

1 **BY AUTHORITY**

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3 Resolution 11-0xxx
4 Series of ~~2004~~ 2011

Committee of Reference:
Redistricting

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8 **A RESOLUTION**

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10 **ESTABLISHING PRINCIPLES AND PROCEDURES FOR DEVELOPING**
11 **A PLAN FOR REDRAWING THE BOUNDARIES OF**
12 **COUNCIL DISTRICTS WITHIN THE CITY AND COUNTY**
13 **OF DENVER.**

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15 **WHEREAS**, Section B1-3 3.1.2 of the Charter of the City and County of Denver
16 requires the City Council to change the boundaries of the Council districts at
17 least once every ten years based upon the most recent United States decennial
18 census or other official population studies; and

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20 **WHEREAS**, the U.S. Census Bureau has completed the ~~2000~~ 2010 decennial
21 census and published the results; and

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23 **WHEREAS**, Ordinance No. ~~287, Series of 1992~~, No. 337, Series of 2002,
24 adopted the current Council district boundaries, effective ~~July 1, 1992~~; and

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26 **WHEREAS**, Council has determined to complete its redistricting process and
27 pass an ordinance adopting new Council district boundaries by ~~May 1, 2002~~ April
28 29, 2012;

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30 **NOW, THEREFOR,**
31 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF**
32 **DENVER:**

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34 **SECTION 1.** The Council adopts the following principles and procedures
35 for developing a redistricting plan for Council districts:

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37 1. Redistricting will respect one-person-one-vote principles as required by
38 the Constitution and the requirement for proportionality as contained in the
39 Charter. The population norm for Council districts will be established by
40 dividing the population of the entire City by eleven, the number of district
41 seats. The sum of the percentage by which the population of the largest
42 district exceeds the norm and the smallest district falls short of the norm
43 will not exceed ten percent. The ~~2000~~ 2010 census will serve as the
44 source for all population data.
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2. District lines will be drawn to avoid subjecting the city to equal protection claims arising on behalf of any person in a protected class based on race, ethnicity, or national origin. Race and ethnicity will not be the predominant factor determining the location of district boundaries if to do so would subordinate the other traditional race-neutral districting principles set forth herein. However, race and ethnicity will be taken into account to the extent necessary to comply with the Voting Rights Act and to avoid claims arising thereunder.
3. District lines will be drawn to create districts that are as compact as possible and contain contiguous territory. District lines will follow obvious geographic boundaries to the extent possible.
4. Council districts will be comprised of whole election precincts, as required by Section ~~C1-15-4~~ 3.1.2 of the Charter of the City and County of Denver. Council will urge the ~~Election Commission~~ Clerk & Recorder to draw precinct boundaries that will facilitate reasonable Council district boundaries.
5. Council will make every effort to consolidate traditional neighborhoods within one district to avoid multiple representation and to maintain as much as possible the existing relationships between council members and their present constituents. In order to help accomplish this goal, Council will urge the ~~Election Commission~~ Clerk & Recorder to draw the boundaries of each precinct wholly within a neighborhood.
6. Council will endeavor to preserve logical communities of interest and to preserve the core of existing constituencies traditionally represented by a particular Council district.
7. Redistricting will to the extent possible not place two incumbent district Council members in the same district if the incumbents are legally capable of running for re-election in ~~2003~~ 2015.

SECTION 2. The Council adopts the following procedures for developing a redistricting plan for Council districts:

1. The City Council President will ~~will~~ has ~~appointed~~ ed a Redistricting Committee responsible for coordinating the redistricting process and working with Denver GIS within the City's ~~Information Technology~~ Services Division to obtain the necessary statistical information, appropriate census population tabulations, and maps of the City and County of Denver.
2. The Redistricting Committee will adopt a meeting schedule that is convenient to the public and Council members. Redistricting Committee

1 meetings will be conducted in conformity with Denver's open meeting laws
2 (D.R.M.C. 2-31, et. Seq.). Denver TV Channel 8 will televise all meetings.

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4 ~~2. Tapes will be available to the public at the Office of the Clerk & Recorder~~
5 ~~and at the Central Denver Public Library as a part of the record in an~~
6 ~~effort to assure that the process is as open and accessible as possible.~~

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8 ~~4.3.~~ Council members will have access to the computer equipment, software
9 and database used to prepare the redistricting plans. Council members
10 will have access to Information Technology Division staff and Council staff
11 for research and mapping.

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13 ~~5.4.~~ Video of the Redistricting Committee's meetings and all documents and
14 maps will be available on the City's website at DenverGov.org/CityCouncil.
15 Council staff will maintain a complete record of all meetings, hearings,
16 reports, correspondence, exhibits, and work papers throughout the
17 redistricting process, and any documents presented in the redistricting
18 meetings will be available for inspection at the City Council Office. or
19 reproduction upon request and payment for copies. Many of the and
20 maps produced during the process will be available on the City's website
21 at DenverGov.org.

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23 ~~6.5.~~ The City Council will make every effort to communicate the redistricting
24 process to interested constituent groups by conducting outreach through
25 various established media and communication outlets. The Redistricting
26 Committee and/or City Council will schedule no less than five two public
27 meetings, one in each quadrant and one at a meeting of the Redistricting
28 Committee at the City & County Building, during the redistricting process
29 to receive comments from interested parties.

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31 ~~6.~~ City Council will hold at least one public hearings prior to voting on the
32 ordinance adopting a redistricting plan for City Council. during the
33 redistricting process to receive comments from interested parties.

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35 7. The Redistricting Committee will submit its proposed redistricting plan to
36 the City Attorney's Office for review and legal assessment prior to
37 submission to the Council. The City Attorney's Office legal assessment
38 will become part of the record of the redistricting process.

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40 **Section 3.** The Clerk of the City and County of Denver shall attest and
41 affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this resolution.

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44 PASSED BY The Council _____, 200411

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46 Joyce Foster Chris Nevitt – President _____, 200411

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2 APPROVED: _____, 200411
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4 ~~Wellington E. Webb~~ Michael Hancock – Mayor _____, 200411
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