



**NOTICE OF WORK SESSION AGENDA
LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL
MUNICIPAL CENTER CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
211 N. HENRY STREET, LANCASTER, TEXAS**

Monday, April 19, 2021 - 7:30 PM



The Mayor and City Councilmembers will attend via video or audio link due to the COVID-19 emergency situation.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Due to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) state of emergency and consistent with the Governor's Order regarding modifications to the Texas Open Meetings Act ("TOMA"), and the public will not be admitted to the physical meeting location.

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0tc-yupj8iH9YQU3db7ieKoS6-gE3-OmLP>

The meeting will be broadcast live via video at the following address:

<http://www.lancaster-tx.com/324/Watch-Meetings>

7:30 P.M. WORK SESSION:

CALL TO ORDER

1. Discuss and receive a presentation from Bickerstaff Health Delgado Acosta, LLP regarding the 2021 redistricting process for the City of Lancaster.

ADJOURNMENT

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The City Council reserves the right to convene into executive session on any posted agenda item pursuant to Section 551.071(2) of the Texas Government Code to seek legal advice concerning such subject.

ACCESSIBILITY STATEMENT: Meetings of the City Council are held in municipal facilities and are wheelchair-accessible. For sign interpretive services, call the City Secretary's office, 972-218-1311, or TDD 1-800-735-2989, at least 72 hours prior to the meeting. Reasonable accommodation will be made to assist your needs.

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CONFORME A LA SECCION 30.06 DEL CODIGO PENAL (TRASPASAR PORTANDO ARMAS DE


FUEGO CON LICENCIA) PERSONAS CON LICENCIA BAJO DEL SUB-CAPITULO 411, CODIGO DEL GOBIERNO (LEY DE PORTAR ARMAS), NO DEBEN ENTRAR A ESTA PROPIEDAD PORTANDO UN ARMA DE FUEGO OCULTADA.

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CONFORME A LA SECCION 30.07 DEL CODIGO PENAL (TRASPASAR PORTANDO ARMAS DE FUEGO AL AIRE LIBRE CON LICENCIA) PERSONAS CON LICENCIA BAJO DEL SUB-CAPITULO H, CAPITULO 411, CODIGO DE GOBIERNO (LEY DE PORTAR ARMAS), NO DEBEN ENTRAR A ESTA PROPIEDAD PORTANDO UN ARMA DE FUEGO AL AIRE LIBRE.

Certificate

I hereby certify the above Notice of Meeting was posted at Lancaster City Hall on April 15, 2021, @ 6:45 p.m., and copies thereof were provided to the Mayor, Mayor Pro-Tempore, Deputy Mayor Pro-Tempore, and Council members.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Carey D. Neal, Jr.", is written over a horizontal line.

Carey D. Neal, Jr.

Assistant City Manager

CITY OF LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL

City Council Work Session

1.

Meeting Date: 04/19/2021

Policy Statement: This request supports the City Council 2020-2021 Policy Agenda

Goal(s): Financially Sound City Government
Healthy, Safe & Engaged Community

Submitted by: Opal Mauldin-Jones, City Manager

Agenda Caption:

Discuss and receive a presentation from Bickerstaff Health Delgado Acosta, LLP regarding the 2021 redistricting process for the City of Lancaster.

Background:

The United States Census Bureau is required by the constitution to count every resident in the United States every 10 years. Under federal law, this information historically reported to the President of the United States by December 31st of the census year for apportionment; however, due to the 2020 pandemic health crisis the United States Census Bureau will report the information to the President by April 30, 2021. The Census Bureau will also ensure the information is delivered to the states by September 30, 2021.

The Census information affects the number of seats each state occupies in the U.S. House of Representatives. Therefore, it also impacts states legislative districts as well as municipal governments with single-member district electoral processes. The U.S. Constitution requires that electoral districts be periodically adjusted or redrawn to account for population shifts.

Redistricting is the process of changing electoral district and constituency boundaries, usually in response to census results. While the census does provide information to the states on population in order for the states to redistrict appropriately, the census is not actually responsible for the act of redistricting. The State legislature is the body that will be responsible for redrawing district lines for congressional and state representation.

The City Council election process may be impacted as a result of the Census Data. Lancaster has experienced significant growth since the last census and thus population has increased. Following United States Supreme Court cases of the 1960s, it was ruled that single-member districts must contain roughly equal populations. In 2010, City Council utilized Bickerstaff Health Delgado Acosta, LLP to provide redistricting services for the City.

Bickerstaff Health Delgado Acosta, LLP has provided redistricting services to cities across the state since its founding in 1980. Specializing in redistricting, the firm has provided services to numerous cities such as Houston, Dallas, Austin, San Antonio, El Paso, and smaller communities including Lancaster.

City Council will receive a presentation regarding the approach to redistricting and a proposed timeline for implementing the 2020 Census data and its impacts on the City of Lancaster single-member districts in preparation for the 2021 local elections.

