



Legislation Text

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City Council Meeting Date: January 18, 2022

To: Mayor & City Council

From: Lynette Peterson, City Clerk

Subject:
Redistricting Process, Timeline and Principles.

Action Requested:
The Northfield City Council approves the attached redistricting process, principles and timeline.

Summary Report:
A broad overview of redistricting was presented to the Council at the January 11, 2022 worksession. Redistricting is the process of redrawing the boundaries of election districts after the completion of the decennial census. The purpose of redistricting is to ensure that the people of each district are equally represented. Following the census, the City must either confirm or redefine the ward boundaries.

In 2012, the City adopted a redistricting process, timeline & principles (Attachment 2). The Council discussed at the January 11 worksession adopting an updated redistricting process, timeline and principles document to guide the 2022 redistricting process. Attached is a draft of that document for Council consideration (Attachment 1). Also attached are the early redistricting calendar and the late redistricting calendar (Attachments 3 and 4). The dates on the 2022 Redistricting Process, Timeline and Principles may need to be amended depending upon legislative actions.

Alternative Options:
The Council could amend the redistricting process, principles and timeline document.

Financial Impacts:
N/A

Tentative Timelines:

Action	Date
Council discusses, provides input, and reviews redistricting process, timetable, and principles.	January 11
Staff prepares maps showing existing wards with population data as well as possible scenarios/plans for redistricting based on approved process & principles.	January 12-February 2
Presentation of/Possible Council direction on scenarios	February 8

Public input period on possible scenarios and plans (includes public open house)	February 9 - 23
Public Hearing; Public comments to Council; Council direction to staff	March 1
Additional Discussion/Action if needed on Redistricting	March 8*
Depending on legislative actions, Council approves proposed redistricting plan or provides preliminary approval until legislative action is taken.	March 15

* Special meeting may be needed in combination with the worksession.