



Office of the City Clerk
BOARDS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

REDISTRICTING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

*** CREATED BY:**

Tucson Code, Chapter XII, Section 12-9
Ordinance 11354, adopted May 3, 2016

*** MEMBERSHIP/QUALIFICATIONS:**

The Committee shall consist of seven (7) members, who shall serve without compensation and are appointed as follows:

One (1) voting member appointed by the Mayor and one (1) voting member appointed by each council member.

All members of the committee shall be qualified city electors, and none shall hold any elective public office, either by election or by appointment, at any time during their membership on the committee.

The office of precinct committeeperson shall not be considered elective public office.

Committee members shall be disqualified from election to the office of councilmember for a period of four (4) years from December 31st of the potential redistricting year in which the Committee is appointed.

*** FUNCTIONS:**

1. To review all relevant data, including but not limited to U.S. Census data, and recommend in writing to the Mayor and Council whether redistricting is necessary in the potential redistricting year in which the committee is appointed. The review shall consider the following factors:
 - a. Maintain a Maximum Population Deviation (MPD) across the City's six (6) Wards no greater than 10%

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- b. Maintain established and recognizable Ward boundaries with a minimum of disruption.
 - c. Sustain the compactness and contiguity of the Wards as they presently exist.
 - d. Maintain ethnic balance so as to not dilute the Hispanic vote.
 - e. Where possible, realign precincts having populations represented by more than one Ward.
2. If it finds, pursuant to subsection (1) above, that redistricting is necessary, then to review all relevant data, hold at least one (1) public hearing, and such other public hearings as it deems necessary, gather information and opinions from the public, and thereafter make recommendations in writing to the Mayor and Council concerning the manner in which redistricting should occur in order to best comply with the Charter.
 3. To make such other recommendation(s) relating to redistricting as deemed necessary or desirable.
 4. The Committee's written recommendation(s) shall be submitted to the Mayor and Council no later than October 1st of the potential redistricting year in which the Committee is appointed.

QUORUM:

A quorum shall consist of 4 members of the committee.

*** TERMS OF OFFICE:**

The provisions of Tucson Code Chapter 10A, Article XIII shall govern the Committee, except as otherwise provided in this article.

The terms of the Committee and its members shall automatically expire on December 31st of the potential redistricting year in which the committee is appointed; except that the Mayor and Council may by resolution extend the Committee's term in the event that they deem such extension beneficial to the City.

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* **APPLICABILITY OF TUCSON CODE CHAPTER 10A, ARTICLE XIII:**

The Committee shall be exempt from the provisions of Tucson Code Section 10A-134(c).

Committee's written recommendation(s) shall be submitted to the mayor and council no later than October 1st of the potential redistricting year in which the Committee is appointed.

* **OPEN PUBLIC MEETING LAW REQUIREMENTS:**

This public body is defined as an advisory committee and must comply with all of the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Law.

SUPPORTING DEPARTMENT:

City Clerk: Elections Division - 791-4213

* **HISTORICAL NOTES:**

On May 3, 2016, the Mayor and Council adopted Ordinance No. 11354, relocating the Tucson Code provisions governing the Redistricting Advisory Committee, formerly located in Tucson Code Chapter 12 to Tucson Code Chapter 10A; removing certain time requirements that no longer apply to the Committee; amending the Tucson Code by adding a new Chapter 10A, Article V.