

RESOLUTION NO. 2022 - 9

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING A POLICY RELATIVE TO REDISTRICTING
(2020 CENSUS)**

WHEREAS, the City of Bloomington is a home rule unit of local government with authority to legislate in matters concerning its local government and affairs; and

WHEREAS, the law requires wards to be as nearly and equal in population as possible; and

WHEREAS, the form of government adopted by the City provides for nine (9) council members to be elected from nine (9) different wards; and

WHEREAS, the City has recently received revised census figures for the entire City.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Bloomington, McLean County, Illinois:

Section 1. Recitals. The above recitals are incorporated into this Section 1 as if fully stated herein.

Section 2. Map Principles & Plan Overview. The following principles shall serve as a guide to any adjustment to wards as the result of population increase or shifts within the City:

- A. Each of the nine (9) wards shall contain the residence of an incumbent council member to help ensure continued representation when the new map takes effect as a result of the City's staggered terms;
- B. Any plan should be based on the most recent census data available and certified as official by the Secretary of State of the State of Illinois.
- C. All wards shall be composed of territory that is contiguous and reasonably compact.
- D. Any plan should avoid fragmenting or packing minority communities.
- E. Any plan should not dilute the voting strength of racial minority populations.
- F. Wards shall be as nearly equal in population as possible, utilizing precinct boundaries as the building block of the redistricting.
- G. City staff shall develop at least two and no more than three different new ward map options for redistricting based on the principles set forth in this resolution. The new ward map options shall be contained on the City's website for review and feedback by the public.
- H. The City staff shall make available on the City's website information showing precincts and populations so that residents may formulate their own potential options for redistricting. Any resident desiring to submit a proposed new ward map must submit it in writing. The submissions shall be easily duplicable. Any such options must be submitted on or before June 1, 2022, to the City Clerk

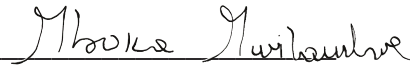
- I. The City Manager shall schedule a time for City Council to study, consider, and provide direction on the various map options presented by staff, as well as those submitted by residents, at the Committee of the Whole on June 20, 2022.
- J. Unless the City Council directs otherwise, the City Manager shall place an ordinance amending the districts on the agenda for the regular meeting on July 11, 2022.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon the passage and approval.

PASSED this 28th day of March 2022.

APPROVED this 30th day of March 2022.

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON



Mboka Mwilambwe, Mayor

ATTEST



Leslie Smith-Yocum, City Clerk

