

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MEMPHIS CITY COUNCIL ESTABLISHING THE  
2022 REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE**

**WHEREAS**, the Memphis City Council believes free and equal representation is the best, if not the only, foundation upon which a free government can be built; and

**WHEREAS**, the framers of the United States Constitution chose to use population, by way of the United States Census, as the basis for said free and equal representation; and

**WHEREAS**, for this reason, the United States Census exists as a cornerstone of our democracy, used – among other purposes – to apportion representatives in Congress, to allocate electoral votes among the States, and to draw Congressional, State, and Municipal districts – like those used by this legislative body; and

**WHEREAS**, *Tennessee Code Annotated*, Section 6-54-102 provides that municipalities may redistrict into new wards whenever, for proper reasons, they deem expedient so to do; the newly released 2020 United States Census data providing proper reasons; and

**WHEREAS**, with that in mind, the Memphis City Council now seeks to move forward with the work of reapportioning districts to ensure that members represent substantially equal populations based upon the 2020 United States Census data.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Memphis City Council hereby establishes the 2022 Redistricting Committee.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the committee shall be officially named the “City Council 2022 Redistricting Committee” in accordance with the following guidelines:

1. The 2022 Redistricting Committee shall be a committee of the whole with each of the thirteen (13) members of the Memphis City Council having a seat on the committee, and each City Council member may nominate one (1) community member, for a total of 26 possible committee seats; community members shall have a demonstrable record of experience within education, civil rights, law, business, non-profit, or faith-based organizations.
2. The 2022 Redistricting Committee shall elect a Chair and Vice Chair at its first meeting, with the current City Council Personnel & Governmental Affairs Committee Chairman leading the Committee until said time.
3. The Committee Chair shall hold meetings at least once (1) per month, at hours as may be fixed by the Committee; special meetings may be held on call of the chair upon forty-eight (48) hours’ notice to the members of the Committee and the public; all such meetings shall be subject to the provisions of the Tennessee Open Meetings Act; a copy of the minutes of all meetings shall be sent to the Council.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, The 2022 Redistricting Committee shall submit its final suggested redistricting plans to the Memphis City Council by April 15, 2023; this resolution shall take effect from and after its passage, the welfare of the City requiring it.

**Sponsor**

Michalyn Easter-Thomas

**Chair**

Martavius Jones

**I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true  
copy  
and document was adopted, approved by the  
Council of the City of Memphis in regular  
session on**

**Date**

10/18/2022

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