



Allegheny County Council

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An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending the Administrative Code of Allegheny County, Article 301, entitled “County Council,” §5-301.03, entitled “County Council districts,” in order to provide for the reapportionment of Council districts within Allegheny County.

Whereas, Article IX, §11 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, the Pennsylvania Municipal Reapportionment Act, 53 P.S. §901, *et. seq.*, and the Administrative Code of Allegheny County, §5-301.03, all require that Allegheny County conclude a reapportionment of Council districts no later than one year after the finalization of decennial census data relating to the County; and

Whereas, the United States Census released final data relating to Allegheny County on August 12, 2021; and

Whereas, it is the judgment of Council that the following reapportionment structure provides for uniformity among Council district population, establishes compact and contiguous districts and avoids unnecessary division of any municipality among multiple Council districts, while maintaining continuity among the various municipalities and Council districts within the County;

The Council of the County of Allegheny hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Amendment of the Code.

The Administrative Code of Allegheny County, Article 301, entitled “County Council,” §5-301.03, entitled “County Council districts,” is hereby amended as follows:

§5-301.03. County Council districts.

A. The County Council Districts shall be as follows:

- (1) District No. 1: ~~Aleppo Township, Ben Avon Borough, Ben Avon Heights Borough, Coraopolis Borough, Emsworth Borough, Findlay Township, Glenfield Borough, Glen Osborne Borough, Haysville Borough, Kilbuck Township, Moon Township, North Fayette Township, Ross Township, and West View Borough.~~
Avalon Borough, Ben Avon Borough, Ben Avon Heights Borough, Crescent Township, Emsworth Borough, Findlay Township, Glenfield Borough, Glen Osborne Borough, Haysville Borough, Kilbuck Township, Moon Township, Neville Township, Ohio Township, Ross Township and West View Borough.

- (2) District No. 2: ~~Bell Acres Borough, Bradford Woods Borough, Crescent Township, Edgeworth~~

~~Borough, Franklin Park Borough, Leet Township, Leetsdale Borough, Marshall Township, McCandless Township, Ohio Township, Pine Township, Richland Township, Sewickley Borough, Sewickley Heights Borough and Sewickley Hills Borough.~~

Aleppo Township, Bell Acres Borough, Bradford Woods Borough, Edgeworth Borough, Franklin Park Borough, Leet Township, Leetsdale Borough, Marshall Township, McCandless Township, Pine Township, Richland Township, Sewickley Borough, Sewickley Heights Borough, and Sewickley Hills Borough.

- (3) District No. 3: ~~Aspinwall Borough, Etna Borough, Fox Chapel Borough, Hampton Township, Indiana Township, Millvale Borough, O'Hara Township, Reserve Township, Shaler Township, Sharpsburg Borough and West Deer Township.~~

Aspinwall Borough, Etna Borough, Fox Chapel Borough, Hampton Township, Indiana Township, Millvale Borough, O'Hara Township, Reserve Township, Shaler Township, Sharpsburg Borough and West Deer Township.

- (4) District No. 4: ~~Avalon Borough, Carnegie Borough, Collier Township, Crafton Borough, Heidelberg Borough, Kennedy Township, McDonald Borough, McKees Rocks Borough, Neville Township, Oakdale Borough, Pennsbury Village Borough, Robinson Township, Scott Township, South Fayette Township, Stowe Township and Thornburg Borough,~~

Carnegie Borough, Collier Township, Coraopolis Borough, Kennedy Township, McDonald Borough, McKees Rocks Borough, North Fayette Township, Oakdale Borough, Pennsbury Village Borough, Robinson Township, South Fayette Township, Stowe Township, and Thornburg Borough.

- (5) District No. 5: ~~Bethel Park Municipality, Bridgeville Borough, Mount Lebanon Township and Upper St. Clair Township.~~

Bethel Park Municipality, Dormont Borough, Mount Lebanon Township and Upper St. Clair Township.

- (6) District No. 6: ~~Baldwin Borough, Baldwin Township, Brentwood Borough, Castle Shannon Borough, Clairton City, Elizabeth Borough, Jefferson Hills Borough, Pleasant Hills Borough, South Park Township, West Elizabeth Borough, Whitehall Borough.~~

Baldwin Borough, Baldwin Township, Brentwood Borough, Castle Shannon Borough, Clairton City, Jefferson Hills Borough, Pleasant Hills Borough, South Park Township and Whitehall Borough.

- (7) District No. 7: ~~Blawnox Borough, Brackenridge Borough, Cheswick Borough, Churchill Borough, East Deer Township, Fawn Township, Frazer Township, Harmar Township, Harrison Township, Oakmont Borough, Penn Hills Township, Springdale Borough, Springdale Township, Tarentum Borough, Verona Borough, Wilkins Township.~~

Blawnox Borough, Brackenridge Borough, Chalfant Borough, Cheswick Borough, Churchill Borough, East Deer Township, Fawn Township, Frazer Township, Harmar Township, Harrison Township, Oakmont Borough, Penn Hills Township, Springdale Borough, Springdale Township, Tarentum Borough, Verona Borough, and Wilkins Township.

