS AND CONSTRUCTION**

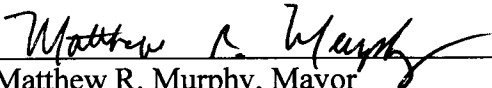
- A. Attached to this Ordinance as Exhibit A are maps showing the boundaries of each Council district collectively and separately (the “Maps”) which maps are incorporated herein by reference. Two copies of the foregoing Maps are on file in the office of the Clerk-Treasurer for public inspection as required by I.C. 36-1-5-4.
- B. If a conflict exists between the Maps and the descriptions set forth in §30.03 (the “Descriptions”), in accordance with I.C. 3-5-10-9, the Descriptions shall determine the boundaries of the Council district.
- C. If any territory in the City is not included in one of the Council districts, in accordance with I.C. 3-5-10-10, the excluded territory shall be included in the Council district that: (i) is contiguous to that territory; and (ii) contains the least population of all Council districts contiguous to that territory.
- D. If any territory in the City is included in more than one (1) of the Council districts, in accordance with I.C. 3-5-10-11, the territory shall be included in the Council district that: (i) is one (1) of the districts in which the territory is described in this Ordinance; (ii) is contiguous to that territory; and (iii) contains the least population of all Council districts contiguous to that territory.
- E. In accordance with I.C. 36-4-6-5(p) this Ordinance must be construed, if possible, to comply with the provisions of I.C. 36-4-5-6. The provisions of this Ordinance are severable and if any provision is found to be invalid, the invalidity shall not affect the other provisions of this Ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid provision.

**Section 4. Ordinances Repealed.** All prior ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent with any provision of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency, as of the effective date of this Ordinance, such repeal to have prospective application only.

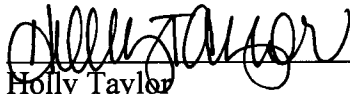
**Section 5. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and signing by the Mayor.

[Signature page follows]


PASSED by the Common Council of the City of Valparaiso, Porter County, Indiana, by a 7-0 vote of all members present and voting, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2022.

  
Matthew R. Murphy, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Holly Taylor  
City Clerk-Treasurer

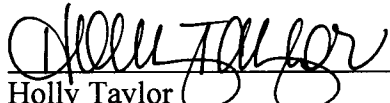
Presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Valparaiso, Indiana this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2022, at the hour of 6:09 o'clock P.M.

