
City of Grand Island

Item F1

#8704 Consideration of Proposed Modifications to City Council Ward Boundaries Resulting From Redistricting (Second Reading)

This ordinance relates to Council action taken on November 6, 2001, whereby Council approved Ordinance #8704 on first reading. It has been recommended that this item be brought before the Council on three different readings.

Every 10 years, in conjunction with the release of Census data, governing bodies are required to review the boundaries of their existing wards to address any population shifts that might result in a need to equalize population. In July, the City Council formed a Redistricting Committee to review the boundaries of the City Council wards, make recommendations relative to proposed ward boundary modifications and explore the idea of amending the make-up of the elected municipal body to allow for at-large representatives.

Census data provided to the Committee indicated that redrawing or balancing of the wards is required to more equitably equalize population and representation. According to the 2000 Census figures for overall city population, the approximate number of residents per ward should be 8,588. Current population figures are:

*Ward 1 9,307
Ward 2 9,164
Ward 3 8,980
Ward 4 7,683
Ward 5 7,807*



Tuesday, November 20, 2001

Council Session