

CITY COUNCIL ATLANTA, GEORGIA

22-R-3135

A RESOLUTION BY COMMITTEE ON COUNCIL TO EXPRESS THE INTENT OF THE ATLANTA CITY COUNCIL TO START THE 2022 REDISTRICTING PROCESS OF AMENDING COUNCIL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES AS A RESULT OF THE 2020 DECENNIAL CENSUS AS REQUIRED BY ATLANTA CITY CHARTER SECTION 5-202 "REAPPORTIONMENT OF COUNCIL DISTRICTS."

WHEREAS, the U.S. Census Bureau conducts a census or count of the population of the entire country decennially or every 10 years; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Census Bureau published the results of the 2020 Decennial Census in September 2021; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 5-202(a) of the City of Atlanta Charter, "[s]ubject to the limitations of state and federal law, the council shall reapportion the council districts from which members of the council are elected following publication of the . . . decennial census"; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to City Charter Sec. 5-202(a), "such reapportionment of districts shall be effective for the election of members to the council at the next regular general municipal election following the publication of the decennial census"; and

WHEREAS, however, pursuant to OCGA Sec. 36-35-4.1(a), "if the publication of the decennial census occurs within 120 days of the next general or special municipal election, such reapportionment of districts shall be effective for any subsequent special election and the subsequent general municipal election"; and

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta held a Municipal General Election on November 2, 2021, less than One Hundred and Twenty (120) days from the 2020 Census' publication in September, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the results of the 2020 Census showed significant growth in population in some areas of Atlanta and a reduction of population in other areas, thus providing disproportionate populations among its Council districts; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Atlanta City Council to evidence its intent to initiate the redistricting process in order to amend the Council district boundaries pursuant to City Charter Sec. 5-202.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, that it is the intent of the Atlanta City Council to pursue a diligent and studied 2022 Redistricting Process that will include information presented to and comments received from the public.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Atlanta City Council's 2022 Redistricting Process will ultimately achieve the creation of a new Council Districts Map and Boundary Description that will meet all requirements of the state and federal constitution and laws, and of the Charter and ordinances of the City of Atlanta, and will provide Atlanta's citizens with fair and equal representation among its districts.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the 2022 Redistricting Process will culminate with the adoption of an amendment to the City of Atlanta's Charter with all council districts represented therein in accordance with Section 5-202 of the Atlanta City Charter.

A true copy,

ADOPTED by the Atlanta City Council
APPROVED per City Charter Section 2-403

FEB 07, 2022 FEB 16, 2022

Foris Webb III Municipal Clerk





City of Atlanta

2021 Redistricting Calendar

Monday, Atlanta City Council Adopted 2021 Redistricting Resolution

providing general information and intent of Council

Friday Council Redistricting Overview

#1; Redistricting principles reviewed; Atlanta City Council method

discussed; Example plan/map presented and discussed

Wednesday, 2021 Redistricting Public Information Session

6:00 p.m.; Redistricting principles reviewed; Atlanta City Council

method discussed; Public Q & A

Thursday, 1st Council Redistricting Work Session

#2; Proposed plans/maps to be presented and discussed

Friday, Proposed plan(s)/map(s) on display for public review at

webpage and Atlanta City Hall; 55 Trinity Avenue, SW; Atlanta, GA

30303

Thursday, 1st Redistricting Public Hearing - 6:00 P.M.;

Thursday, 2nd Council Redistricting Work Session

#2; Further discussion of plan(s)/map(s)

Friday, Current revisions of plan(s)/map(s) on display for public review at

webpage and Atlanta City Hall; 55 Trinity Avenue, SW; Atlanta, GA

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Monday, Full Council - Charter Amending Boundary Line Change Ordinance

appears on First Reading; to be Referred to Committee on Council



Monday,

2nd Redistricting Public Hearing

Committee on Council/Full Council - Charter Amending Boundary Line Change Ordinance moves forward from Committee on Council to Full

Council for Second Reading/First Adoption

Committee on Council/Full Council - Charter Amending Boundary Line

Change Ordinance moves forward from COC to FC for Third Reading/

Final Adoption

Tuesday, Date by which Mayor is to approve Ordinance if adopted by Council on

Tuesday, City Attorney submits adopted and approved Redistricting legislation to the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Georgia Secretary of State, and

Georgia State Legislative Reapportionment Office

DOJ Response

With no objection/new boundary lines become effective

With questions/60-day clock begins again

City Attorney submits DOJ's no objection response to Georgia Secretary of State; and the Georgia State Legislative Reapportionment Office DOJ Response (if clock began again) – New boundary lines become

effective

City Attorney submits DOJ's no objection response to Georgia Secretary of State; and the Georgia State Legislative Reapportionment Office (if

clock began again)

Date of required residency for 2025 General Election Candidates

Monday through Friday

Qualifying period for 2025 General Election Candidates

Tuesday November City of Atlanta 2025 Municipal General Election





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Workflow List:

Committee on Council Completed 02/07/2022 11:00 AM Atlanta City Council Completed 02/07/2022 1:00 PM

HISTORY:

02/07/22 Committee on Council FAVORABLE

RESULT: FAVORABLE [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Dustin Hillis, District 9

SECONDER: Andrea L. Boone, Chair, District 10

AYES: Boone, Farokhi, Hillis, Lewis, Norwood, Shook, Westmoreland

02/07/2022 Atlanta City Council ADOPTED

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Andrea L. Boone, Councilmember, District 10 SECONDER: Dustin Hillis, Councilmember, District 9

AYES: Bond, Westmoreland, Waites, Winston, Farokhi, Amos, Dozier, Bakhtiari, Wan,

Shook, Norwood, Hillis, Boone, Overstreet, Lewis

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2/7/2022	2/7/2022
ATLANTA CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT	MUNICIPAL CLERK
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Mayor's Action	

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ADOPTED BY COUNCIL 02/07/2022