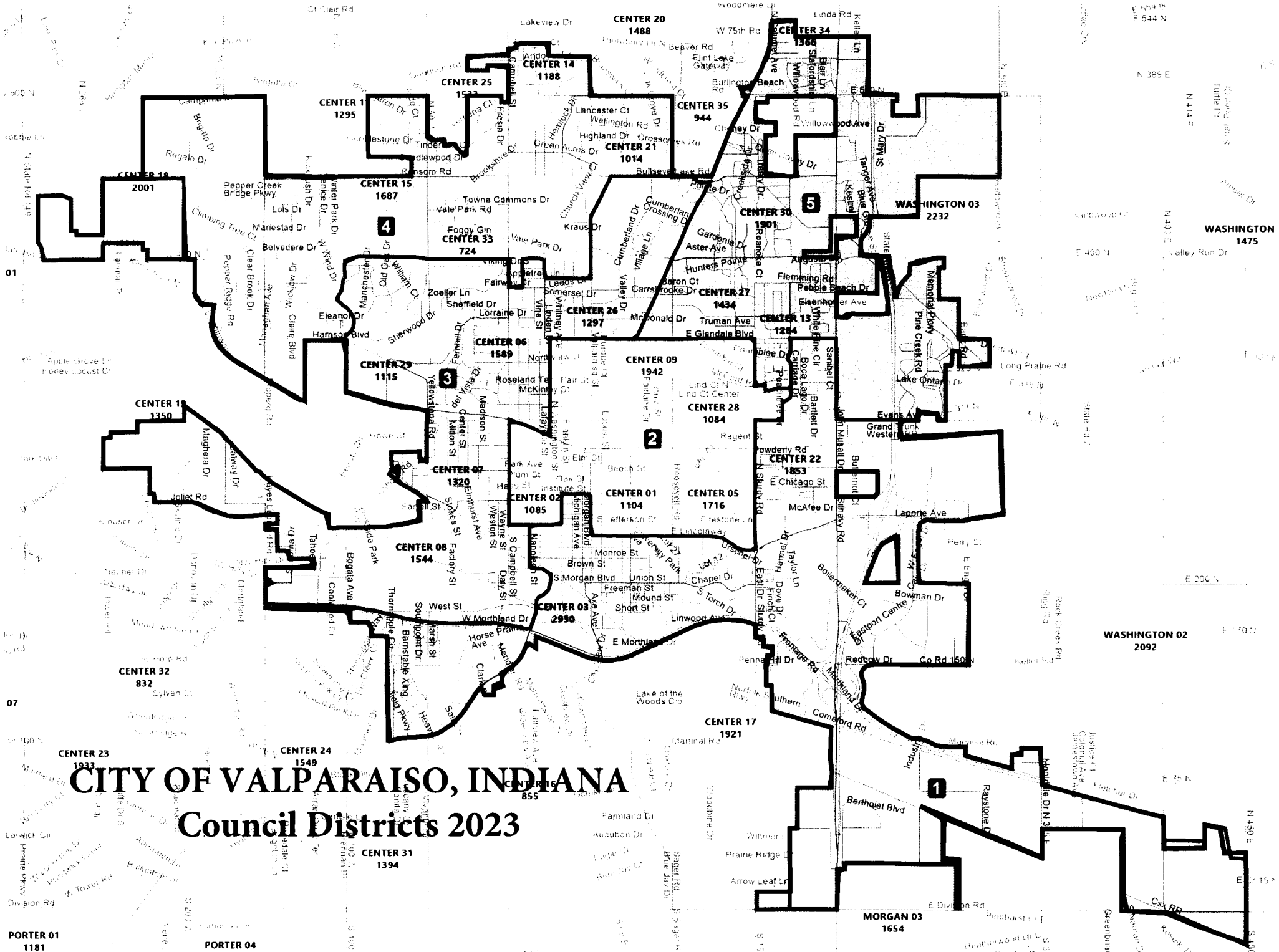
  
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This ordinance approved and signed by me this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2022, at the hour of 6:09 o'clock P.M.

