

Composition

1. Redistricting Body Composition			
CITY (MN)	Who are the members?	How are the members chosen?	How long does the body serve?
Minneapolis	Two Council appointees, two representatives of each major political party, & up to two more selected by the Charter Commission. (8 to 11 total)	One appointed by Council members of the majority party, one appointed by remaining Council members, two appointed from each major political party by Charter Commission, two more self-nominated may be appointed by Charter Commission, one additional member may be appointed by the Redistricting Commission itself to serve as chair	Duration of redistricting process
Duluth	City Council (9)	Election	4 years
St. Paul	Charter Commission (15)	Appointed by Ramsey County Chief Judge	4 yr terms (may be reappointed)
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Arlington (TX)	City Council (8 + Mayor)	Election	2 years (staggered elections for Council)
Honolulu	Appointed Commissioners for Council Reapportionment Commission (9)	Appointed by Presiding Officer of the City Council & approved by entire Council	Duration of reapportionment process
Miami * (Miami-Dade County)	County Board of Commissioners (13) - (assisted by 13 member citizen advisory board & expert consultants)	Election	4 years
Tampa	Planning Commission (members work on other issues including land use & long term planning--redistricting work is a minor part of their duties)	Appointed by participating governments: Tampa, Hillsborough County, Temple Terrace, Plant City	4 years
Tulsa	Election District Commission (3)	One each appointed by two political parties with largest # registered voters; One appointed by the Mayor subject to majority Council approval (or appointed by Presiding Judge of the District court of Tulsa, if no appointments made per Charter scheduled dates)	Duration of redistricting process
Virginia Beach	City Council (11)		4 years
Wichita	Commission	Appointed by City Council (one elector per district)	One-time commission, then disbanded
COUNTIES (MN)			
Hennepin	County Board of Commissioners (7) - (assistance by Redistricting Team of twelve)	Election	4 years
Ramsey	County Board of Commissioners (7)	Election	4 years

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2. Redistricting Body Process						
CITY (MN)	Duties & Responsibilities	Standards / Criteria of Note	Decision-making threshold	Ratification of Decision	Appeals	Deadlock
Minneapolis	To draw the ward boundaries at or within times prescribed by law in accordance with standards in Charter and hold at least two public meetings	Each ward population quota determined by dividing total population of city by 13; each ward shall consist of contiguous compact territory not more than twice as long as it is wide; ward shall be numbered consecutively; population determined by use of official population as stated by census tract & blocks in official US Census	Simple majority	Majority vote	District Court	If the body fails to adopt a plan within the prescribed time, each of the contending factions shall submit a plan and one plan shall be selected by lot supervised by the City Clerk
Duluth	To establish the precincts and council districts	Charter: "...shall equalize, as nearly as practical, the number of people in each council district. Each council district shall consist of contiguous territory."	Simple majority	Ordinance passage by Council	District Court	"The law states when this has to be done by and therefore the nine city councilors will vote on this before the deadline."
St. Paul	To pass a resolution providing for the boundaries of the city wards	Wards of substantially equal populaton; to adhere to "traditional districting criteria" used over the years by US Supreme court	Simple majority	Adopted plan filed with City Clerk	District Court	Odd number of commissioners does not allow for deadlock
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Arlington (TX)	Adopt redistricting criteria; adopt guidelines for submission of proposed plans by public; conduct public hearings; consider public plans; design and approve redistricting plan	None provided	Simple majority	Ordinance adoption	No information provided	Odd number of council members does not allow for deadlock
Honolulu	To create Final Reapportionment Plan for the City and County of Honolulu	No district drawn to unduly favor a person or political faction; districts shall be contiguous & compact insofar as practical; lines shall, where possible, follow permanent & easily recognized features & coincide with tract boundaries (when possible); strong feeling that total deviation should be well below 10% constitutional limit	Simple majority	Reapportionment plan filed with the City Clerk	District Court	Odd number of commissioners does not allow for deadlock
Miami * (Miami-Dade County)	To redraw County Commission election districts	One-person, one-vote rule; traditional districting principles: reasonably compact, contiguous, respect for political & administrative boundaries, avoiding voter disruption, avoiding incumbent commissioners running for election against another sitting commissioner; in no event shall population deviation between two districts exceed 10%	Simple majority	No information provided	No information provided	Odd number of commissioners does not allow for deadlock
Tampa	Review plans & backup material submitted by staff, along with staff recommendation and public input, and select a redistricting plan	Compact, contiguous & following voting precinct boundaries	Simple majority	Signed affidavit by Chairman on specific plan adopted	Department of Justice	Adjustment of plan to achieve simple majority prior to April 1 deadline
Tulsa	To adjust the boundaries of the Election Districts each ten years after the completion of the Federal Decennial Census. To determine the populaton of the city & each existing election district according to Census data and prepare a proposed Election District Plan	Each district shall consist of contiguous, compact territory & be nearly equal in population as possible. District boundary lines shall conform with precinct boundary lines.	No information provided	Election District Plan shall be adopted and filed with the City Clerk	District Court	No information provided

