



## AGENDA

### Elections Commission Meeting

Tuesday, May 17, 2022

5:30 p.m.

VIRTUAL MEETING

City of Aurora, Colorado

15151 E Alameda Parkway

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Pages

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes
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7. Adjournment

**Election Commission  
City of Aurora, Colorado  
May 11th, 2022  
6:00 p.m.  
Virtual Meeting**

**Call to Order:** Scott Irvin called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

**Roll Call:** City Clerk Rodriguez called roll

*Members Present:* Mike Seufert, Lori Gimelshteyn, Bill McCartin, Scott Irvin, Molly Barrett

*Staff Present:* Kadee Rodriguez, City Clerk; Cecilia Zapata, Deputy City Clerk; Council Member Coombs; Council Member Medina; Council Member Marcano; Jessica Prosser, Director of Housing & Community Services; Daniel Krzyzanowski, City Planner; Bill Keever, City Planner; Marisa Noble, City Planner

**Approval of Agenda:** Scott Irvin motions to approve the agenda, seconded by Lori Gimelshteyn. Motion passed.

**Approval of Minutes:** Bill McCartin motions to approve the 04-13-2022 minutes, seconded by Scott Irvin. Motion passed.

**Ward Boundary Changes:** Kadee Rodriguez begins reviewing the 2023 Redistricting timeline and provides a calendar for proposed dates and deadlines pertaining to the redistricting. Daniel Krzyzanowski presents the current population trends within the City of Aurora and the 6 ward boundaries. He proceeds to present the 2 proposed scenarios for redistricting which were influenced by maintaining a balanced population across all wards, moving as little citizens as possible, and respecting voting precincts and geographical landmarks. Discussion is had and questions from the commissioners and various council members are answered.

**Miscellaneous Items:** Scott Irvin requests that Kadee provide the latest legislative information for the members to review in preparation for the next meeting. Scott Irvin also informs members to research the voting precincts in particular the 2019 voting precinct issue that Council Member Coombs alluded too, so that these issues may be discussed at the following meeting.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Scott Irvin to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Molly Barrett. The meeting is adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

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Scott Irvin, Chair

City of Aurora

# 2023 WARD BOUNDARY CHANGES

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Kadee Rodriguez, City Clerk  
Cecilia Zapata, Deputy City Clerk  
Dave Lathers, Senior Assistant City Attorney  
Julie Patterson, Senior Communications Strategist

Daniel Krzyzanowski, Planning Supervisor  
Andrea Barnes, Planner II  
Marisa Noble, Planner  
William Keever, GIS Manager

# General Information

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## Overview

- Wards are reviewed prior to regular municipal elections held in years ending with '3' and '9'. – *Section 54-5 City Code*
- New ward boundaries must be completed no later than 180 days prior to the next regular municipal election. – *Article III, Section 3-4 City Charter*
- Review is done by Election Commission which makes recommendation to City Council. – *Article II, Section 2-3 City Charter*
- Ward boundary changes are adopted by ordinance.
- City staff creates new ward maps.
- Changes are sent to county clerks and the residents affected.

## Criteria

### Population Estimate

The population is determined by using the Census Bureau's Redistricting Count for Colorado and the certificates of occupancy issued by Aurora.

### Wards

1. Divided into six wards containing approximately the same number of people.
2. There should be between a 5% to 10% deviation between the least and most populous wards.
3. Sitting council members are not moved outside their ward.
4. Impact as few residents as possible.

### Boundaries

1. Use natural or man-made boundaries, such as ditches and streets.
2. Maintain whole county precincts where possible. The only exception would be where a county precinct contains both a municipal and non-municipal portion.
3. Whenever a common boundary between wards lies in any public street or right-of-way, the boundary goes to the centerline of the street.

# 2023 Redistricting

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## Calendar

<b>March 22, 2022</b>	<b>M&amp;F Committee Meeting</b> - Informal presentation
<b>March 31, 2022</b>	Population estimate
<b>April 6, 2022</b>	<b>Election Commission Meeting</b> – Review updated information and schedule meeting with Ward Council Members
<b>April 26, 2022</b>	<b>M&amp;F Committee Meeting</b> – Updated presentation with revised schedule and new population estimates
<b>May 11 &amp; 17, 2022</b>	<b>Election Commission Meetings</b> – Meet with Ward Council Members to discuss possible changes
<b>June – August</b>	<b>Public Comment Meetings</b>
<b>August 17, 2022</b>	<b>Election Commission</b> – Approves a plan to recommend to Council
<b>August 23, 2022</b>	<b>M&amp;F Committee Meeting</b> – Initial review of approved plan
<b>September 27, 2022</b>	<b>M&amp;F Committee Meeting</b> - Final review of approved plan (if needed)
<b>October 17, 2022</b>	<b>Study Session</b> - The new ward boundaries are presented for Council’s approval
<b>October 24, 2022</b>	<b>Council Meeting</b> - The new boundaries are presented for first reading
<b>November 14, 2022</b>	<b>Council Meeting</b> - The new boundaries are presented for final approval
<b>November 2022</b>	The Counties are notified of the adopted changes to the ward boundaries
<b>May 11, 2023</b>	Deadline for new ward boundaries to be completed (no later than 180 days prior to the next regular municipal election) – <i>Article III, Section 3-4 of the City Charter</i>
<b>November 7, 2023</b>	Regular Municipal Election