  
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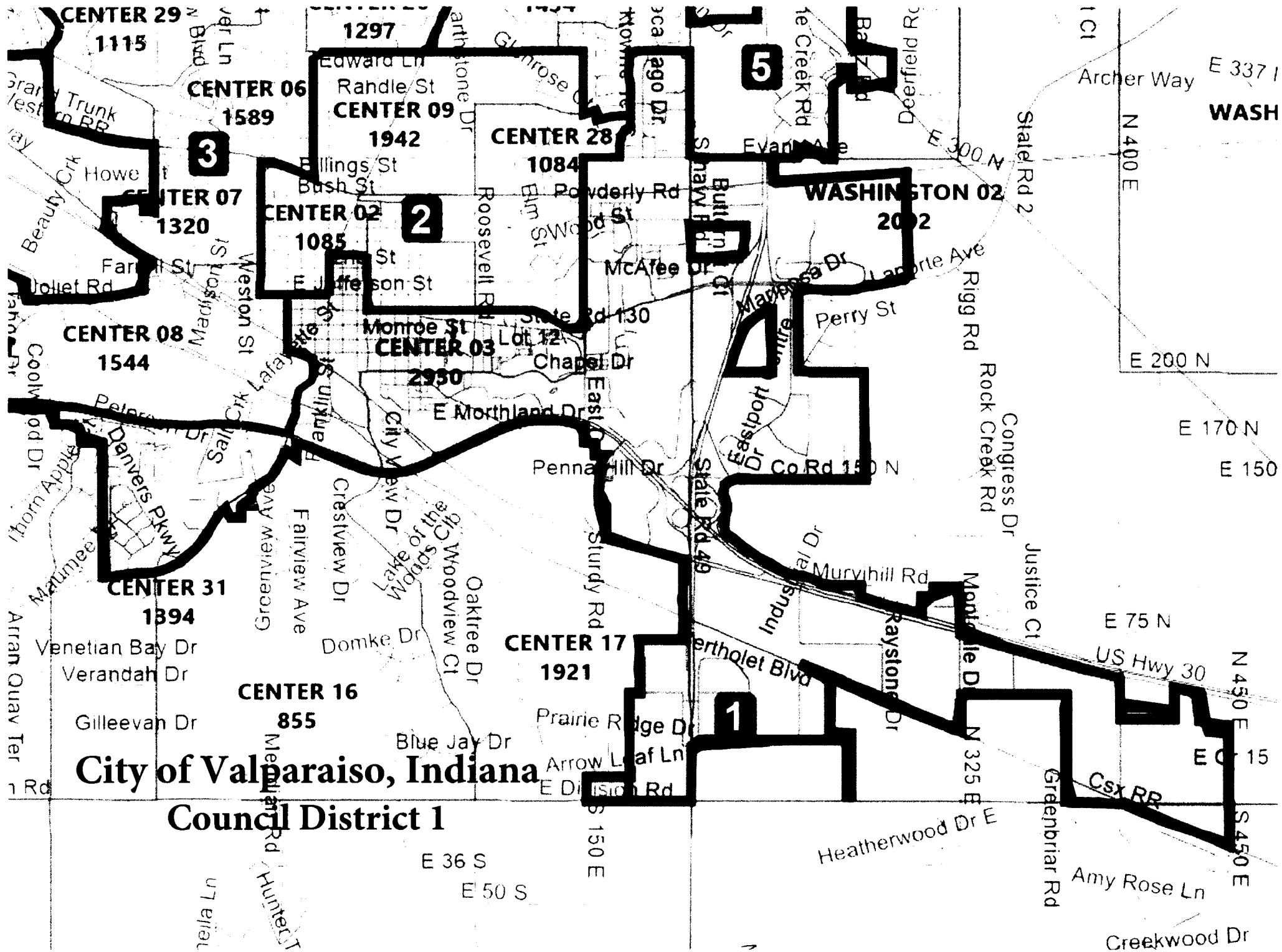
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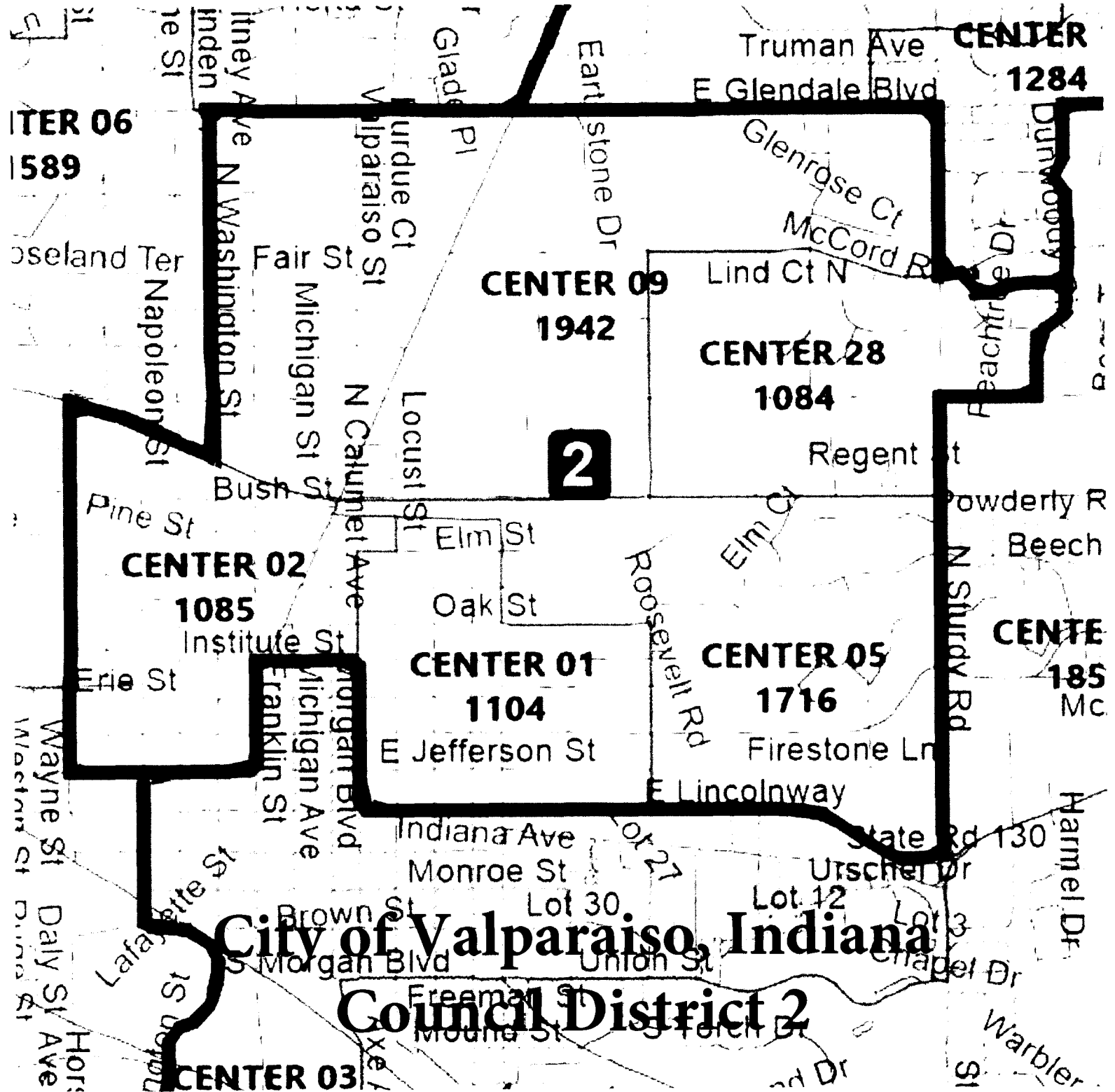
# CITY OF VALPARAISO, INDIANA

