

**Town of Thompson's Station  
Board of Mayor and Aldermen  
Work Session Meeting Agenda  
May 11, 2021 6:00 p.m.**

**1. Census/Redistricting/Wards:**

Guest:

Gary Jaeckel, Municipal Management Consultant – MTAS

Chad Gray, Election Administrator Williamson County, TN

Attachment: Wards & Redistricting for the Town of Thompson's Station  
Presentation

Documents:

[BOMA WORK SESSION PRESENTATION WARDS AND REDISTRICTING  
THOMPSON STATION.PDF](#)

*This meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. at Thompson's Station Community Center  
1555 Thompson's Station Road West*

# Wards and Redistricting City of Thompson's Station



**A GUIDE TO LOCAL  
REDISTRICTING IN TENNESSEE**  
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# Having Multiple Wards

- The requirements for Wards are found in the City Charter
  - TCA 6-3-102 (for cities that incorporated prior to June 30, 1991)
  - By Ordinance, may increase/decrease # of wards from 1 - 8
  - By Ordinance, may increase/decrease # of Aldermen from 2 - 8



# General Requirements for Wards

- Equal Population – One Person, One Vote
- The Ten-Percent Standard
- Minority Representation



# Drawing Lines -Legal Considerations

## Federal VRA

- Section 2 of the federal Voting Rights Act prohibits electoral systems which dilute racial and language minority voting rights by denying them an equal opportunity to nominate and elect candidates of their choice.
- “Language minorities” are specifically defined in federal law. Creation of minority districts required only if the minority group can form the majority in a single member district that otherwise complies with the law. *Bartlett v. Strickland*, 556 U.S. 1 (2009)

# Redistricting and Census Information

2010 Population 1,324

Ideal population per ward is 331

DISTRICT	NUMCOMS	DEVIATION	% DEVIATION	TOTALPOP	WHPOP	% WHPOP	BLPOP	% BLPOP	OTHERPOP	% OTHERPOP	HISPOP	% HISPOP
1	2	-68	-20.5%	263	224	85.2%	34	12.9%	5	1.9%	0	0%
2	2	-90	-27.2%	241	226	93.8%	11	4.6%	4	1.7%	1	0.4%
3	2	163	49.2%	494	429	86.8%	42	8.5%	23	4.7%	4	0.8%
4	2	-5	-1.5%	326	314	96.3%	0	0%	12	3.7%	9	2.8%

	Ward 1	Ward 2	Ward 3	Ward 4	Total Population (current)
Now	263	241	487	326	1,317
w/Changes	330	332	325	330	1,317







# Steps in the Process

- Determine Number of Wards
- Receive 2020 Census Data (Sept. 30, 2021)
- Determine Boundaries of Wards meeting Legal requirements
- Adoption process for Ordinance approving Ward boundary descriptions
- Notify the Election Commission Administrator of Ordinance Adoption\*\*



Other Questions?



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