# Public Comment

## Public Comment Meetings

<b>June 1, 2022</b>	Moorhead Recreation Center (Ward I) – Patio View Room
<b>June 15, 2022</b>	Beck Recreation Center (Ward II) – Ponderosa Room
<b>June 29, 2022</b>	Central Library (Ward III) – Large Community Room
<b>July 13, 2022</b>	Colorado Early Colleges (Ward IV)
<b>July 27, 2022</b>	Central Recreation Center (Ward V)
<b>August 3, 2022</b>	Tallyn’s Reach Library (Ward VI) – TR Community Room

## Engage Aurora

Residents are invited to provide comments, add input on maps and ask questions online at [EngageAurora.org/Redistricting](https://EngageAurora.org/Redistricting) from June 1 through Aug. 3.

The website will offer information on the redistricting process and details about proposed changes, including maps showing how the wards might be adjusted to accommodate changes in the city’s population and the new ward populations should the changes be approved.

## Population Estimate

The population is determined by using the data provided by the Census Bureau combined with all of the certificates of occupancy the city issued.

- **Census Population** - Census Bureau’s Redistricting Count for Colorado, as of April 1, 2020.
- **CO’ed Units** - All of the certificates of occupancy the city issued from April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021.
- **Estimated Population Increase since Census** - Determined by using the Census Bureau’s average household size estimate (2.82) multiplied by the CO’ed units.
- **Estimated New Population** – Determined by adding the April 1, 2020 Census Bureau’s count and the estimated population increase from the CO’ed units.
- **+/- Target Ward Population** – Deviation from the target ward population

	Census Population	CO’ed Units	Population Increase	New Population	+/- Target Ward Population	% Deviation
Ward I	61,520	1,206	3,413	64,933	-2.757	-4.1%
Ward II	65,192	2,459	6,959	72,166	4.476	6.6%
Ward III	64,026	937	2,652	66,678	-1.012	-1.5%
Ward IV	65,553	426	1,206	66,759	-932	-1.4%
Ward V	59,457	76	215	59,672	-8.018	-11.8%
Ward VI	70,571	1,895	5,363	75,934	8.244	12.2%
Total	386,319	6,999	19,807	406,141		

**Total Population: 406,141**

**Target Ward Population (1/6 of total population): 67,690**

## City Code Section 54-5

- a) The city is divided into six wards, numbered consecutively as I, II, III, IV, V and VI. The boundaries of each ward shall be depicted and set forth on the official ward map of the City, a copy of which is on file in the office of the city clerk and incorporated by reference into this chapter. In determining the boundaries established for each ward, whenever a common boundary between wards lies in any public street or right-of-way, the boundary of such wards shall be deemed to go to the centerline of the street.
- b) Ward boundaries within the city shall be reviewed for election years ending in "3" and "9" using the United States Census Data and Community Surveys which update the census data, and, if necessary, the boundaries shall be revised or altered in order to ensure that wards are contiguous, compact, and have approximately the same number of residents.
- c) In the event of significant changes to the population in years ending in numbers other than "3" and "9", the election commission may review the ward boundaries and make recommendations to city council.
- d) In addition to the revisions made to the ward boundaries pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, ward boundaries may be revised or altered as necessary to bring them into conformance with county precinct boundaries.
- e) Notwithstanding any City Code provision(s) to the contrary, an otherwise qualified individual who fails to meet the one-year registered elector and residency status applicable to ward council member elections, shall nevertheless be eligible to run for the office of ward council member when the change in ward boundaries occurs solely as a result of the City Code semi-decennial required ward boundary adjustment.





## Election Commission Meeting Commentary Page

**Item Title:** Legislative Update

**Meeting Date:** 5-17-2022

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### ITEM SUMMARY

#### New Proposed Elections Rules:

- New potential election rules from the Secretary of State's Office have been issued, covering policies regarding ranked choice voting, multilingual ballot access, and security measures. You can find the full list of these [proposed rules here](#).
- All comments on the proposed rules are due in writing before the hearing on Tuesday, May 24. You may attend the meeting in person or watch via the livestream [at this link](#).

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### ACTION PROPOSED

- Approve Item and Move Forward to Study Session
- Approve Item and Move Forward to Regular Meeting
- Information Only