## Council Districts 2023



# City of Valparaiso, Indiana

## Council District 1



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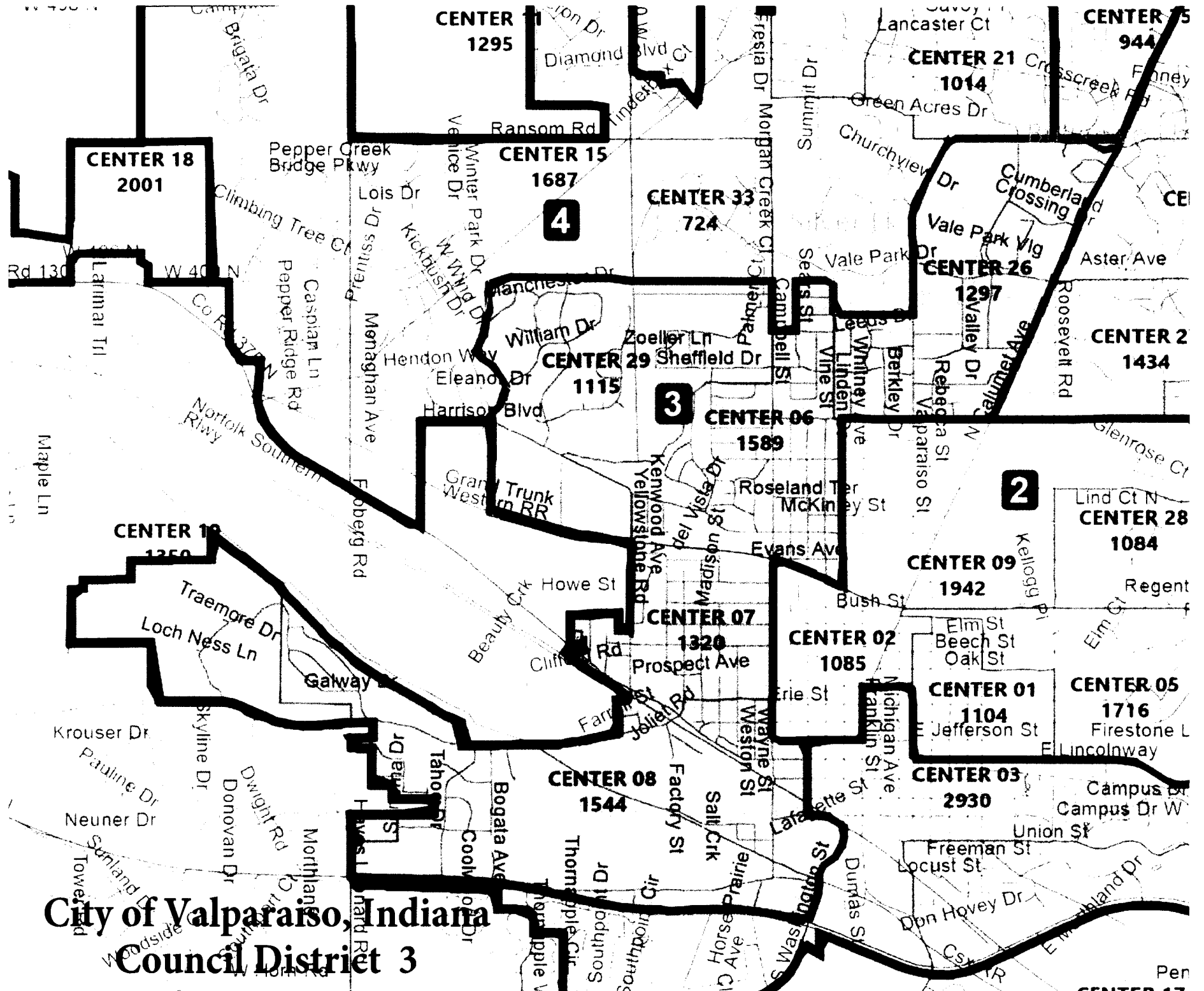
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**City of Valparaiso, Indiana**  
**Council District 2**

