

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING) ORDINANCE NO. 11-1258
CRITERIA FOR METRO COUNCIL DISTRICT)
REAPPORTIONMENT AND DECLARING AN) Introduced by Councilor Barbara Roberts
EMERGENCY)

WHEREAS, Section 31(1) of the Metro Charter establishes the minimum criteria for reapportionment of Council districts, requiring such districts as nearly as practicable to be of equal population and to be contiguous and geographically compact; and

WHEREAS, Section 31(1) of the Metro Charter further provides that the Council may by ordinance specify additional criteria for districts that are consistent with this section;

WHEREAS, Metro has received data compiled by the 2010 U.S. Census; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Council wishes to set forth the criteria to be used in reapportionment of Council districts; now therefore

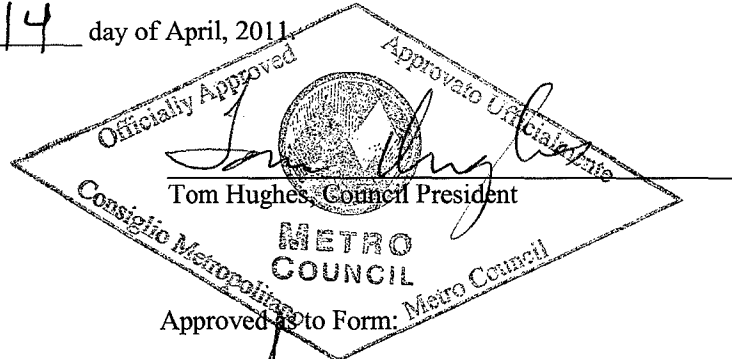
THE METRO COUNCIL ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

In addition to the criteria for council district reapportionment contained in Section 31(1) of the Metro Charter, which requires that “as nearly as practicable, all council districts shall be of equal population and shall be contiguous and geographically compact,” the Council also specifies each of the following additional criteria in developing an apportionment plan:

1. The apportionment shall comply with all applicable federal and state laws pertinent to voting rights of electors.
2. No council district shall vary in population more than five percent (5.0%) from the average population of the district. “Average population” shall be that amount equal to one-sixth of the total Metro area population based on the data compiled by the 2010 U.S. Census. The maximum variance of five percent shall be construed to mean that no district may be more than five percent larger or more than five percent smaller in population than the average population.
3. While observing the maximum five percent population variance based on the 2010 census data required in Section (2) of this Ordinance, the Council shall make every effort to create districts with population variances of zero percent (0.0%) based on the data compiled by the 2010 US Census.
4. In developing the reapportionment plan, the Council shall give consideration to existing precincts and, to the maximum extent possible after meeting all other applicable criteria, shall maintain communities of interest. Such communities of interest are represented in cities under 15,000 in population, regional centers, town centers, school districts, established neighborhood associations, neighborhood planning organizations, community planning and participation organizations and other similar groups as specifically defined by the Metro Council.

5. This ordinance being necessary for the health, safety and welfare of the Metro area for the reason that the work of reapportionment proceed without delay as stipulated in the Metro Charter, an emergency is declared to exist, and this ordinance shall take effect immediately pursuant to Metro Charter Section 38(1).

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 14 day of April, 2011

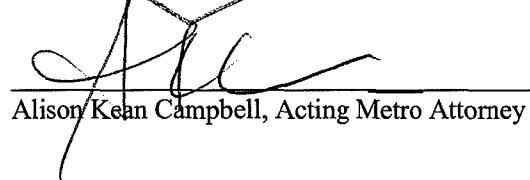


Attest:



Kelsey Newell, Recorder

Approved Photo Form:



Alison Kean Campbell, Acting Metro Attorney

STAFF REPORT

IN CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 11-1258, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING CRITERIA FOR METRO COUNCIL DISTRICT REAPPORTIONMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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BACKGROUND

If adopted, this ordinance would establish criteria to reapportion Metro Council districts. The Metro Charter, Section 31(1) establishes minimum criteria for reapportionment of Council districts, requiring that districts be nearly and practicably equal population and geographically compact. Section 31(1) of the Metro Charter also states that the Council may by ordinance add or subtract criteria to be used throughout the apportionment process.

Metro has received data compiled by the 2010 U.S. census, thus kicking off the 2011 reapportionment process by way of inconsistencies in population throughout districts (i.e. District 4 experienced a 9.75% population increase while District 2 experienced a decline of 7.33%). The Metro Charter specifies that Council districts be reapportioned within three months following the receipt of updated census data should such discrepancies exist.

This ordinance sets forth criteria to be used in reapportioning Council districts for 2011. In addition to criteria used in Section 31(1) of the Metro Charter, which requires that "...as nearly as practicable, all council districts shall be of equal population and shall be contiguous and geographically compact," the Council, subject to adopting this ordinance, also sets each of the following criteria as parameters in developing an apportionment plan:

1. The apportionment shall comply with all applicable federal and state laws.
2. No council district shall vary in population more than five percent from the average population of the district. "Average population" is defined as an amount equal to one-sixth of the total Metro area population compiled by the 2010 U.S. Census.
3. The Council shall make every effort to create districts with population variances of zero percent.
4. In developing the reapportionment plan, the Council should give consideration to existing precincts, and reasonably maintain communities of interest. Such communities of interest, as deemed priorities of the Metro Council, include:
 - Cities under 15, 000 in population
 - Regional centers
 - Town centers
 - School districts
 - Established neighborhood associations
 - Neighborhood planning organizations
 - Community planning and participation organizations
 - Similar groups as specifically defined by the Metro Council

