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What is Redistricting?

Every 10 years, after the US Census, the City must review and make any necessary adjustments to the Ward Boundaries to ensure the wards have substantially equal populations. The target variation is no more than 10% between the City's five (5) wards. The City Charter provides the Council with the authority to redraw boundaries at their discretion.

Why is Redistricting Important?

The ward boundaries determine which residents in the City are represented by which Councilmembers. The Mayor of the City serves at large, while two representatives serve each of the five (5) wards.

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When was the City's last redistricting?

The last redistricting occurred in 2012 and was effective for the 2013 City election. A committee was appointed by the City Council to review proposed maps and make recommendations to the Council. A public hearing to review the proposed maps was held as a part of the engagement process.

When Should Redistricting Occur?

The City's Charter does not prescribe a deadline for the redistricting, but it is advisable to have it completed prior to the next regular election after the US Census is completed.

Existing Conditions

2020 Census Data



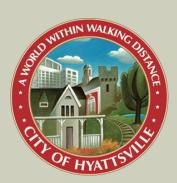
2020 Ward Population Total – 21,187				
Ward	Population	Variance From Equal Size	Percentage Variance From Equal Size	
1	4,376	+139	+3.3%	
2	3,859	-378	-8.9%	
3	5,201	+964	+22.7%	
4	4,026	-211	-5.0%	
5	3,725	-512	-12.1%	
Equal Size (total divided by 5)		1	10% Variation	
4,237			+/-424	

Redistricting Guidelines



- Wards must be population balanced with no more than 10% variation between wards.
- Wards must be reasonably compact and contiguous.
- Wards must be drawn to provide fair and effective representation for all residents of the
 City, including racial, ethnic, and language minorities.
- Wards should take in account existing infrastructural and natural boundaries.

Redistricting Guidelines



- To the extent possible, wards should preserve identifiable communities of interest.
- Wards most likely to be impacted by future development may be smaller by design in order to minimize impact of population growth on future redistricting.
- Redistricting must be done in compliance with local, state, and federal laws, including the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965.

2022 Redistricting Proposal



Establish an Ad Hoc Task Force

Staff recommends the establishment of an Ad Hoc Task Force to serve as the 2022 Redistricting Committee. The proposed composition of the Task Force is below.

One member from each of the following City Committees: *If Possible, Appointed members should Represent all 5 City Wards*

- Planning Committee
- Election Board
- Ethics Commission
- Educational Facilities Task Force
- Race and Equity Task Force
- Two (2) additional community members to ensure equal ward distribution Staff Liaison: Team Lead Cindy Zork and GIS Tech Sekour Mason

2022 Redistricting Proposal



Proposed Timeline

- Council Review and Discussion: May 2, 2022
- Council Action to Establish Ad Hoc Task Force: May 16, 2022
- Appointments to Ad Hoc Task Force: June 2022
- Kick Off Meeting: June 2022
- Task Force Meetings & Public Engagement Summer 2022
- Presentation of Proposed Maps September 19, 2022
- Public Hearing on Proposed Maps October 3, 2022
- Adoption of Redistricting Charter Amendment Section C4-16 November 2022
- Public Education on New Ward Boundaries Winter 2022 2023
- Mayoral Election May 9, 2023