



## STAFF REPORT

**Report To:** Board of Supervisors **Meeting Date:** July 21, 2022

**Staff Contact:** Stephanie Hicks, Deputy City Manager

**Agenda Title:** For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action regarding a recommendation of the Charter Review Committee to amend section 1.060(3) of the Carson City Charter to remove the deadline for realignment of ward boundaries. (Jason Woodbury, jwoodbury@carson.org and Stephanie Hicks, shicks@carson.org)

Staff Summary: Section 1.060(3) of the Carson City Charter sets the deadline for the realignment of ward boundaries for January 1 preceding the next general election after a significant change in the population of a ward has taken place or after the receipt of decennial US Census Bureau data. This amendment seeks to remove that deadline to allow for more flexibility in the ward realignment process.

**Agenda Action:** Formal Action / Motion **Time Requested:** 5 min

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### Proposed Motion

I move to accept the recommendation as presented and direct staff to include the amendment in a bill draft request for the 2023 Nevada Legislative Session.

### Board's Strategic Goal

Efficient Government

### Previous Action

N/A

### Background/Issues & Analysis

Section 1.060(3) of the Carson City Charter stipulates that the Board of Supervisors shall realign ward boundaries on or before January 1 preceding the next general election after receipt of national decennial census data or if the population of a ward has changed significantly in relation to the other wards. This amendment seeks to remove the January 1 requirement, which does not exist anywhere else in statute, to give the Board of Supervisors more flexibility in the redistricting process.

### Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation

Carson City Charter §1.060(3)

### Financial Information

Is there a fiscal impact? No

If yes, account name/number:

Is it currently budgeted?

**Explanation of Fiscal Impact:**

**Alternatives**

Do not accept the proposed amendment as recommended by the Charter Review Committee.

**Attachments:**

[Section\\_1.060\\_Proposed\\_Amendment\\_\\_FINAL\\_.pdf](#)

**Board Action Taken:**

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_

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- 2) \_\_\_\_\_

Aye/Nay

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**Sec. 1.060 Wards: Creation; boundaries.**

1. Carson City must be divided into four wards~~[, which]~~. **Each ward** must be as nearly equal in population as can be conveniently provided, and the territory comprising each ward must be contiguous.

2. The boundaries of wards must be established and realigned, if necessary, by ordinance, passed by a vote of at least three-fifths of the Board of Supervisors.

3. ~~[The]~~ **Subject to the limitation set forth in subsection 4, the** Board shall realign ~~[any such]~~ **the** boundaries ~~[on or before January 1 preceding the next general election at which Supervisors are to be elected, if reliable]~~ **of wards whenever:**

**(a) Reliable** evidence indicates that the population in any ward exceeds the population in any other ward by more than 5 ~~[percent. In any case, the Board shall reconsider the boundaries of the wards upon the receipt of the necessary information from the]~~ **percent; or**

**(b) The population in any ward exceeds the population in any other ward by more than 5 percent, as determined by the** preceding national decennial census conducted by the Bureau of the Census of the United States Department of Commerce.

**4. In any year in which a general election is held, the Board:**

**(a) May not realign the boundaries of wards during the period beginning 30 days immediately preceding the first day for filing a declaration of candidacy by a candidate for nonjudicial office and ending on the date of the general election.**

**(b) May realign the boundaries of wards at any time before the first day for filing a declaration of candidacy by a candidate for nonjudicial office if any circumstance causes the realignment of boundaries of wards in the time prescribed by paragraph (a) to be impossible or impracticable.**