

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MEMPHIS CITY COUNCIL ESTABLISHING THE  
2022 REDISTRICTING AD HOC COMMITTEE**

**WHEREAS**, the Memphis City Council believes free and equal representation is the best, if not the only, foundation upon which a free government can be built; and

**WHEREAS**, the framers of the United States Constitution chose to use population, by way of the United States Census, as the basis for said free and equal representation; and

**WHEREAS**, for this reason, the United States Census exists as a cornerstone of our democracy, used – among other purposes – to apportion representatives in Congress, to allocate electoral votes among the States, and to draw Congressional, State, and Municipal districts – like those used by this legislative body; and

**WHEREAS**, *Tennessee Code Annotated*, Section 6-54-102 provides that municipalities may redistrict into new wards whenever, for proper reasons, they deem expedient so to do; the newly released 2020 United States Census data providing proper reasons; and

**WHEREAS**, with that in mind, the Memphis City Council now seeks to move forward with the work of reapportioning districts to ensure that members represent substantially equal populations based upon the 2020 United States Census data.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Memphis City Council hereby establishes the 2022 Redistricting Ad Hoc Committee; that:

**SECTION 1.** The 2022 Redistricting Ad Hoc Committee is a Committee of the Whole composed of the thirteen present Memphis City Council members to ensure representation from all council members regarding the reapportionment of the 13-member districts based upon the 2020 United States Census data.

**SECTION 2.** The 2022 Redistricting Ad Hoc Committee shall elect a Chair and Vice Chair at its first meeting, with the current Council Chairman leading the Ad Hoc Committee until said time.

**SECTION 3.** Council Attorney Allan Wade, the Election Commission Administrator, or the Election Commission Deputy Administrator, are designated as non-voting members of this Ad Hoc Committee.

**SECTION 4.** The 2022 Redistricting Ad Hoc Committee shall submit its final suggested redistricting plans to the Memphis City Council no later than the 22nd day of January 2022; this resolution shall take effect from and after its passage, the welfare of the City requiring it.

**Sponsor:**  
Councilwoman Michalyn Easter-Thomas