

THE IMPERIAL CITY OF
NEW ALEXANDRIA



Panoramic view of New Alexandria's skyline from the Core, with the crater wall visible in the background along multiple housing towers.

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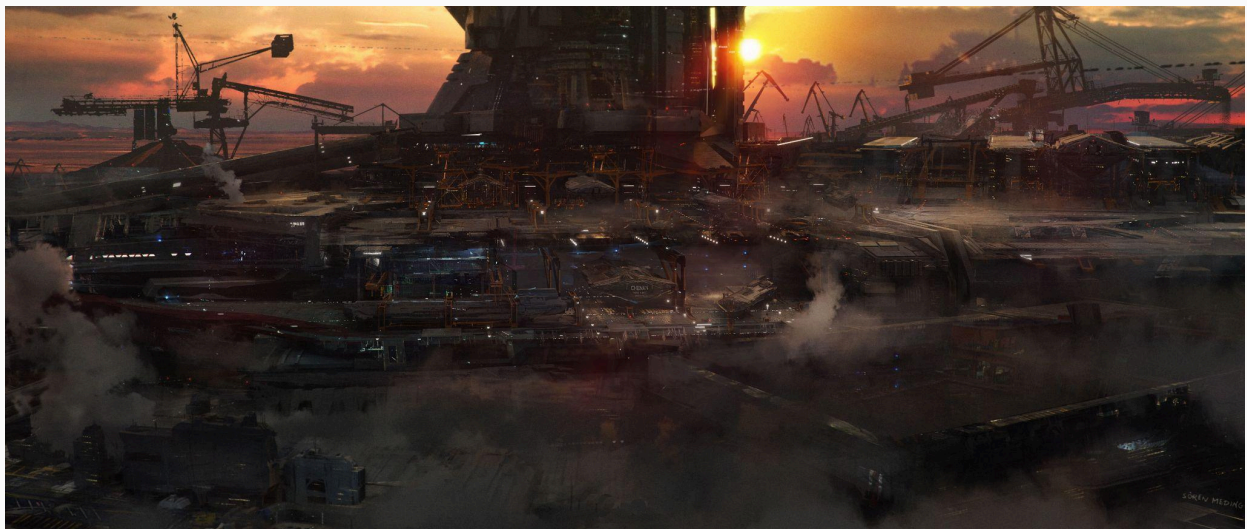
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An early view of the settlements of present-day New Alexandria in the Margaritifer Crater.

Brief History

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Some of the advanced mining and logistics yards of the present-day Öztürk Industrial Harbor.

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The Scafidakos Slums are a largely-failed public housing project meant to consolidate the incoming Hellenic population post-evacuation, which was quickly taken over by gangs and underworld organizations.

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An overview of the city's southern districts.

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Politics and Persons of Interest

The city of New Alexandria is presided over by a Governor with an accompanying city council and city manager. The Governor of New Alexandria is elected in a general election based on an electoral college system built from all of the various districts of the city. The Imperial Council of New Alexandria comprises 22 individuals who act as the legislative authority of the city in deciding laws and overseeing the Governor's executive abilities. The Council is also tasked with electing the Honorable Manager of the Imperial City of New Alexandria who acts as a sort of deputy-Governor and leader of the Council, breaking ties when necessary. Almost all such individuals are agents of the Quintana Order in some form or other.



The ruling elites of New Alexandria residing in the core of the city are among the most affluent of the planet and are part of the highest class divide in the planet.

The 69 Districts of the city have widely varying populations and are organized into 8 rings radiating from the core of the city. Between them, they share 88 electoral votes, which go to the 22 city council members and decide on the Governor. The Protectorate is also tasked with managing the Imperial City, notably nominating and confirming Governors, however it is always completely bypassed. The Emperor has also put themselves forward as having ultimate power over the city, which does consider itself an Imperial city, however their actual control over the city remains quite challenged.



The 6th Belt Slums is the largest of New Alexandria's five slum belts, housing some few million people per square kilometer at its core, the result of a multi-year mega construction and relocation program to rebuild the center of the city.

Generally, the businesses and corporate interests of New Alexandria operate on three different levels: Order-backed autonomy, Order-regulated control, and Order-less mark. Those who are backed by the Order are offered a high degree of autonomy, are protected by the government, and have little authority above them. Those regulated by the Order generally operate under some sort of racketeering scheme; they pay dues to the Order and enact its will or face repercussions and are shut down by the city otherwise. Those are operate completely away from the Order's influence are considered in open rebellion with the Order, and by extension the city government, making them targets of coordinated city-Order action.



The Muttunbaal, Inc. Fields to the west of the city are one of the few completely corporate-donated districts of the city, where the company and business interests control the entirety of the district in intricate deals with the Quintana Order and the city.

Some of the most prominent persons in the city of New Alexandria are the Governor, Dominique Plouffe, and the General Administrator, Annina Zoé Brousseau, who are high-ranking members of the Quintana Order as well. The presiding appointee of the Protectorate, Atilio Monteiro, a former businessman, still holds ties to some of the largest enterprises in the city, who are afforded a high degree of autonomy in the outer rings. Serafim Papadellis is the long-standing Chief of the New Alexandria Bureau of Enforcement (NEBA), New Alexandria's primary policing force.

