2016 Colorado Springs City Clerk Redistricting Council Districts

Process and Timeline

April 11, 2016

Sarah Johnson, City Clerk

Redrawing the Boundaries

o City Charter Requires the City Clerk redraw the boundaries

City Charter Article II. Elective Officers

2-10(b) Districts

o At least 120 days but no more than 150 days prior to a preliminary district election

o Every Four (4) years

The City Clerk Process

- Release a preliminary district report
- Conduct a public hearing on the preliminary district report
- Prepare a final district report on the setting the district boundaries

District Requirements

o Districts Must be:

  o Substantially equal in population

  o Contiguous

  o Comply with Voting Rights Act and other pertinent laws

o Plan does NOT have to be approved by the Mayor or City Council

Districting Process Advisory Committee
(City Council Appointed)

o Role

    o Oversee the public process

    o Educate the public

    o Assist the City Clerk

    o Advise City Council on the districting process

    City Code Section 5.1.401 through 5.1.408

Districting Process Advisory Committee Selection Process

o City Council Appoints Seven Committee Members

o One member from each district and one member at-large

Districting Process Advisory Committee Selection Process

o Members must be registered electors of the City

o Council must strive for gender, racial, ethnic, age and geographic diversity of the committee members

o A person interested in being a candidate for a district council member shall not serve on the committee.

Responsibilities of the Advisory Committee

o Conduct one public meeting in each of the six election districts to solicit input for the City Clerk

o Prepare a preliminary Advisory Committee Report and submit to the City Clerk and City Council

o Prepare a final Advisory Committee report and submit to City Council after the City Clerk releases the final district report

City Charter and Code Citations

o City Charter

   o Article II. Elective Officers

   o 2-10(b) Districts

City Charter and Code Citations

o City Code
  o 5.1.401: Legislative Declaration
  o 5.1.402: Advisory Committee Created
  o 5.1.403: Election District Considerations
  o 5.1.404: Public Process
  o 5.1.406: Protests
  o 5.1.407: Final District Report
  o 5.1.408: Advisory Committee Report to City Council

Questions?