



Issue: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NIXA ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL TO REVIEW AND RECOMMEND TO THE COUNCIL PROPOSED BOUNDARIES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL DISTRICTS.

Date: September 16, 2021

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Background

The City of Nixa has received certain population data from the United States Census Bureau that is intended for use in the redrawing of Council districts. The Nixa City Charter, as well as other pertinent law, require a deliberative process for the adoption of these new district boundaries.

At the September 13, 2021 regular meeting of the Nixa City Council, staff recommended the formation of subcommittee to further study options for redistricting to provide a greater degree of transparency prior to the drafting of the ordinance necessary to adopt new district boundaries.

Analysis

The formation of a subcommittee charged with the study of the new population data made resulting from the 2020 Census will provide an additional, and helpful, forum for transparent discussion about where new district boundaries might be drawn. It will also provide opportunity for a more in-depth and hands-on approach to redistricting process.

Staff has already developed two options for redistricting that were formed according to the criteria set forth by law that can be studied and recommended to the full Council for consideration.

Recommendation

Staff recommends the approval of this resolution.

1 **RESOLUTION NO. 2021-096**

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4 **SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL TO REVIEW AND RECOMMEND TO THE**
5 **COUNCIL PROPOSED BOUNDARIES FOR CITY COUNCIL DISTRICTS.**
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8 **WHEREAS** the City Charter requires that Council redraw the Council Districts, by
9 ordinance following each decennial census; and

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11 **WHEREAS** City Council desires to establish a Special Committee of the Council
12 to review and recommend to the full Council an ordinance to establish new City Council
13 District boundaries utilizing the 2020 decennial census data; and

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15 **WHEREAS** the Mayor, pursuant to the authority contained in Nixa City Charter
16 section 4.4(f), desires to appoint Councilmembers Darlene Graham, Amy Hoogstraet,
17 and Shawn Lucas said Committee; and

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19 **WHEREAS** City Council consents to the Mayor's appointments to the
20 Committee.

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22 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF**
23 **NIXA, AS FOLLOWS, THAT:**

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25 **SECTION 1:** City Council hereby establishes a Special Committee of the City
26 Council. Said Committee is charged with reviewing and recommending to the full
27 Council an ordinance to establish new City Council District boundaries utilizing the 2020
28 decennial census data. Said Committee shall report a bill to the full City Council for
29 further deliberations and shall have the authority to exercise any other powers or duties
30 deemed advisable by the Committee to carry out the charge set forth herein.

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32 **SECTION 2:** City Council hereby consents to the Mayor's appointment of
33 Councilmembers Darlene Graham, Amy Hoogstraet, and Shawn Lucas to the
34 Committee established by this Resolution. Said members are hereby appointed to the
35 Committee and shall serve until the dissolution of the Committee.

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37 **SECTION 3:** The Chair of the Committee shall preside over all meetings of the
38 Committee, set the agenda of the Committee, and perform any other functions or duties
39 that the Committee may provide. The Committee shall meet upon the call of the Chair,
40 provided that notice is provided to the other members of the Committee and an agenda
41 for the meeting is provided. The Committee is authorized to establish rules of order and
42 decorum for the conduct of its meetings, which shall be enforced by the Chair, and may,
43 at the discretion of the Committee, take public testimony on any item considered by the
44 Committee. The Committee is further authorized and empowered to do all things which
45 may be necessary or convenient to carry out the terms and intent of this Resolution.
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47 **SECTION 4:** This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its
48 final passage by the City Council and after its approval by the Mayor, subject to the
49 provisions of section 3.11(g) of the City Charter. The Committee established herein
50 shall dissolve, and any authority granted herein shall terminate, on December 31, 2021,
51 unless otherwise repealed or extended by City Council.

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54 **ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NIXA THIS 16TH DAY OF**
55 **SEPTEMBER 2021.**

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58 ATTEST:

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62 CITY CLERK

_____ PRESIDING OFFICER

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64 **APPROVED BY THE MAYOR THIS _____ DAY OF _____ 2021.**

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71 CITY CLERK

_____ MAYOR

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73 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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CITY ATTORNEY