

RESOLUTION

[To Establish 2011 Redistricting Guidelines and Milestones]

WHEREAS, Section 11-40-8 of the *Code of Alabama, 1975*, as amended requires that city councils divide their jurisdictions into districts having an equal number of residents, and

WHEREAS, the City of Prattville experienced a significant population increase over the past decade, and

WHEREAS, an analysis of the city council districts designated by Ordinance 2003-031 and amended by Ordinance 2008-010 using data from the 2010 Decennial Census indicates that Prattville's population is unequally distributed among the seven council districts; and

WHEREAS, the Council has initiated a process to adjust the district boundaries and equalize the population in the seven districts.

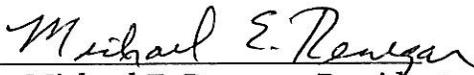
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Prattville that the following guidelines are established for the 2011 redistricting process:

1. All districts shall have equal representation. Districts will be drawn so that council districts provide "one person-one vote" representation. The deviation of plus or minus five percent from the ideal district population maintains an acceptable level of representation.
2. The plan shall comply with the Voting Rights Act of 1965. According to the Voting Rights Act, districts shall be drawn in such a way that assures all voters have an equal opportunity to participate in the political process and to elect representatives of their choice.
3. Existing district boundaries should be maintained. Where possible, existing district boundaries shall be maintained. Traditional lines should not be redrawn if their existing locations can be reasonably accommodated and equal representation achieved.
4. As much as possible, council districts should be a compact and contiguous geographic unit.
5. The 2010 U. S. Census of Population shall be the source of data for determining population and representation.
6. To the maximum extent possible, district boundaries should include whole neighborhoods.
7. Existing voting centers should be maintained for voter convenience and efficient election administration.
8. District boundaries should be easily identifiable physical features such as roadways, streams, power lines, etc.
9. All citizens and interested groups shall be given the opportunity to use the official data and to present alternative district plans. All submitted plans will be evaluated and considered by the City Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council shall:

1. Endeavor to present a draft plan by August 16, 2011 and complete the redistricting process by October 4, 2011.
2. Seek input on all proposed redistricting plans through the use of the city web site and public hearings.

ADOPTED THIS 21ST DAY OF JUNE, 2011.


By: Michael E. Renegar, President
Prattville City Council

AUTHENTICATED THIS 21ST DAY OF JUNE, 2011.


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Interim City Clerk

APPROVED:


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Mayor