



City of Greensboro

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Agenda Report

File Number: 2021-224

Agenda Item# E.3.

Agenda Date: 8/31/2021. **Department:** Legal
Meeting Type: Council Meeting **Category:** General Business Agenda

Title: 2021 – 224 Resolution Establishing a Redistricting Committee

Council Priority: Place an 'x' in the box.

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Council District: All

Public Hearing: No
Advertising Date/By: N/A/

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PURPOSE:

The purpose of this resolution is to create a Redistricting Commission to examine the release of the new census data and propose changes to the Greensboro City Council Districts, if such changes are required by law or otherwise deemed advisable.

BACKGROUND:

On August 12, 2021, the U.S. Census Bureau released the 2020 Census Redistricting Data Summary File. This data allows states and local jurisdictions to begin the process of redistricting. This resolution creates a Citizens' Redistricting Committee as an advisory body to the City Council to determine whether the City Council districts must be revised to comply with applicable law, and if not legally required, whether it would still be advisable to rebalance the districts to reduce the disparity in population among the five districts. The Committee shall be composed of five (5) or seven (7) members as determined by City Council. The members of the Committee shall be appointed by community organizations invited to appoint a member to the Committee. The organizations invited to appoint a member are:

- * The League of Women Voters of the Piedmont Triad
- * The ACLU of North Carolina
- * The Greensboro Neighborhood Congress
- * The Greensboro Chapter of the NAACP
- * The George C. Simkins Memorial PAC
- * The Greensboro Chamber of Commerce
- * The Triad Real Estate and Building Industry Council

The Planning Department and the City Attorney's Office, along with the City's outside counsel, Parker Poe, will assist the Committee as needed in these tasks. The Committee will allow public participation and comment in its deliberations and process, and it will complete its work in a time for Council to hold a public hearing on any recommendations from the Committee and make a final decision no later than November 17, 2021

BUDGET IMPACT:

None

ACCOUNT NUMBER:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION / ACTION REQUESTED:

It is recommended that City Council pass this resolution establishing a Redistricting Committee.