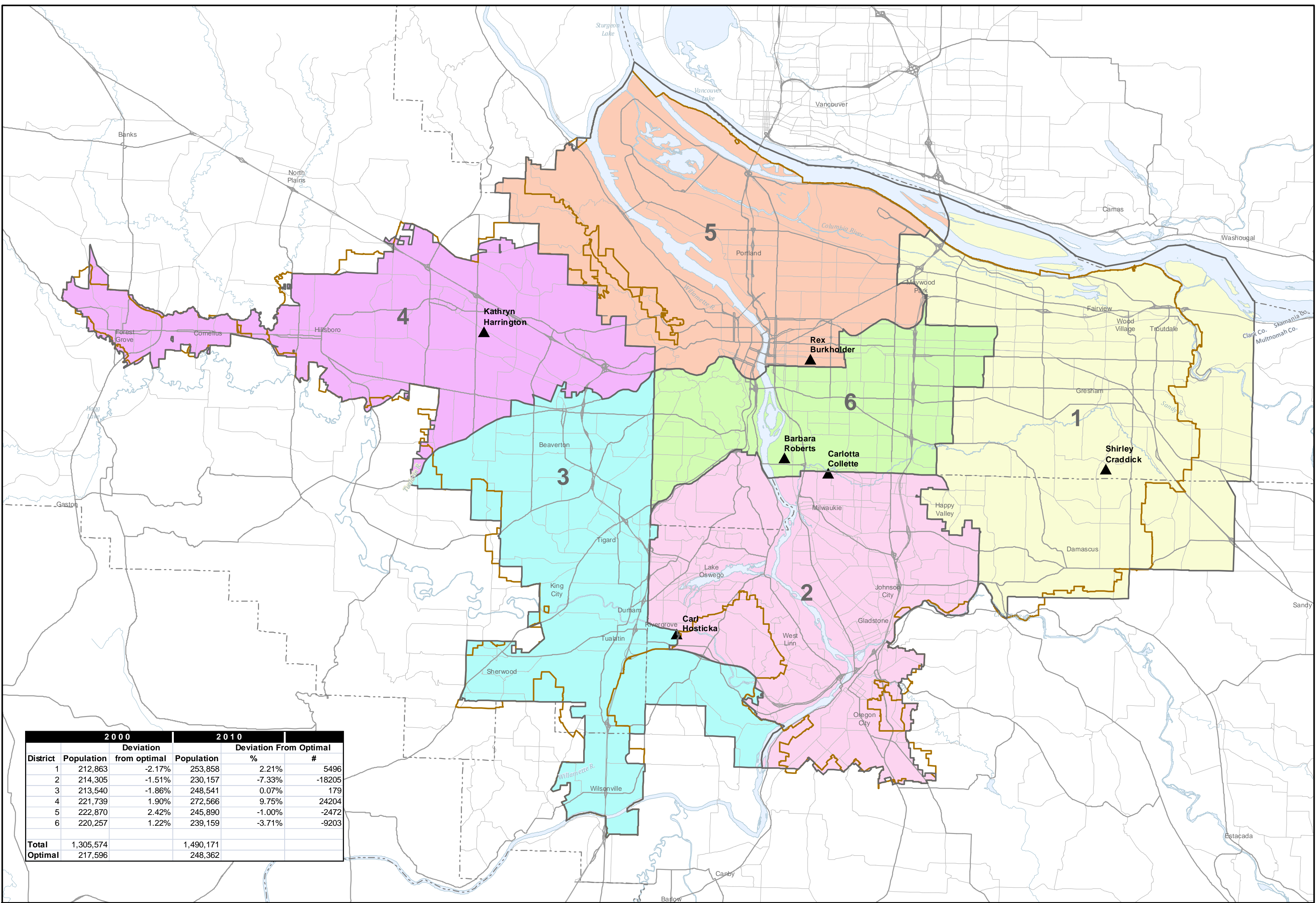
Once adopted, this ordinance would take effect immediately. Staff will follow this ordinance with proposed map options for reapportionment, to be adopted by separate ordinance.

ANALYSIS/INFORMATION

- 1. Known Opposition** None currently identified.
- 2. Legal Antecedents**
- 3. Anticipated Effects** This ordinance does not reapportion Metro districts; instead it sets criteria to be used in the reapportionment process. Reapportionment of districts will be adopted by separate ordinance.
- 4. Budget Impacts** No major impacts except for staff time and resources.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

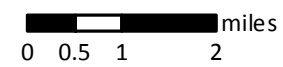
Metro staff recommend adoption of Ordinance No. 11-1258.



District	2000		2010		Deviaton From Optimal %	#
	Population	Deviaton from optimal	Population			
1	212,863	-2.17%	253,858	2.21%	5496	
2	214,305	-1.51%	230,157	-7.33%	-18205	
3	213,540	-1.86%	248,541	0.07%	179	
4	221,739	1.90%	272,566	9.75%	24204	
5	222,870	2.42%	245,890	-1.00%	-2472	
6	220,257	1.22%	239,159	-3.71%	-9203	
Total	1,305,574		1,490,171			
Optimal	217,596		248,362			

Metro Council Districts

Metro Jurisdictional Boundary and Urban Growth Boundary



- Current council home location
- Urban growth boundary
- County Boundaries



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Attachment 2 to Ordinance No. 11-1258

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General Overview

