



# ADOPTING GUIDELINES FOR REDISTRICTING PLANS AND COMMENTS

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# Background

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- ❑ The City has engaged the law firm of Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta to assist in redistricting
- ❑ City Council received a presentation from Bickerstaff on October 5
- ❑ A recommendation was given that City Council adopt guidelines for all plans to be considered as well as all public comments received

# Guidelines for Plans

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- ❑ Must be written and legible
- ❑ Must show total population and voting age population for African-Americans, Hispanics, Asians, and Anglo-Other for each proposed district
- ❑ The entire city must be included in submitted redistricting plans
- ❑ Must comply with criteria adopted by the City Council

# Guidelines for Comments

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- ❑ Must be submitted in writing and be legible
- ❑ All comments must be received by the City Council by the close of the public hearing

# General Guidelines

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- ▣ Those submitting plans or comments must provide
  - Name
  - Address
  - Phone number
  - Email (if available)

# Alternatives

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- ❑ Decline to adopt the guidelines for plans and comments
- ❑ Adopt the guidelines for plans and comments

# Recommendation

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- Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the guidelines for redistricting plans and comments for the 2021 redistricting process.