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Redistricting Commission

Wednesday, November 10, 2021

6:30 pm

Virtual Meeting

Agenda

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- I. WelcomeM. Golembiewski
- II. IntroductionsAll Attendees
- III. Overview of the Administrative Code RequirementsM. Golembiewski
- IV. Discussion of Past Efforts, Process Used and Our Task AheadM. Golembiewski
- V. Overview of Census Data to be Used.....M. Golembiewski
- VI. Timeline and Overall Group DiscussionAll Attendees
- VII. Adjourn

Administrative Code § 5-214. Redistricting process; Redistricting Advisory Commission.

[Added 5-28-2002 by Ord. No. 23-2002]

A. After each decennial census, Council shall, within 60 days after the receipt of the census information from the federal government, appoint a Redistricting Advisory Commission. Each Council member shall appoint one person from his/her respective district. The President of Council shall select one member to represent the at-large community. The Planning Commission will be asked to assign two current members to the Advisory Commission.

B. This Redistricting Advisory Commission shall review and compare the new and old census information with the current Council District configuration. This group shall prepare and present a redistricting proposal(s) to the full body of Council in no less than 120 days after their appointment.

C. The district proposals shall give strong consideration to the combination of neighborhoods that are continuous but that share similar quality-of-life issues. This configuration will support the principle of electing representatives that can easily represent the voice of the community they represent. The Advisory Commission shall also consider the federal redistricting laws.

D. Council shall hold a minimum of one public hearing to get public input on the redistricting proposal(s), within 45 days of their receipt of the proposals from the Redistricting Advisory Commission, and shall adopt by ordinance a redistricting plan, either new or status quo, at their next regular business meeting.

§ 1312. Council districts. – Adopted via Bill No. 3-2012

(a) From the date of adoption of this Charter until changed otherwise, the districts are comprised as follows, and one member of the City Council shall be elected from each district:

- (1) District 1.
 - 1st Ward
 - 2nd Ward — 1st precinct
 - 4th Ward
 - 5th Ward

- 18th Ward
- (2) District 2.
 - 2nd Ward — 2nd precinct
 - 3rd Ward — 1st precinct
 - 10th Ward
 - 16th Ward
 - 9th Ward — 5th precinct
- (3) District 3.
 - 3rd Ward — 2nd precinct
 - 8th Ward
 - 9th Ward — 2nd precinct
 - 11th Ward
 - 17th Ward — 3rd and 5th precincts
- (4) District 4.
 - 13th Ward
 - 17th Ward
- (5) District 5.
 - 14th Ward — 6th precinct
 - 15th Ward
 - 19th Ward
- (6) District 6.
 - 6th Ward
 - 7th Ward
 - 12th Ward — 1st precinct
 - 14th Ward — 1st, 4th and 5th precincts

(b) The boundaries of the existing Council districts, created in 1993 by the Charter Commission, as recommended by the Redistricting Committee, are amended as follows:¹⁴

- (1) District 1.
 - (i) 1st Ward — 1st precinct.
 - (ii) 2nd Ward — 1st precinct.
 - (iii) 3rd Ward — 1st precinct.
 - (iv) 18th Ward — 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th precincts.
- (2) District 2.
 - (i) 3rd Ward — 2nd precinct.
 - (ii) 8th Ward — 1st precinct.
 - (iii) 10th Ward — 1st precinct.
 - (iv) 16th Ward — 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th precincts.
- (3) District 3.
 - (i) 9th Ward — 2nd and 5th precincts.
 - (ii) 11th Ward — 2nd and 3rd precincts.
 - (iii) 12th Ward — 1st, 3rd and 5th precincts.
 - (iv) 13th Ward — 1st precinct.
- (4) District 4.
 - (i) 13th Ward — 2nd and 5th precincts.
 - (ii) 17th Ward — 1st, 2nd, 5th, 7th and 8th precincts.
- (5) District 5.
 - (i) 14th Ward — 6th precinct.
 - (ii) 15th Ward — 1st, 2nd, 6th and 7th precincts.
 - (iii) 19th Ward — 1st and 2nd precincts.

- (6) District 6.
 - (i) 4th Ward — 1st precinct.
 - (ii) 5th Ward — 1st precinct.
 - (iii) 6th Ward — 1st and 3rd precincts.
 - (iv) 7th Ward — 1st precinct.
 - (v) 14th Ward — 1st, 4th and 5th precincts.

Section 1312. Council Districts. Original Charter approved via referendum

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 - 4th Ward
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 - 18th Ward
- (b) **District 2.**
 - 2nd Ward - 2nd precinct
 - 3rd Ward - 1st precinct
 - 10th Ward
 - 16th Ward
 - 9th Ward - 5th precinct
- (c) **District 3.**
 - 3rd Ward - 2nd precinct
 - 8th Ward
 - 9th Ward - 2nd precinct
 - 11th Ward
 - 17th Ward - 3rd & 5th precincts
- (d) **District 4.**
 - 13th Ward
 - 17th Ward
- (e) **District 5.**
 - 14th Ward - 6th precinct
 - 15th Ward
 - 19th Ward
- (f) **District 6.**
 - 6th Ward
 - 7th Ward
 - 12th Ward - 1st precinct
 - 14th Ward - 1st, 4th & 5th precincts