

# 2016 Colorado Springs City Clerk Redistricting Council Districts

Process and Timeline

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# Redrawing the Boundaries

- City Charter Requires the City Clerk redraw the boundaries
  - City Charter Article II. Elective Officers
  - 2-10(b) Districts
- At least 120 days but no more than 150 days prior to a preliminary district election
- Every Four (4) years



# The City Clerk Process

- Release a preliminary district report
- Conduct a public hearing on the preliminary district report
- Prepare a final district report on the setting the district boundaries

# District Requirements

- Districts Must be:
  - Substantially equal in population
  - Contiguous
  - Comply with Voting Rights Act and other pertinent laws
- Plan does NOT have to be approved by the Mayor or City Council



## Districting Process Advisory Committee (City Council Appointed)

- Role
    - Oversee the public process
    - Educate the public
    - Assist the City Clerk
    - Advise City Council on the districting process
- City Code Section 5.1.401 through 5.1.408



## Districting Process Advisory Committee Selection Process

- City Council Appoints Seven Committee Members
- One member from each district and one member at-large



## Districting Process Advisory Committee Selection Process

- Members must be registered electors of the City
- Council must strive for gender, racial, ethnic, age and geographic diversity of the committee members
- A person interested in being a candidate for a district council member shall not serve on the committee.



## Responsibilities of the Advisory Committee

- Conduct one public meeting in each of the six election districts to solicit input for the City Clerk
- Prepare a preliminary Advisory Committee Report and submit to the City Clerk and City Council
- Prepare a final Advisory Committee report and submit to City Council after the City Clerk releases the final district report



# City Charter and Code Citations

- City Charter
  - Article II. Elective Officers
  - 2-10(b) Districts



# City Charter and Code Citations

- City Code
  - 5.1.401: Legislative Declaration
  - 5.1.402: Advisory Committee Created
  - 5.1.403: Election District Considerations
  - 5.1.404: Public Process
  - 5.1.406: Protests
  - 5.1.407: Final District Report
  - 5.1.408: Advisory Committee Report to City Council



Questions?