

SECTION 413 DISTRICT BOUNDARIES.

The boundaries of the seven (7) Districts shall be subject to alteration and change under the provisions of this Section. Following the taking of each federal decennial census, commencing with the 1990 federal decennial census, but no earlier than three (3) months and no later than six (6) months following receipt by the City Clerk of a written publication containing an enumeration of population by blocks derived from such census, the Council shall by ordinance redistrict the City into seven (7) numbered Districts. Such ordinance shall be adopted according to the provisions of Article VI and shall become effective at the expiration of thirty (30) days after adoption of the ordinance; provided, however, that if such ordinance becomes effective on or after the first day on which nomination papers may be filed for an election to the office of member of the Council, then such ordinance shall not apply, or be deemed to apply, to that election or to the person elected to the office of member at such election.

Except as provided hereinabove, such Districts shall be used for all elections of members of the Council, including their recall, and for filling any vacancy in the office of member of the Council, subsequent to the effective date of such ordinance and until new Districts are established. Districts so formed shall be as nearly equal in population as practicable according to such federal decennial census. Any territory heretofore or hereafter annexed to or consolidated with the City but not included within a District shall, prior to or concurrently with completion of the proceedings therefore, be added to an adjacent District or Districts by the Council by ordinance, which shall become effective at the expiration of thirty (30) days after adoption and shall apply to all elections held on and after its effective date.

Any ordinance adopted by the Council and establishing, changing, or altering the boundaries of any District shall describe the new boundaries by reference to a map on file in the office of the City Clerk and/or by a metes-and-bounds description.

In any redistricting, the Council shall make the Districts as nearly equal in population as may be practicable, and may, in establishing the boundaries of the Districts, give consideration to a:

- (a) natural boundaries, street lines and/or City boundaries;
- (b) geography;
- (c) cohesiveness, contiguity, integrity and compactness of territory;
- (d) community of interests within each District; and the Voting Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 1973.

Upon any decennial redistricting pursuant to the provisions of this Section, each incumbent member of the Council who no longer resides within the District to which they were elected as a result of such redistricting will continue to hold office and to represent the District to which the member was elected prior to such redistricting until the first Tuesday following the next General Municipal Election at which time a new member shall be elected to serve the remaining period of

the unexpired term, if any, notwithstanding any provision of Section 403 requiring a member to be a resident of the District represented by such members.