



Legislation Text

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PRESENTATION NO. 3: FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY WILL PRESENT THE FINDINGS OF THE PEMBROKE PINES REDISTRICTING STUDY

SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND:

1. Section 3.02 of the city charter requires that the City of Pembroke Pines shall be divided into four (4) election districts and shall be composed of roughly equal populations, and shall be compact, proportional and logically related to the natural boundaries of the neighborhoods within the City.
2. An amendment to the charter section 3.02 was adopted by electorate on November 4, 2014 which states the following:
"Redistricting: Following the decennial census in 2010, and every ten (10) years thereafter, or sooner if it is determined by the Commission that districts shall have become unbalanced due to population shifts, the City Commission shall contract with an accredited four (4) year college or university located within the State of Florida for the purpose of identifying and designating the four (4) election districts within the City of Pembroke Pines. The City Commission shall adopt the redistricting plan as designated, provided that the plan incorporates the principles of nondiscrimination and fairness set forth above. In the event an elected commission member no longer resides in the district from which he or she is elected as a direct result of the revisions to district boundaries in accordance with this section, that Commission member shall complete his or her term. Nothing contained within this section shall be construed to alter residence requirements for any candidate including incumbents, during subsequent regular elections."
3. The City Commission at its February 17, 2021 meeting voted to direct the City to negotiate a contract with Florida Atlantic University (FAU) for the purposes of conducting a redistricting study.
4. FAU conducted an analysis of the Census data (PL 94-171) utilizing geographic information systems (GIS) and found that the existing districts exceeded the ten percent overall deviation due to growth and shifts in population.
5. Per their contract, FAU has submitted a redistricting report, "Redistricting Alternatives for the City of Pembroke Pines" showing the current district population as well as three map alternatives to amend the City Commission election districts.
6. Proposed Ordinance 2021-21 is being heard concurrently on tonight's meeting on first reading, with second and final reading tentatively scheduled for November 3, 2021.
7. The proposed Ordinance upon final passage will update the election districts within the City.