- (8) District No. 8: ~~Braddock Borough, Braddock Hills Borough, Chalfant Borough, East McKeesport Borough, East Pittsburgh Borough, Edgewood Borough, Monroeville Municipality, North Braddock Borough, Pitcairn Borough, Plum Borough, Rankin Borough, Swissvale Borough, Trafford Borough, Turtle Creek Borough, Wall Borough, Whitaker Borough and Wilmerding Borough.~~

Braddock Borough, East McKeesport Borough, East Pittsburgh Borough, Monroeville Municipality, North Braddock Borough, North Versailles Township, Pitcairn Borough, Plum Borough, Rankin Borough, Swissvale Borough, Trafford Borough, Turtle Creek Borough, Wall Borough and Wilmerding Borough.

- (9) District No. 9: ~~Dravosburg Borough, Duquesne City, Elizabeth Township, Forward Township, Glassport Borough, Liberty Borough, Lincoln Borough, McKeesport City, North Versailles Township, Port Vue Borough, South Versailles Township, Versailles Borough, West Mifflin Borough and White Oak Borough.~~

Dravosburg Borough, Duquesne City, Elizabeth Borough, Elizabeth Township, Forward Township, Glassport Borough, Liberty Borough, Lincoln Borough, McKeesport City, Munhall Borough, Port Vue Borough, South Versailles Township, Versailles Borough, West Elizabeth Borough, West Mifflin Borough, Whitaker Borough, White Oak Borough.

- (10) District No. 10: ~~City of Pittsburgh Wards 3, 4, 5, 8, 11, 12 and 13, Forest Hills Borough and Wilkinsburg Borough.~~

Braddock Hills Borough, City of Pittsburgh Wards 3, 4, 5, 8, 11, 12 and 13, Edgewood Borough, Forest Hills Borough, and Wilkinsburg Borough.

- (11) District No. 11: ~~Homestead Borough, Munhall Borough, City of Pittsburgh Wards 7, 14, 15, 16, 31 and West Homestead Borough.~~

City of Pittsburgh Wards 7, 14, 15, 16, 29 and 31, Homestead Borough, Mount Oliver Borough, and West Homestead Borough.

- (12) District No.12: ~~Dormont Borough, Green Tree Borough, Ingram Borough, Mount Oliver Borough, Pittsburgh Wards 19, 20, 28, 29, 30 and 32 and Rosslyn Farms Borough.~~

Bridgeville Borough, City of Pittsburgh Wards 19, 20, 28 and 32, Crafton Borough, Green Tree Borough, Heidelberg Borough, Ingram Borough, Rosslyn Farms Borough, and Scott Township.

- (13) District No. 13: ~~Bellevue Borough and City of Pittsburgh Wards 1, 2, 6, 9, 10, 17, 18, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27.~~

Bellevue Borough and City of Pittsburgh Wards 1, 2, 6, 9, 10, 17, 18, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 30.

B. Reapportionment of Council districts. It shall be the mandatory duty of Council to reapportion the County Council districts within one year after the official and final publication of the population of the County by the United States Bureau of the Census at each decennial census. The reapportionment of the councilmatic districts shall be done in the following manner: each district shall be composed of compact and contiguous territories as nearly equal in population as practicable as officially reported in the Federal Census. Unless absolutely necessary, no city, borough, township or ward shall be divided in forming councilmatic districts. No city block shall be divided into more than one district. A municipality shall be divided into as few County Council districts as possible. The number of wards whose territory is divided into more than one Council district shall be as small as possible. The aggregate length of all Council district boundaries shall be as short as reasonably practicable. No "election district," as that term is defined in the Pennsylvania Election Code, shall be divided into more than one district. At the expiration of the one-year period, if Council shall have failed to reapportion the councilmatic districts, then the reapportionment shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Pennsylvania Municipal Reapportionment Act, 53 Pa.C.S.A. § 901 et seq. If the mandatory reapportionment results in a County Council member being placed out of the district from which he was elected, then the County Council member shall be permitted to complete his term of office.

Section 3. Effective Date.

The provisions of this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon the date of final approval.

Section 4. Severability. If any provision of this Ordinance shall be determined to be unlawful, invalid, void or unenforceable, then that provision shall be considered severable from the remaining provisions of this Ordinance which shall be in full force and effect.

Section 5. Repealer. Any Resolution or Ordinance or part thereof conflicting with the provisions of this Ordinance is hereby repealed so far as the same affects this Ordinance.