



# CITY COUNCIL

## Public Hearing

Redistricting Public Hearing  
Council Chambers

Tuesday, January 17, 2012  
5:00 p.m.

### I. Opening Matters

### II. Purpose

The purpose of this hearing is to obtain public comment on the redistricting of the City's Council Districts, as recommended by the Redistricting Committee.

### III. Presentation by the Redistricting Committee

*(Ordinance introduced at the 1-9-12 Regular Meeting of Council attached)*

### IV. Public Comment

Citizens wishing to comment on the proposed amendment need to register with the City Clerk before the start of the meeting. All remarks must be directed to Council as a body and not to any individual Council member or public or elected official in attendance. Any person making personally offensive or impertinent remarks or becoming unruly while addressing Council may be called to order by the Presiding Officer, and may be barred from speaking before Council, unless permission to continue speaking is granted by the majority vote of Council.

Those commenting shall limit their remarks to 3 minutes. No comments shall be made from any other location except the podium, and anyone making "out of order" comments may be subject to removal. There will be no demonstration at the conclusion of anyone's presentation. Citizens may not ask questions of Council member or other elected or public official in attendance. Citizens attending the meeting may not cross into the area beyond the podium. Any materials to be distributed to Council must be given to the City Clerk before the meeting is called to order.

### V. Adjourn

**BILL NO. \_\_\_\_-2012**  
**AN ORDINANCE**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY OF READING CODIFIED ORDINANCES BY  
CREATING A NEW SECTION 1-125 REGARDING THE COUNCIL DISTRICT  
BOUNDARIES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE**

**Whereas**, the City of Reading City Council appointed members to the Redistricting Committee after the receipt of the 2010 Census and provided the Committee with technical support from the Berks County Planning Department and the City of Reading Planning Commission, and

**Whereas**, after their review of the census data which shows an increase in the Reading population and their review of the census tracts, the Redistricting Committee recommended changes to the Council district boundaries at the December 19<sup>th</sup> Council Work Session to comply with 53 Pa. C.S.A § 903Municipal Reapportionment, which requires the governing body to create districts that are compact and contiguous territory as nearly equal in population as practicable.

**THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF READING HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** Amending the City of Reading Codified Ordinances by creating a new Section 1-125 Council Districts and amending the boundaries of the existing Council Districts, created in 1993 by the Charter Commission, as recommended by the Redistricting Committee as follows:

**A. District 1.**

1st Ward  
2nd Ward-1st precinct  
*3<sup>rd</sup> Ward – 1<sup>st</sup> precinct*  
~~4th Ward~~  
~~5th Ward~~  
18th Ward - 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> precincts

**B. District 2.**

~~2nd Ward-2nd precinct~~  
~~3rd Ward-1st precinct~~  
3<sup>rd</sup> Ward – 2<sup>nd</sup> precinct  
10th Ward – 1<sup>st</sup> precinct

16th Ward – 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> precincts  
~~9th Ward – 5th precinct~~

**C. District 3.**

~~3rd Ward – 2nd precinct~~  
~~8th Ward~~  
9th Ward – 2<sup>nd</sup> *and 5<sup>th</sup> precinct*  
11th Ward – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> precincts  
12th Ward – 1<sup>st</sup>, 3rd and 5th precincts  
*13<sup>th</sup> Ward – 1<sup>st</sup> precinct*

**D. District 4.**

~~13th Ward – 1st~~  
*13<sup>th</sup> Ward – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> precincts*  
17th Ward – 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> precincts

**E. District 5.**

14th Ward – 6th precinct  
15th Ward – 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> precincts  
19th Ward – 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> precincts

**F. District 6.**

*4<sup>th</sup> Ward – 1<sup>st</sup> precinct*  
*5<sup>th</sup> Ward – 1st precinct*  
6th Ward – 1<sup>st</sup> and 3rd precincts  
7th Ward – 1<sup>st</sup> precinct  
~~12th Ward – 1st precinct~~  
14th Ward – 1st, 4th and 5th precincts

**SECTION 2.** This Ordinance shall become effective in ten (10) days, in accordance with Charter Section 219.

Enacted \_\_\_\_\_, 2012

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President of Council

Attest:

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City Clerk

Submitted to Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Received by the Mayor's Office: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Vetoed by Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_