

**RESOLUTION APPROVING REDISTRICTING CRITERIA AND A
PROCESS IF REDISTRICTING IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE
XI, SECTION 1 OF THE OKLAHOMA CITY CHARTER.**

WHEREAS, Article XI, Section 1 of the Oklahoma City Charter requires City Council to use the Federal Decennial Census to ascertain the population in each of the City wards; and

WHEREAS, if any ward is greater than any other ward, it shall be mandatory to redistrict the wards so as to equalize, as nearly as practicable, the population of the several wards of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Charter requires the wards be as compact in form as possible and ward lines not set up artificial corridors which in effect separate voters from the ward to which they most naturally belong; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 Federal Decennial Census data was released on September 16, 2021; and

WHEREAS, City staff has developed redistricting criteria and a process for the development of a ward map if redistricting is necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma City Charter requires the City's wards be contiguous and compact, and it has been a long-time practice that the redistricting process not unseat any currently sitting Councilmember, therefore it is recommended the following be the required criteria for redistricting:

Contiguity
Compactness
Incumbent Residential Address

WHEREAS, the following are the recommended additional criteria considerations the City may apply in determining the ward maps:

Arterial Roads/Highways/Natural Boundaries
Business Districts
Established Neighborhoods
Voting Precincts

WHEREAS, the following is the recommended process City staff will follow to redistrict the City Council wards:

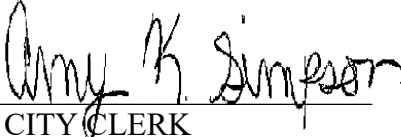


1. Determine the population amounts of the current Council wards.
2. If redistricting is necessary, then draft a map using the mapping software and approved criteria to equalize the populations among the wards within plus or minus 2% of the average ward population.
3. Provide the map information to Council members.
4. Obtain public input on the map through electronic comment and at a City led workshop.

5. Provide the map with any updates and public input information to Council members.
6. Develop the ward ordinance with legal descriptions matching the developed map.
7. Formal presentation of the ward ordinance and map at a City Council meeting.
8. City Council meeting public hearing of the ward ordinance and map.
9. Council vote on the ward ordinance and map in approximately April 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of The City of Oklahoma City that the redistricting criteria and process provided herein are approved if redistricting is necessary.

ADOPTED by the City Council and **SIGNED** by the Mayor of The City of Oklahoma City this 28th day of September, 2021.

ATTEST:

 _____ CITY CLERK		 _____ Vice MAYOR
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REVIEWED for form and legality.



DEPUTY MUNICIPAL COUNSELOR