

2012R-001
RESOLUTION
of the
MINNEAPOLIS CHARTER COMMISSION

WHEREAS, in accordance with Minneapolis Charter, Chapter 1, Section 3, the Charter Commission and an Advisory Group of nine members, collectively known as the Redistricting Group, were tasked with drawing the boundary lines for the thirteen City of Minneapolis wards; and

WHEREAS, the population in each ward must not be more than 5 percent over or under the average ward population; and

WHEREAS, the thirteen wards in the attached City of Minneapolis Ward Boundary Plan are not more than 5 percent over or under the average ward population; and

WHEREAS, the population of the City of Minneapolis wards shall be determined by using the official population, as stated by census tracts and blocks of the 2010 United States Census; and

WHEREAS, the population of City of Minneapolis wards was determined by the Redistricting Group by using the official population, as stated by census tracts and blocks of the 2010 United States Census; and

WHEREAS, each ward must be contiguous, compact territory not more than twice as long as it is wide, provided the existence of any lake within any ward shall not be contrary to this provision; and

WHEREAS, the thirteen wards in the attached City of Minneapolis Ward Boundary Plan are each contiguous, compact territory not more than twice as long as it is wide, provided the existence of any lake within any ward shall not be contrary to this provision; and

WHEREAS, wherever possible, ward boundary lines shall follow the centerline of streets, avenues, alleys and boulevards and as nearly as practicable, shall run due East and West or North and South; and

WHEREAS, the thirteen wards in the attached City of Minneapolis Ward Boundary Plan follow the centerline of streets, avenues, alleys and boulevards and as nearly as practicable, run due East and West or North and South; and

WHEREAS, neighborhoods were required to be solicited for their input on the proposed Minneapolis ward map that was published for the March 20 and 21, 2012, public hearings; and

WHEREAS, neighborhoods were solicited for their input on the March 20 and 21, 2012, Minneapolis ward map and the Minneapolis ward map that was presented at the February 29, 2012, and March 1, 2012, public hearings; and

WHEREAS, the Charter Commission adopted the Procedural Rules for the Redistricting Group and the Recommended Principles for Redistricting Minneapolis Wards and Park Districts after the 2010 Census; and

WHEREAS, according to the Procedural Rules for the Redistricting Group and the Recommended Principles for Redistricting Minneapolis Wards and Park Districts after the 2010 Census, the Redistricting group was to consider keeping communities of interest together in one ward, whenever possible, where such communities of interest include similar social, geographic, political, cultural, ethnic, economic, and other interests; and

WHEREAS, the Redistricting Group considered keeping communities of interest in one ward, whenever possible; and

WHEREAS, according to the Procedural Rules for the Redistricting Group and the Recommended Principles for Redistricting Minneapolis Wards and Park Districts after the 2010 Census, the Redistricting group was required to participate in redistricting on a non-partisan basis; and

WHEREAS, the Redistricting Group performed its work on a non-partisan basis; and

WHEREAS, the Redistricting Group was given training in October 2011 by the Office of the Minneapolis City Attorney on the legal requirements for accomplishing the redistricting of City of Minneapolis wards; and

WHEREAS, the Charter Commission was required to hold four public hearings to receive public input on proposed boundary lines for the thirteen wards, with a seven day notice before each hearing; and

WHEREAS, four such public hearings were properly noticed and held in Minneapolis on the following dates and times and at the following locations:

Wednesday, February 29, 2012 5 – 7 p.m. Webber Community Center 4400 Dupont Avenue North	Thursday, March 1, 2012 5 – 7 p.m. Hosmer Library 347 E. 36th Street
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Tuesday, March 20, 2012 5 – 7 p.m. Sabathani Community Center 310 E. 38th Street	Wednesday, March 21, 2012 5 – 7 p.m. Urban Research & Outreach Engagement Center 2001 Plymouth Avenue North; and
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WHEREAS, the Redistricting Group has recommended that the Charter Commission approve the attached City of Minneapolis Ward Boundary Plan, which consists of the attached maps, ward population data, and ward statistics.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Charter Commission hereby approves the City of Minneapolis Ward Boundary Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Chair of the Charter Commission, or his designee, is directed to file the City of Minneapolis Ward Boundary Plan with the City Clerk of and for the City of Minneapolis.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City of Minneapolis Ward Boundary Plan shall be deemed completed when approved by a majority of Charter Commissioners voting at the Special Charter Commission meeting of March 27, 2012, and filed with the City Clerk of and for the City of Minneapolis.

CHARTER COMMISSIONER	AYE	NAY	NOT VOTING	ABSENT
CLEGG				
COHEN				
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DOLAN				
FERRARA				
GERDES				
JOHNSON				
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ATTEST _____
 CLERK TO THE CHARTER COMMISSION

 BARRY CLEGG, CHAIR

 DATE