



2021 Redistricting Process



Background

- City Charter Section 1.04 – Ward Designation controls the ward boundaries of the City
 - Therefore – the Charter Commission is responsible for recommending ward boundary changes to the Council
- Staff is working on calculating population of WSP wards using 2020 data
- Legislature has self imposed deadline of Feb 15, 2022 to complete redistricting
 - Special redistricting panel will likely redistrict
- WSP cannot formalize wards or precincts until state-wide redistricting is complete
- Redistricting must be complete by 60 days from state completion or March 29, 2022 – whichever comes first

Background, cont...

- City > Ward > Precinct
- Ward boundaries must:
 - Be bounded by precinct lines
 - Compact
 - Contiguous
 - Be as equal in population as possible (generally considered all within 5%)
- Ward (and precinct) boundaries should:
 - follow census blocks
- Ward boundaries may:
 - Give consideration to imminent development (any Council input on this?)

Process

- Mid-February – Charter Commission meets to determine if ward boundary changes will be made
 - Note the timing issue with the State
- Early March – Public input opportunity (if desired)
 - Likely web based
- March 14, 2021 – OCWS on Ward, Precinct and Polling places (if necessary)
- March 28, 2021 – Council considers Charter Commission ward recommendations, evaluates precincts and adjusts boundaries if necessary, re-establishes polling places if necessary
 - Becomes effective August 9, 2022 (state primary day)