



## AGENDA ITEM ANALYSIS

Project/Issue Name: 22-37 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending Title I Government Code, Chapter 105 Elections, Article 105-II Wards, Section 105.070 Ward Boundaries, Establishing New Boundaries for City Council Wards Based on the 2020 Decennial Census.

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### Issue Statement

The Republic City Charter requires the establishment, by Ordinance, of the four City Council Wards following the Decennial Census.

### Discussion and/or Analysis

Republic's City Charter requires the establishment of the four City Council Wards following the Decennial US Census.

- **8.4 City Council Wards:** *There shall be four City Council Wards in the City. Ward boundaries shall be established by Ordinance following each Decennial Census. Wards shall comprise compact and contiguous territory and shall contain, as nearly as possible, an equal number of inhabitants.*

Redistricting is a process undertaken by local, state, and the federal government following the release of the Decennial Census. The purpose of Redistricting is to ensure every individual's vote counts in accordance with the Voting Rights Act (of 1965) by evenly adjusting district boundaries based on population and number of districts; the resulting boundaries are redrawn to reflect new population data and shifting populations.

The result of the Decennial Census included an overall growth of 27.1 percent, between 2010 and 2020, for the City of Republic.

The goals of Ward Redistricting included establishing a target population of 4687.5 for each Ward, containing compact and contiguous territory.

The Ward Redistricting includes a loss of area for Wards 1 and 4 and a gain in area for Wards 2 and 3.

### Recommended Action

Staff is recommending approval of the City of Republic's updated Ward Boundaries.

