

SCOPE OF WORK

The Districting Master shall prepare for consideration by the Districting Committee a districting proposal responsive to 2020 Census data and consistent with the following provisions of the Pierce County Charter:

Section 4.40 -- District Boundaries

The boundaries of each district shall correspond as nearly as practicable with the boundaries of election precincts and shall be drawn to produce districts with compact and contiguous territory, composed of geographic units and natural communities, which are approximately equal in population.

Section 4.50 -- Districting Committee

Within 60 days after the 1980, and each succeeding Federal census is published, a 5-member districting committee shall be appointed. The Council shall appoint four persons to the Committee, two from each major political party, from a list of five submitted by the party's central committee, the four to appoint the fifth, who shall serve as the Chair. Members of the Districting Committee shall serve without salary, but shall be compensated for expenses. The Districting Committee shall, within 30 days of its appointment, meet and appoint a Districting Master who shall be qualified by education, training, and experience to draw a redistricting plan. If a Districting Committee is unable to agree upon the appointment of a Districting Master within 30 days, the Council shall appoint a Districting master within 30 days thereafter.

Section 4.60 -- Districting Plan

Within two months after appointment, the Districting Master shall draw a districting plan for the County which shall be submitted to the Committee for adoption. The Districting Committee shall adopt the districting plan within 15 days as submitted, or as amended by four affirmative votes of the committee members. If the districting plan is neither adopted nor modified within 15 days after submission, the plan shall be deemed adopted. The plan, upon adoption, shall be filed with the filing officer by the Districting Committee. The plan shall become effective upon filing.

Unless otherwise directed by the Committee, the Districting Master shall communicate with its members only during meetings of the Committee, except that the Districting Master may communicate at any time with the Chair of the Committee, its Clerk or its legal counsel.

The Districting Master shall attend all meetings of the Committee unless excused in advance by the Committee.

The Districting Master shall submit draft districting plan(s) pursuant to the schedule adopted by the Committee, and shall submit a final districting plan within two months of appointment as required by Section 4.60 of the Pierce County Charter. Time is of the essence. The final plan will consist of detailed maps and legal descriptions of the seven county council districts, and will be compatible with ESRI Geodatabase format. All plans shall draw upon the Districting Master's independent research and analysis as well as input provided by the Committee during public hearings.