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Redistricting Commission Agenda

August 4, 2022
5:00 – 7:00 PM

Cyrus K. Holliday Building, 620 S.E. Madison Street,
First Floor Conference Room, Topeka, Kansas

COMMISSION MEMBERS

Jessica Porter	Council District No. 1
Laura Pederzani	Council District No. 2
Teresa Leslie-Canty	Council District No. 3
John Nave	Council District No. 4
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Bill Hill	Council District No. 8
Michelle Hoferer	Council District No. 9

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1. CALL TO ORDER:

(The City Clerk will serve as the temporary chairperson until a permanent chairperson is selected.)

2. ROLL CALL:

3. INTRODUCTION of Commission Members

4. NOMINATION of Chairperson:

5. COUNCIL DISTRICT BOUNDARY PROCEDURE:

Mary Feighny, Deputy City Attorney, will provide an overview of the procedure for establishing council district boundaries.

6. DISTRICT MAP PRESENTATION:

Tom Vogue, Shawnee County GIS Analyst, will provide an overview of current council district maps and the 2020 Census Population Data

7. OTHER BUSINESS:

A. APPROVAL of next Committee Meeting Date: August 11, 2022

B. APPROVAL of Public Hearing Date: August 18, 2022

8. ADJOURNMENT:



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Agenda Item 5. COUNCIL DISTRICT BOUNDARY PROCEDURE Mary Feighny, Deputy City Attorney

2.205.020 Redistricting Commission.

(a) *Appointment Procedure.* The following procedures shall be and they are hereby adopted to be followed by the City Council in its appointment of a commission to redistrict the City pursuant to the authority granted by Charter Ordinance No. 94, Section 9 (Appx. [A](#), Section [A2-23](#)) following territorial annexations by the City, and these procedures shall apply as well to the appointment of such a commission in July 2012, and every tenth year thereafter, or as otherwise needed.

(b) *Membership.* The Redistricting Commission shall consist of nine members who shall be registered voters, one member being appointed from each district by the Councilmember from that district. Councilmembers shall not serve as members of the Commission.

(c) *Procedures for Revising and Reestablishing District Boundary Lines.* The following procedures shall be followed by the Redistricting Commission in its revision and reestablishment of the district boundary lines:

(1) The Commission shall follow and adhere to the provisions of subsections (c) and (d) of Charter Ordinance No. 94, Section 9 (Appx. [A](#), Section [A2-23](#)) in its determination and designation of new district boundary lines.

(2) To assist in its consideration of new district boundary lines, the Commission, once established, shall hold a public meeting as soon thereafter as possible to receive the comments and input of interested citizens. The City Clerk shall serve as temporary chairperson at the first meeting of the Commission, at which time a permanent chairperson shall be chosen. The procedure for establishing district boundary lines shall be discussed at the first meeting of the Commission.

(3) Upon the completion of its consideration of proposed district boundary line changes, the Commission shall recommend any suggested revisions of such boundary lines to the City Council for its consideration. After it has submitted its recommendations and responded to Council inquiries, the Commission shall cease to exist. Any expenses for material and supplies incurred by the Commission will be defrayed from the Council budget, and City staff shall be available to assist the Commission as needed. (Ord. 20206 § 75, 9-10-19; Ord. 18382 § 17, 1-25-05; Ord. 17226 § 64, 1-27-98. Code 1995 § 2-198. Formerly 2.05.020.)

Cross References: City Council – Mayor, Chapter [2.15](#) TMC; City Clerk, TMC [2.20.010](#); zoning code, TMC Title [18](#), Division [4](#).

The Topeka Municipal Code is current through Ordinance 20360, passed June 14, 2022.

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