

REVIEW OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2011 PROPOSED BUDGET

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The City Charter requires that the City be redistricted at least once every 10 years, and no later than nine months following the receipts of final Federal Decennial Census information.

On January 22, 2010, the City Clerk issued a memorandum to apprise the Mayor and the City Council of preparation that will be needed to form and operate the 2010 Redistricting Commission.

Per the City Charter, the Redistricting Commission shall be composed of seven members, who shall be appointed by the Presiding Judge of the Municipal (Superior) Court, or other appointing authority as provided for in Charter Section 5.1. The City Clerk will solicit nominations for appointment to the Redistricting Commission beginning July 1.

It is anticipated that there will be certain costs in FY 2011 associated with the redistricting process. The City Charter stipulates that the Commission shall hire a chief of staff, who shall serve at the Commission's pleasure and contract for needed staff, technical consultants and services, utilizing City staff to the extent possible.

In addition, the Charter requires a minimum of four preliminary pre-districting public meetings and a minimum of three final plan public meetings in various geographic areas of the City. The Commission "shall make every reasonable effort to afford maximum public access."

Following the completion of its work in 2000, the former Redistricting Commission issued additional recommendations to consider that may have budgetary impact. These include:

- In addition to the chief of staff, hiring a full-time Technical Specialist and Secretary;
- Hiring a Community Outreach/Public Information Specialist position;
- Appointing a liaison prior to the hiring of the chief of staff to assist with early operating decisions;
- Contracting for private recorder/transcription services;
- Hiring outside expert redistricting counsel;
- Securing office space, furniture, equipment and supplies for the sole use of the Commission.

The FY 2011 Proposed Budget does not include funding to support the redistricting process. While the total cost of redistricting is currently unknown, it may be in the range of several hundred thousand dollars depending on the level of support required. Per the City Charter, the Commission shall adopt a budget within 60 days of being appointed, and forward it to Council for consideration. Additional funding will need to be identified for this purpose.