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Virginia Beach	To adjust the City's 7 districts "periodically as may be necessary to ensure that the populations of the districts remain approximately equal"	State and federal laws, along with regulations in accordance with Voting Rights Act	Simple majority	Ordinance adoption	District court	Deadlock not possible with 11-member board & majority vote required
Wichita	Re-establish boundary lines for the 6 Council districts	Each district equal to 1/6 of total population--not greater or less than 1/6 by more than 5%; no noncontiguous zones or exaggerated line extensions; follow election precinct lines; maintain broadly cohesive areas of interest; avoid use of # of registered voters by party or other partisan data	Consensus is generally sought	Ordinance adoption; Council shall certify re-established boundaries with Election Commissioner of the County	No appeal process	Council can reject recommendations of the commission, in whole or in part, so belief is that the full council would settle any deadlock
Hennepin	To redistrict the seven Hennepin County Board districts	Population deviation not more than 5%; avoiding "irregular" lines; each district shall consist of contiguous territory & shall be as regular & compact in form as practicable ; effort to avoid splitting political subdivisions; districts shall use precinct boundaries as determined by cities, towns, or the county for any unorganized territory as primary unit for creating districts	Simple majority	Resolution adoption	District Court	No provision for deadlock-item would not pass until majority vote received
Ramsey	No information provided	Districts shall be bounded by town, municipal, ward, or precinct lines; each district shall be composed of contiguous territory as regular & compact in form as practical & shall be nearly equal in population as possible; no district shall vary in population more than 10% from the average for all districts unless the result forces a voting precinct split; a majority of the least populous districts shall contain not less than a majority of the population of the county	No information provided	Plan filed in the office of the County Auditor	District Court	Odd number of commissioners does not allow for deadlock
St. Louis *	To select & adopt a plan falling within the framework fo MN Statutes (each district varying not more than 10% from the median)	MN Statutes & attorney advice - no further standards developed for St. Louis County.	Simple majority	Adopted by resolution	District court (public would also be able to testify/comment at public hearing)	Deadlock not possible with 7-member board & majority vote required

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3. Public Involvement/Inclusion