Attachments

Presentation



REDISTRICTING 2021

Presented by:

David Mendez

Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLP

March 16, 2021

PRESENTATION OUTLINE

- 2020 Census Data Release Update
- Impact of Delay
- Redistricting Timeline

RELEASE OF CENSUS REDISTRICTING DATA

- Redistricting Data to States will be released by Sept 30, 2021
- No CVAP data in the files
- New Group Quarters Table in the files
- 2020 Census geographic products required for redistricting will be released to allow state and local governments to prepare for project

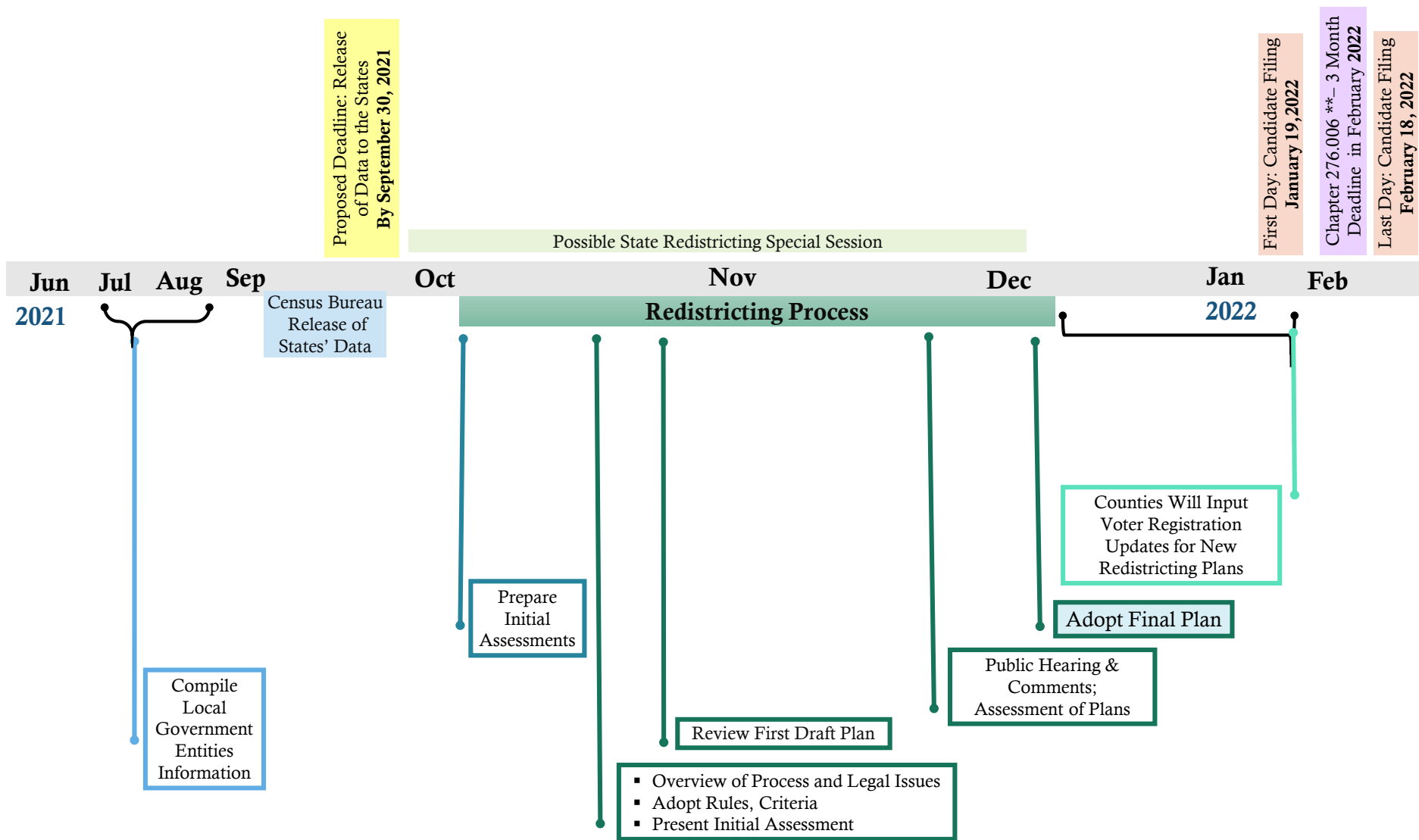
IMPACT OF DELAY

- Impact on May '22 General Elections of other political subdivisions
 - May 2022 General Election
 - Districts 1, 3, and 5
- Candidate filing for May 2022 election begins mid-January
- Complete Redistricting process by mid-December or early January of 2022

IMPACT OF DELAY

- Impacts other local government entities:
 - Primary schedule drives county redistricting.
(mid-Nov candidate filing)
 - Compress redistricting timeline
 - Legislature – Bills filed to adjust 2022 Primary Election dates

Proposed 2021 Redistricting Time Line for an Entity with a May 7, 2022 Election Based on Census Bureau Release of Data by September 30, 2021*



*Based upon the last information posted by the Census Bureau on February 12, 2021.

**NOTE: Texas Election Code Chapter 276.006:

A change in the boundary of a political subdivisions other than a county must be adopted 3 months prior to the election under than plan.



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