

Resolution No. 1467

A Resolution of the Broken Arrow City Council providing for a change in the Boundaries of wards within the City of Broken Arrow and finding that said change is necessary due to the increase in the City's population and the disproportionality of the ward population.

WHEREAS, based on the recently released census data, the City of Broken Arrow population in April 2020, was published to be 113,540 and

WHEREAS, this is an increase of 14,690 residents, or 14.8 percent over the year 2010 population of 98,850 and

WHEREAS, by statute, municipalities are mandated to balance the ward boundaries following the release of the census figures; and

WHEREAS, federal law requires ward boundaries to meet the Voting Rights Act requirements; and

WHEREAS, ward boundary lines should also be based upon major physical features, such as rivers, expressways or arterial streets to the extent possible; and

WHEREAS, ward boundaries should also follow precinct boundaries or re-assignment of population and precincts between council wards; and

WHEREAS, ward boundaries should also be placed as much as possible, on arterial streets and collector streets, and platted neighborhoods should be maintained within a single ward avoiding displacement of traditional neighborhood boundaries; and

WHEREAS, percentage deviation among wards to approximately five percent (5%) or less should also be maintained and ideally, ward boundaries should have twenty-five percent (25%) of the City's population; and

WHEREAS, geographical contiguity with previous ward boundaries should be maintained as much as possible; and

WHEREAS, following the 2020 census, the City of Broken Arrow's population was determined to be 113,540 people; and

WHEREAS, an equal distribution of the population within each of the four districts would be about 28,385 people; and

WHEREAS, the current distribution of that population by council district is as follows:

Council District	Current (2020) Population	Deviation from the Average
1	29,102	+717
2	27,078	-1,307
3	30,483	+2,098
4	26,877	-1,508

WHEREAS, Council District 3 is currently the most populated with 2,098 people more than the average district size and Council District 4 is below the average district size by 1,508 people: and

WHEREAS, the difference between the highest and the lowest district compared to the average district size of 28,385 puts the overall deviation for the current plan at 12.7%; and

WHEREAS, based on criteria established for redistricting following Federal, State and City guidelines, Staff and the Ward Boundary Advisory Panel studied several boundary alignments; and

WHEREAS, the proposed alignment identified on the boundary map attached hereto as Plan A meets all criteria; and

WHEREAS, staff and the Ward Boundary Advisory Panel is recommending that the City Council consider realignment of the proposed Broken Arrow Wards and maps.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROKEN ARROW that a change in the ward boundaries is necessary due to the increase in the City's population and the disproportionality of ward population.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a change in the boundaries of the wards of the City of Broken Arrow is hereby proposed.

APPROVED AND PASSED in open meeting by the City Council of the City of Broken Arrow on this 20th day of June 2022.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney