



CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FL

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MEMORANDUM

From the Desk of Bob Francis, City Manager

To: Redistricting Committee
Date: August 11, 2021
Re: Parameters for Redistricting

The Belle Isle City Charter, Section 6.06, directs that the Redistricting Committee shall, within 120 days of appointment, file a report with the City containing a recommended plan for adjustment of the council district boundaries. The report shall include a map and description of the districts recommended and shall be drafted as a proposed ordinance. The City staff will draft the ordinance for the committee to review and once approved by the committee, it will go to the Council for approval. Once approved by the Council, your duties will official end.

Each district is to be compact, contiguous, territory and its boundary lines shall follow the centerlines of streets whenever possible. Each district shall be based upon equal and effective representation as required by the US Constitution, and as represented in the mathematical preciseness reached in the legislative apportionment of the state.

The mathematical preciseness reached in the legislative apportionment of the state is 2% between the smallest and largest districts. Vacant lots are not considered.

To determine population estimates for districts the committee may use the 2019 population estimate (estimate for the American Recovery Plan Act) is 7,240. This number will be divided by the number of households to determine the number of residents/household. The total number of households will be divided by 7 to determine the number of households per district, then work from there to determine the adjustment of the district boundaries.

According to the timeline of the US Census, due to COVID, the official census numbers will not be released to the states until August 16, 2021. The Committee should use the most accurate numbers. If that is from house count then the committee can use house count rather than the census numbers (not everyone may have participated in the census). For example, the census numbers may not include the households in Royal Palm Condos or Brighton Park whereas the house count does. Each unit in a multifamily property is counted as a household.

After the count is determine per district, then the more time consuming part of this exercise will be to put the numbers on the map for each district and then try to adjust the boundaries as close as possible to an

equal number of residents. They do not have to be perfectly equal however they should be as equal as possible.