



Office of the City Clerk BOARDS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

REDISTRICTING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

CREATED BY:

Tucson Code, Chapter XII, Section 12-9
Ordinance 11354, adopted May 3, 2016
Resolution 22646, adopted October 5, 2016
Ordinance 11950, adopted August 9, 2022
Ordinance 11958, adopted September 27, 2022
*Ordinance 12024, Adopted August 8, 2023

MEMBERSHIP/QUALIFICATIONS:

The Committee shall consist of seven (7) members, who shall serve without compensation and are appointed as follows:

One (1) voting member appointed by the Mayor and one (1) voting member appointed by each council member.

All members of the committee shall be qualified city electors, and none shall hold any elective public office, either by election or by appointment, at any time during their membership on the committee.

The office of precinct committeeperson shall not be considered elective public office.

Committee members shall be disqualified from election to the office of councilmember for a period of four (4) years from December 31st of the potential redistricting year in which the Committee is appointed.

FUNCTIONS:

1. To review all relevant data, including but not limited to U.S. Census data, and recommend in writing to the Mayor and Council whether redistricting is necessary in the potential redistricting year in which the committee is appointed. The review shall consider the following factors:

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- a. Maintain a Maximum Population Deviation (MPD) across the City's six (6) Wards no greater than 10%
 - b. Maintain established and recognizable Ward boundaries with a minimum of disruption.
 - c. Sustain the compactness and contiguity of the Wards as they presently exist, except as may be necessary to achieve the other factors and objectives as listed in this section.
 - d. Maintain ethnic balance so as to not dilute the minority vote (hereafter, "dilution"). As part of any redistricting recommendation, the Committee shall consider and examine the potential of dilution that may occur with any recommended redistricting, including but not limited to dilution that may occur or may have previously existed through "packing" and/or "fragmenting" of minority voting power. "Packing" means the practice of packing minority voting blocs into one or a small number of districts/wards to minimize their influence; and "fragmenting" means the practice of fragmenting the minority voters among several districts/wards where a bloc-voting majority can routinely outvote them. As part of this evaluation, the Committee shall give preference to redistricting options that will advance "rough proportionality" of minority voting power. For the purposes of this section, "rough proportionality" means the establishment of districts/wards where the number of wards in which minority groups constitute a majority percentage of the voting age population is roughly proportional to the minority voters' share of the overall voting age population. As an example, if the citywide minority share of the voting age population is 50%, then under the concept of "rough proportionality" the number of wards where minority groups constitute a majority percentage of the voting age population should approximate 50% of the total number of wards. The Committee shall also give preference to redistricting options that reduce dilution that may otherwise exist from prior "packing" or "fragmenting." The purpose of this evaluation by the Committee is to provide that the members of the City's minority groups do not have less opportunity than other members of the electorate to participate in the electoral process and to elect representatives of their choice..
 - e. Where possible, realign precincts having populations represented by more than one Ward.
2. If it finds, pursuant to subsection (1) above, that redistricting is necessary, then to review all relevant data, hold at least one (1) public hearing, and such other public hearings as it deems necessary, gather information and

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opinions from the public, and thereafter make recommendations in writing to the Mayor and Council concerning the manner in which redistricting should occur in order to best comply with the Charter.

3. To make such other recommendation(s) relating to redistricting as deemed necessary or desirable.

QUORUM:

*Pursuant to Tucson Code, § 10A-140(a) this BCC is designated as "Category 1," for which a majority of the members currently *appointed and serving* shall constitute a quorum.

TERMS OF OFFICE:

The provisions of Tucson Code Chapter 10A, Article XIII shall govern the Committee, except as otherwise provided in this article.

The terms of the Committee and its members shall automatically expire on December 31st of the potential redistricting year in which the committee is appointed; except that the Mayor and Council may by resolution extend the Committee's term in the event that they deem such extension beneficial to the City.

APPLICABILITY OF TUCSON CODE CHAPTER 10A, ARTICLE XIII:

The Committee shall be exempt from the provisions of Tucson Code Section 10A-134(c).

The Committee's written recommendation(s) shall be submitted to the Mayor and Council no later than **November 30th** of the potential redistricting year in which the Committee is appointed.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING LAW REQUIREMENTS:

This public body is defined as an advisory committee and must comply with all of the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Law.

SUPPORTING DEPARTMENT:

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*** HISTORICAL NOTES:**

On May 3, 2016, the Mayor and Council adopted Ordinance No. 11354, relocating the Tucson Code provisions governing the Redistricting Advisory Committee, formerly located in Tucson Code Chapter 12 to Tucson Code Chapter 10A; removing certain time requirements that no longer apply to the Committee; amending the Tucson Code by adding a new Chapter 10A, Article V.

On October 5, 2016, the Mayor and Council adopted Resolution No. 22646, creating the Redistricting Advisory Committee, pursuant to Tucson Charter Chapter XVI, Section 8.1 and Tucson Code Sections 10A-42 through 10A-44.

On August 9, 2022, the Mayor and Council adopted Ordinance No. 11950, amending the factors the Redistricting Advisory Committee is to consider in reviewing data and making its recommendation, to specifically incorporate “rough proportionality” of minority voting power.

On September 27, 2022, the Mayor and Council adopted Ordinance No. 11958 creating the 2022 Redistricting Advisory Committee; naming the Committee’s Membership; requiring the Committee to submit its written recommendations to the Mayor and Council no later than November 30, 2022; and automatically set the expiration date of the Commission to December 31, 2022.

**August 8, 2023 – Ordinance 12024, amended the Tucson Code Chapter 10A, Article XIII to add a new Tucson code Section 10A-140, defining different quorum requirements for two specified categories of Boards, Committees, or Commissions.*

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