## **Memorandum**Department of Planning

**To:** Finance and Administration Committee

From: Justin Wyse, Director of Planning

**Date:** October 18, 2021

RE: Census - Redistricting



## Summary

Staff received input on the proposed modifications to the City's ward boundaries at the September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting of the Finance and Administration Committee. Staff was given direction on modifications to the ward boundaries based on the 2020 Census population data.

Existing Population by Ward			
Ward	Population	% from equal	
1	12,317	-1.46%	
2	13,417	7.34%	
3	12,362	-1.10%	
4	11,903	-4.77%	
Total	49,999		

The attached modifications to the ward boundaries result in the following population by ward.

Proposed Population by Ward			
Ward	Population	% from equal	
1	12,643	1.15%	
2	12,376	-0.99%	
3	12,362	-1.10%	
4	12,618	0.95%	

As discussed at the September 28<sup>th</sup> meeting, there are 622 census blocks within Chesterfield, each with geographic boundaries and population data. As with the initial proposed ward boundaries, there are difficulties in correlating Census blocks with subdivision boundaries. The City's GIS staff was able to import this information into our mapping capabilities and allow us to interactively develop these recommendations and include the modifications requested by the Committee.

## Recommendation

The City is required to revise the ward boundaries to create wards that are substantially equal. The attached map has been created with the assistance of the Department of Information Technology and the Department of Planning to balance existing population to be in compliance with local and state law.

This item should be forwarded to the Finance and Administration Committee for review and recommendation. Ultimately, an ordinance will need to be adopted to enact changes in the ward boundaries.

Attachments: Current Ward Boundaries with 2020 Census Data

Proposed Ward Redistricting Changes



