



# Houston City Council Redistricting Rules

## Council Resolution Redistricting Criteria

City Council passed a Resolution in late March which outlines the procedures, criteria, and rules to use for redistricting. Per the Resolution, the redrawn districts should aim to:

- Maintain relatively equal population
- Be composed of whole county voting precincts
- Follow easily identifiable geographic boundaries
- Maintain communities of interest/neighborhoods
- Be compact and contiguous
- Preserve incumbent-constituency relations
- Avoid packing or cracking

No Packing – diminishing voting power by calculated demographic concentration

No Cracking – diminishing voting power by calculated demographic dilution

## Redistricting Draft Plan

The Planning & Development Department (P&D) will present the draft plan to City Council and the public at three public hearings held in City Council Chambers. Council members and members of the public can ask questions, provide input, suggest revisions, or submit an alternate plan.

- July 13, 2022, 9:00 a.m.
- July 13, 2022, 7:00 p.m.
- July 20, 2022, 9:00 a.m.

## How do I submit a Redistricting Plan?

The public is encouraged to submit a plan. Or, citizens may propose that certain voting precincts, neighborhoods, or locations be included in a specific district. All plans submitted to the City for consideration must:

- Be in writing;
- Be based on the 2020 federal census;
- Redistrict the entire City so that Council may assess its impact on protected minority groups; and
- Conform to the redistricting criteria listed in section 3 of the Resolution.

In order for the City to properly analyze any plan, it must be submitted by the last public hearing of City Council. The Planning and Development Department will set up a computer with redistricting software at 611 Walker Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, 77002. P&D will also lend technical assistance to anyone interested in creating a redistricting plan. Contact Rupesh Koshy at 832-393-6552 or at [rupesh.koshy@houstontx.gov](mailto:rupesh.koshy@houstontx.gov) for an appointment.

Visit [www.LetsTalkHouston.org/redistricting](http://www.LetsTalkHouston.org/redistricting) to find useful information about the redistricting effort.

All content will be in English, Spanish, Vietnamese and Chinese