CITY (MN)	<i>Maps for Publication / Review</i>	<i>Public Hearing(s)</i>	<i>Public Notification(s)</i>
Minneapolis	A copy of the tentative plan shall be published as a legal notice at least seven days prior to public hearing	Two public hearings, at the least, prior to adoption of the plan. At least one public hearing shall be for reviewing the tentative plan.	A copy of the tentative plan shall be published as a legal notice at least seven days prior to public hearing
Duluth	Maps available for review	No public hearings required. Interested parties can speak at the council meeting when the item comes before the council	An ordinance establishing the districts will be on the city council agenda for approval & will appear on the city's web page. The ordinance will likely be discussed at a committee meeting as well. Media typically covers.
St. Paul	Maps available for review at public hearings	One, but more are generally held	Published notice of all public hearings
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Arlington (TX)	Yes (available via City website and for inspection at City Hall, for approx 60 days while they are under review by US Dept of Justice)	One public hearing, but seven total public meetings where issue was discussed.	Redistricting criteria was published in the local newspaper and via City website. Notice for all meetings was published per Open Meeting Law. Community + minority leaders contacted to encourage participation.
Honolulu	Maps available for review	Number determined by commission	Published in a weekly paper 10 days prior to each hearing
Miami * (Miami-Dade County)	Maps available for review (unclear if at public meetings or only with citizen advisory board: In the year preceding release of federal decennial census, the County Commission shall empanel a 13-member citizen redistricting advisory board [one member appointee per Commissioner])	Number determined by Board of Commissioners (Citizen Advisory Board will be notified and invited to attend all public redistricting workshops held. Within 20 days of the final workshop, the redistricting experts shall present no more than 3 plans and/or reports to be submitted to the Commissioners...within 20 days of such submission of plans/reports, the advisory board shall submit to the Commission a written report containing its recommendations and comments on each plan/report. Recommendations and comments must adhere to redistricting criteria and must receive a majority vote of the advisory board)	Reasonable notice, including public notice advertisements in newspapers serving Hispanic and Haitian communities
Tampa	Yes (available at planning commission, posted on website, displayed at evening workshops, published in newspaper, sent by mail to known civic groups).	One, which may be continued. (comments gathered at workshops, by mail & e-mail are included in packet to commissioners)	Web, newspaper, & mail notifications for meetings & workshops. Final districts are published in newspaper. Mail notifications of final districts are sent to all whose district has been changed.
Tulsa	No information provided	One	Notice of the public hearing shall be published in a newspaper at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting
Virginia Beach	Yes (available at numerous public meetings, City website, & public libraries)	Eight (as well as public comment at Council when ordinance voted upon)	Website info page, letter to 385 community leaders, publicized in local newspaper, informational articles paid for and produced by the City in the local paper, & printed materials produced & distributed by the City
Wichita	No (not a requirement, though media has published them in the past)	Commission meetings are open to the public, and the commission can take public comment at such	Press releases; public notices published. Also, media typically covers the activities of the commission.

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Hennepin	No information provided	Two	Published notice in newspapers
Ramsey	No information provided	No information provided	Notice published (in the newspaper having the contract to publish commission's proceedings) three weeks prior to meetings where issue is discussed
St. Louis *	Maps made available per statutory requirements	One	Notices published three consecutive weeks, per statute

4. Stability of Process/Decision-making Body

CITY (MN)	How long current process in place?	Changes to Process	Future Changes Discussed?
Minneapolis	Since 1990	None	Yes
Duluth	Four redistricting cycles	None	None
St. Paul	Since 1981	None	None
CITY			
Arlington (TX)	One redistricting, essentially (no single member districts until 1992, at which time citizens proposed plan which Council modified & passed---in 2001, Council designed a plan with citizen input. A process for future redistricting is not yet fixed.	None	None
Honolulu	2001	No information provided	No information provided
Miami * (Miami-Dade County)	2004	No information provided	No information provided
Tampa	Since 1987, when move to single-member districts was made. Prior to '87, elections were at large, but Planning Commission did residence districts at that time also.	None since 1987 except deadline moved up to April 1.	None
Tulsa	No information provided	No information provided	No information provided
Virginia Beach	1965 (except for changes related to compliance with state / federal law, & outreach efforts changed by technology)	None	None
Wichita	No information provided	No information provided	No information provided
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Hennepin	2002	None	None

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Ramsey	No information provided	No information provided	No information provided
St. Louis *	2002	Two new commissioners since last redistricting	Informal discussions between Auditor's Office & Administration re: forming a work group or committee including reps from Attorney's Office & Planning Department