
To: Charter Commission

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Subject: Redistricting – Updated from February 16, 2022 Memo

*****Note: Updates are included at the end of this memo*****

The Charter Commission is responsible for recommending ward boundary changes to the City Council. Staff has come up with two options for redistricting. The Charter Commission may alter or amend options as they see fit.

Staff's recommendations are based on the following principles:

- Ward boundaries must:
 - Be bounded by precinct lines
 - Compact
 - Contiguous
 - Be as equal in population as possible (generally considered all within 5%)
- Ward boundaries should:
 - Follow census blocks
 - Keep the number of voters who's polling places change as minimal as possible
- Ward boundaries may:
 - Consider imminent development
- Precincts must be entirely within the same legislative district.

The City wards do need to be adjusted due to the difference in population between Wards 1 and 2, which is at 9.5%.

Ward Populations with 2010 Ward Boundaries

Ward	Pop	Greatest Diff
1	6,569	
2	7,193	9.5%
3	6,853	
Total	20,615	

Option 1

Option 1 (attached) moves ward boundaries without considering new development to bring ward populations to within 5%. The precinct boundary in Ward 1 must also be changed so that the entire precinct is within the same legislative district.

Ward Populations with Option 1 Boundaries

Ward	Pop	Greatest Diff
1	6823	
2	6939	1.70%
3	6853	
Total	20615	

Option 2

Option 2 (attached) moves ward boundaries estimating new population of imminent development. The precinct boundary in Ward 1 must also be changed so that the entire precinct is within the same legislative district. The commission may note that the blocks south of Wentworth and north of Kraft were moved during the 2010 redistricting process.

The following developments are considered imminent:

- Westlyn (Former Golf Course) – 153 units = 209
- Legacy Commons/Hilltop (Kmart Site) – 393 units = 778
- Savor (Wentworth and Robert)– 200 Units = 242 people
- Gateway Place (Robert and Annapolis) – 54 units = 57 people

Block Level Imminent Development Population Change

BLOCK	POP2020	WARD 2010	PRECINCT 2010	PROJ NEW POP	CHANGE
3000	242	2	2	0	242
2000	90	2	1	33	57
4001	865	2	1	87	778
2015	716	1	2	507	209

Ward Populations with Option 2 Boundaries

Ward	Pop	Greatest Diff
1	7257	
2	7253	
3	7391	1.90%
Total	21901	

For more information, see the following links:

- <https://www.lmc.org/news-publications/news/all/city-responsibilities-redistricting/>
- <https://www.sos.state.mn.us/media/4582/2021-redistricting-guide.pdf>

Attachments:

- Option 1 map
- Option 2 map
- Current ward map with 2020 census data
- 2010 redistricting map

February 18, 2022 Update

1. It was brought to city staff's attention that Ward 1, Precinct 2, Block 1002 was likely undercounted. That block now has the Winslow apartments – with an estimated population count of 235. After review of applicable guidance from the MN Secretary of State the population for that block has been implemented. The updated population totals for Options 1 and 2 are included below.

Updated - Block Level Imminent Development Population Change

BLOCK	PROJ NEW POP	WARD 2010	PRECINCT 2010	2020 CENSUS POP	CHANGE
3000	242	2	2	0	242
2000	90	2	1	33	57
4001	865	2	1	87	778
2015	716	1	2	507	209
1002	235	1	2	20	215

Updated - Ward Populations with Option 1 Boundaries

Ward	Pop	Greatest Diff
1	6823	
2	6939	1.7%
3	6853	
Total	20615	

*****Updated*** - Ward Populations with Option 2 Boundaries**

Ward	Pop	Greatest Diff
1	7472	
2	7253	
3	7391	1.90%
Total	22116	

2. It was brought to city staff's attention that an Option 3 that did not bring the Ward 1 boundary across Robert Street was desired. In consultation with the Charter Commission Chair, staff developed an Option 3 that is now incorporated with this memo.

Ward Populations with Option 3 Boundaries

Ward	Pop	Greatest Diff
1	7,268	
2	7,556	3.9%
3	7,292	
Total	22,116	