

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADOPTING A METRO)
COUNCIL DISTRICT REAPPORTIONMENT)
PLAN AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY)

ORDINANCE NO. 21-1472A

Introduced by Chief Operating Officer
Marissa Madrigal in concurrence with
Council President Lynn Peterson

WHEREAS, Section 31(1) of the Metro Charter establishes the minimum criteria for reapportionment of Council districts, requiring such districts to be, as nearly as practicable, of equal population and to be contiguous and geographically compact, and provides that “the Council may by ordinance specify additional criteria for districts that are consistent with this section”; and

WHEREAS, on October 21, 2021, Metro Council adopted Ordinance No. 21-1469, for the purpose of establishing additional criteria for Metro Council district reapportionment; and

WHEREAS, Section 31(1) of the Metro Charter requires that within three months after the official completion of the U.S. Census, the Council shall change the district boundaries in a manner that accords equal protection under the law and shall assign councilors to the reapportioned districts; and

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2021, Metro received official data compiled by the 2020 U.S. Census; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 U.S. Census identifies the Metro population as 1,670,601, thereby establishing an average district population of 278,434; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance No. 21-1469, the Chief Operating Officer has developed a reapportionment plan that includes assignment of councilors to the new districts; NOW THEREFORE,

THE METRO COUNCIL ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Council adopts the reapportionment plan attached to this Ordinance as Exhibit A; and
2. The Council adopts the assignment of councilors to reapportioned districts attached to this Ordinance as Exhibit B; and
3. This ordinance being necessary for the health, safety and welfare of the Metro area, for the reason that the work of reapportionment should proceed without delay as stipulated in the Metro Charter, an emergency is declared to exist and this ordinance shall take effect immediately pursuant to Metro Charter Section 38(1).

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 14th day of December, 2021.

Lynn Peterson, Council President

Attest:

Approved as to Form:

Jaye Cromwell, Recording Secretary

Carrie MacLaren, Metro Attorney