

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-12-095R

RESOLUTION ADOPTING REDISTRICTING GUIDELINES

WHEREAS, The City of Urbana (hereinafter “Urbana”) is an Illinois municipal corporation and a home rule unit of local government pursuant to Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution of 1970 and the statutes of the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Urbana’s population count from Census 2020 necessitates redistricting to comply with applicable law; and

WHEREAS, A revised City Council Ward Map must be adopted before the November 2024 petition filing deadline for the April 2025 municipal election.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council, of the City of Urbana, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. The following guidelines reflect best practices for redistricting and will be used for the redistricting process:

1. Each of the seven proposed wards should contain the residence of the incumbent City Council member.
2. Any proposed map should be based on Census 2020 data certified as official by the Illinois Secretary of State.
3. All wards should be reasonably compact and contiguous; some wards will be geographically larger than others due to differences in types of housing, population density, land use and annexation patterns.
4. Wards should be substantially equal in population (ideally, 5477 based upon Census 2020) with maximum deviation of 10% between the lowest and highest population wards.
5. Whenever possible, census blocks should be utilized as the building blocks of redistricting.
6. Proposed maps should avoid fragmenting or packing racial minority communities.
7. Proposed maps should not dilute the voting strength of racial minority populations.
8. Proposed maps may take into consideration respecting traditional neighborhoods and existing subdivisions, taking into consideration the maximum deviation allowed.
9. Precinct, demographic, population and other data will be provided in the software platform to inform redistricting.
10. Precincts should not be divided between two or more wards unless necessary to equalize populations between wards
11. City Council is not limited to selecting any of the proposed maps submitted by the public for final adoption.

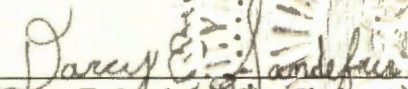
Section 2. The City of Urbana will undertake a transparent and participatory redistricting process that will include an open submission period where members of the public, including City Council members and the Mayor, can submit maps for consideration and a public review period of the proposed final map.

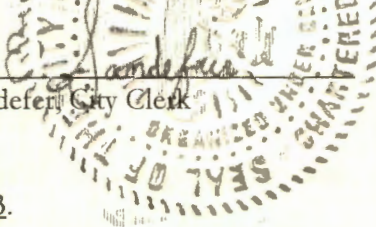
PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this 11th day of December, 2023.

AYES: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Kolisetty, Wilken, Quisenberry

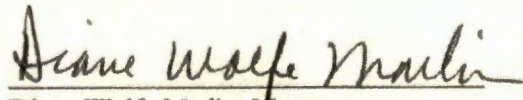
NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None


Darcy E. Sandefur, City Clerk



APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this 13th day of December, 2023.


Diane Wolfe Marlin, Mayor