

Resolution establishing an Aldermanic District and Ward Boundary Plan in accordance with Wisconsin Statutes and the 2021 Tentative County Supervisory District Plan.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, pursuant to sec. 5.15, Wis. Stats., the City of La Crosse is required to create ward boundaries and establish aldermanic districts every ten years based upon the federal census in a process called redistricting; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 Federal Decennial Census Data was released on August 16, 2021 establishing a total La Crosse County population of 120,784 and a total City of La Crosse population of 50,869; and

WHEREAS, the first step of the redistricting process is for the La Crosse County Board to adopt a tentative supervisory district plan and the second step is for the City of La Crosse to establish ward boundaries with populations ranging from 800 to 3200 as provided for in sec. 5.15(2)(b)2, Wis. Stats.; and

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2021, the La Crosse County Board adopted a tentative supervisory district plan establishing 30 supervisory districts in the County with 13 of those supervisory districts being within the City of La Crosse municipal boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the City of La Crosse must make a good faith effort in creating wards based on the tentative supervisory plan and each ward shall, as far as practicable, be kept compact and observe the community of interest of existing neighborhoods, be comprised of whole census blocks and shall be contiguous, except for island territory; and

WHEREAS, the City of La Crosse Redistricting Committee has reviewed the tentative supervisory plan and recommends there be ____ aldermanic districts and ____ wards.

WHEREAS, the La Crosse Common Council has the power to determine the number of aldermanic districts pursuant to sec. 62.08, Wis. Stats.; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse that it hereby approves an Aldermanic District and Ward Boundary Plan based on the 2020 Federal Census which complies with federal and state law for the creation of ward boundaries and is in the best interest of the citizens of the City of La Crosse.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk, Senior Planner and City Engineer are hereby authorized to prepare a description of the ward boundaries and designate the polling places for each ward in compliance with state law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to sec. 62.08, Wis. Stats., the City Clerk is directed to prepare and submit to the Common Council an ordinance redistricting the boundaries of the aldermanic districts based upon the Aldermanic District and Ward Boundary Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is authorized to transmit said Aldermanic District and Ward Boundary Plan to La Crosse County for the final phase of the local redistricting process which is to adopt a final supervisory district plan.