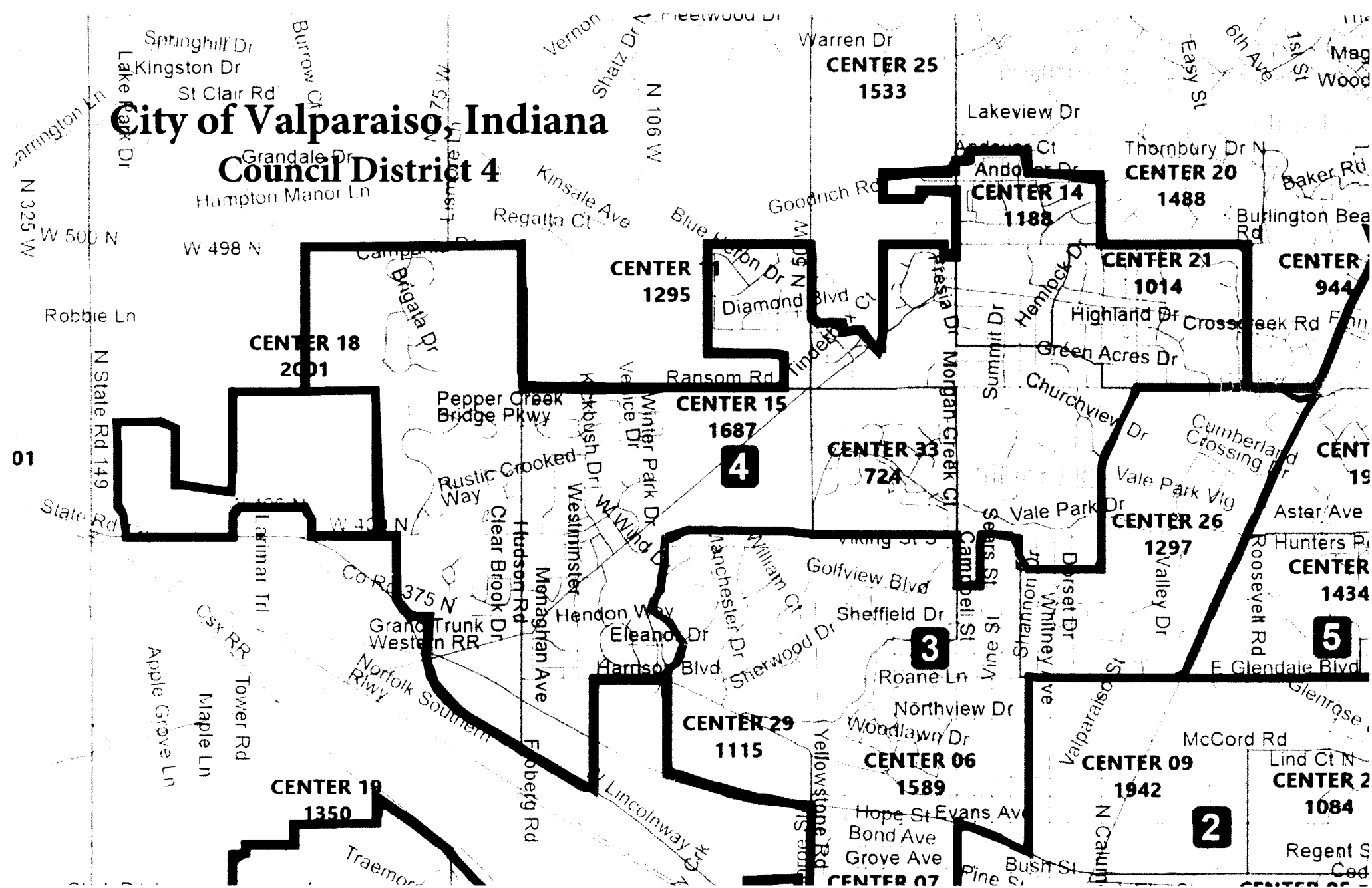


**City of Valparaiso, Indiana**  
**Council District 3**



# City of Valparaiso, Indiana

## Council District 4



# City of Valparaiso, Indiana

## Council District 5

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