Economy and Infrastructure

New Alexandria's infrastructure can be divided into two general categories: impressive modern construction and makeshift poor-quality rushed construction, with little projects falling in between the two. Its most impressive quality is the New Alexandria Périphérique Metro System, a sprawling over-ground light rail system which feeds through the entire city. Each concentric circle of the city is also a line of the system, cutting between each circular division with the exception of the sparsely-constructed outermost ring given the large lakes cutting through the borders. Radiating out from the center are other lines crossing the circular ones, making transit easy to find and understand.



Many sections of the NAPMS close to the inner rings and core districts of the city are recently re-built modern sections with advanced systems, particularly compared to the degrading and poor state of the lines outside of the core.

New Alexandria sports a large, but poorly developed, industrial and agricultural sector. Although covering large amounts of land, holding many facilities, and employing millions, the two sectors are overwhelmingly plagued by corruption, lack-luster management, and little government oversight. Their low efficiency, poor-quality equipment, hazardous working environments, and extensive Order interference makes the two sectors underutilized and underperforming. Overall, despite being gigantic land-eaters and resource deficits, they pale in comparison to some of the more advanced services offered in the core of the city.



New Alexandria is populated by multiple industrial, logistical, and leisure ports through the waters of the city, including the picture Lower North Strargip port.

The majority of the city's economy therefore relies on trade and logistics, acting as a cheap hub away from the Capital but still linked to the rest of the planet in a central location. Trading companies, logistics districts, shipping, and trucking dominate the city's economy and politics. The Order, however, largely stays away from interfering in the trading and shipping itself, even with some of the larger logistics companies involved in the city, out of fear of harming the city's primary source of revenue and importance. Shipping companies are therefore mainly Order-backed businesses and are allowed to more directly influence aspects of the city, particularly local district-level power.



The city's main power infrastructure is the 'Központi Areotermikus Létesítmény,' or the 'Central Areothermal Facility,' which is a makeshift 'geo'thermal power plant built into the outer rock wall of the crater and extending all the way to a half-dormant magma tube.

Map

Although truly mapping the entirety of New Alexandria would hardly be an accomplishable feat given the magnitude of uncontrolled, sprawling development of the city's vertical urban environment, the various divisions and districts of the city are much easier to comprehend and catalog for further use.

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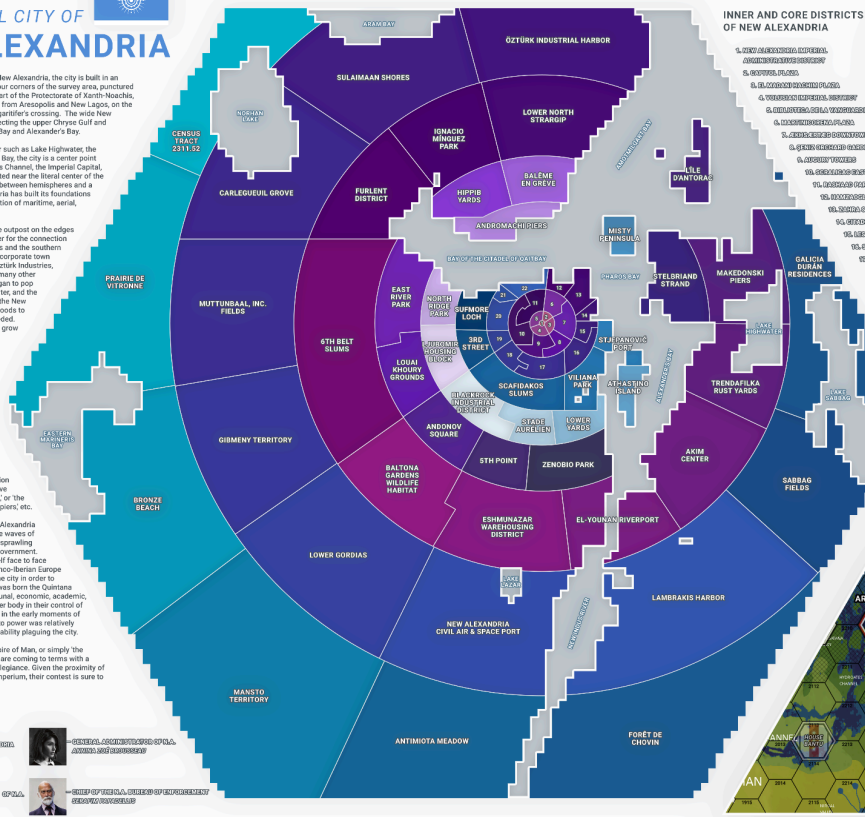
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DIVISIONS OF THE CITY OF NEW ALEXANDRIA



GENERAL LOCATION OF THE CITY OF NEW ALEXANDRIA



A brief overview of the city of New Alexandria, its divisions and districts, and its general location.

The Quintana Order

The Quintana Order is a coalition of political, communal, economic, academic, and civic groups in the Imperial city of New Alexandria. Their presence dwarfing every other political group, they are often thought of as the de facto controllers of the city, but not its de jure rulers. As part of the evacuation of Earth, multiple Franco-Iberian aristocratic families concentrated their efforts in usurping control of the city in which some already had corporate stakes during the earlier colonial period.

With three main branches exerting monopolistic or illicit control of the main political bodies, economic sectors, and cultural institutions, the Order is vying with the Imperial powers to both legitimize their control of the city and protect their stake from the Empire. Not to mention dealing with the many less-than-pleased citizens of New Alexandria. With little to no authority outside of the city, the Order is extremely well concentrated within the crater walls of the sprawling urban center, where they rule with a mix of charitable and cutthroat decision making.

