



# City of Pensacola

222 West Main Street  
Pensacola, FL 32502

## Memorandum

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**File #:** 21-21

City Council

5/27/2021

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### **LEGISLATIVE ACTION ITEM**

**SPONSOR:** City Council President Jared Moore

**SUBJECT:**

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 21-21 - ESTABLISHING A PROCESS AND SCHEDULE FOR THE DISTRICTING COMMISSION TO SUBMIT PLAN FOR THE REDISTRICTING OF CITY COUNCIL BOUNDARIES FOR THE NOVEMBER 8, 2022 GENERAL ELECTION

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That City Council adopt Proposed Ordinance No. 21-21, Version-1 on second reading:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PENSACOLA, FLORIDA; ESTABLISHING A PROCESS AND A SCHEDULE FOR THE DISTRICTING COMMISSION TO SUBMIT PLAN FOR THE REDISTRICTING OF CITY COUNCIL BOUNDARIES FOR THE NOVEMBER 8, 2022 GENERAL ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; REPEALING CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**HEARING REQUIRED:** No Hearing Required

**SUMMARY:**

Section 6.08. Council Districts of the City Charter outlines the process to be taken every ten years as the City engages in the evaluation of the population of each of its districts based on the results of the census. Adjustments to the district boundaries are then made as necessary to equalize the populations more closely for each district. This section also sets forth the criteria of establishing a Districting Commission to perform the task of delivering a Redistricting Plan to the City Council.

Section 6.08 (c)(6) of the charter states:

If in any year population figures are not available at least one year and five months before the general election following the decennial census, the City Council may, by local law, shorten the time periods provided for districting commission action in paragraphs (2), (3), (4), and (5) of the subsection."

There will be a delay in receiving census results this year. Therefore, an ordinance setting forth a new deadline for the commission to submit its plan to the City Council is needed. Attached to this item are two (2) proposed Ordinances, V1 and V2; the only difference between the two versions is

the proposed timeline. A comparative table of the two timelines is also attached. Whichever version a majority of Council chooses will become Proposed Ordinance No. 21-21.

**PRIOR ACTION:**

May 13, 2021 - The City Council voted to approve Proposed Ordinance No. 21-21, version 1 on first reading.

**FUNDING:**

Budget: \$50,000

Actual: \$50,000

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

\$50,000 is available for any necessary staff assistance and/or technical assistance.

**STAFF CONTACT:**

Don Kraher, Council Executive

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1) Proposed Ord. No. 21-21 V1
- 2) Proposed Ord. No. 21-21 V2
- 3) Redistricting Timeline Comparison

**PRESENTATION:** No