

CITY OF TAMPA CHARTER

Sec. 8.03. - [Redivision of election districts.]

In the year immediately preceding the year in which regular elections shall be held for electing the various officers to serve as city officials, but no later than April 1 of that preceding year, all of the territory then included within the corporate limits of said city shall be redivided by the elections officer, upon the recommendation and with the approval of the Hillsborough County City-County Planning Commission, into seven council districts, three of those districts being identical with the territorial boundaries of the city, and four districts being divisions of the entire city, each containing as nearly as possible equal population, while maintaining the integrity of precinct boundaries. Said districts and their boundaries shall not be numbered and proclaimed by said officer until the Hillsborough County City-County Planning Commission has held at least one public hearing to discuss the said boundaries and to solicit comments by the public. The public hearing shall be noticed in a newspaper of general circulation in the city, once a week for 2 consecutive weeks, and shall be placed in an area of the newspaper other than the classified section. Such notice shall be no smaller than 4 inches by 6 inches and shall contain the time and location of such public hearing and the purpose thereof. The public hearing(s) shall be held after 7:30 p.m. Any time after the public hearing(s) the districts and their boundaries shall thereupon be numbered and proclaimed by the elections officer and notices of the same shall be published once a week for 2 consecutive weeks in a daily newspaper of general circulation in the city and shall be placed in an area of the newspaper other than the classified section. In determining the population in the council districts and the precincts, the elections officer shall base the determination according to the latest published official census figures, federal or state, or the "Population and Housing Estimates" as promulgated yearly by the Hillsborough County City-County Planning Commission, whichever shall be the most current.

(Laws of Fla., Ch. 79-573, § 3; Ord. No. 8148-A, § 7, 1-6-83; Laws of Fla., Ch. 84-535, § 1; Laws of Fla., Ch. 86-404, § 1; Ord. No. 2000-212, § 1, 8-17-00)