



City of Rochester Hills
AGENDA SUMMARY
NON-FINANCIAL ITEMS

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Legislative File No: 2022- 0095

TO: Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: John D. Staran, City Attorney
DATE: March 1, 2022
SUBJECT: Reapportionment of City Council Districts

REQUEST:

City Council, at its March 7 meeting, will be asked to decide whether to approve and put into immediate effect a council district reapportionment plan.

BACKGROUND:

The Home Rule Cities Act, City Charter and City ordinance require that following the official release of the U.S. decennial census, the City Council shall apportion the City's 4 council districts to provide for districts "which are as nearly of equal population as is practicable and continuous and compact." MCL 117.27a(5). The official 2020 census results have been released, which starts the reapportionment process. In Rochester Hills, the reapportionment procedure is governed further by City Code Chapter 34, Art II, which establishes a city council committee comprised of the 3 elected at-large councilmembers who, together with the City Clerk, are charged with the responsibility to meet, analyze census data, and recommend a reapportionment plan to the entire City Council for approval.

City Clerk Scott and Deputy Clerk Brown have developed a proposed district reapportionment plan taking into account the census data. I provided my legal opinion that the apportionment plan presented by the City Clerk is reasonable and satisfies applicable legal requirements. The City Council District Reapportionment Committee met last week to consider the reapportionment plan and recommended it for approval.

BUDGET AND STAFF IMPACT:

The city council district reapportionment process does not have budgetary or staff impact, aside from the clerical work necessary to implement any district boundary changes.

RECOMMENDATION:

The recommendation of the City Council District Reapportionment Committee is to approve the Council District reapportionment plan, precinct boundaries, and polling locations.

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