

Section 5.02. - Redistricting of council districts and residence areas.

- (a) Within 8 months after publication of each official federal census of the City of Jacksonville (Duval County), the council shall redistrict the 14 council districts and 5 at-large residence areas so that all districts and at-large residence areas are as nearly equal in population and are arranged in a logical and compact geographic pattern to the extent possible. If the council shall be unable to complete the redistricting of the council districts within 8 months after the official publication of the census, the general counsel shall petition the circuit court for the fourth judicial circuit to make such redistricting. Any redistricting of the council districts or at-large residence areas made pursuant to this section shall not affect any term of office in existence at the date of such redistricting, but shall be applicable beginning with the next succeeding general consolidated government election which occurs at least 9 months after the effective date of the redistricting.
- (b) The council shall establish the initial 5 at-large residence areas according to the same considerations for reapportioning the existing council and school districts as are established in chapter 18 of the Ordinance Code. Establishment of the initial 5 at-large residence areas by the council shall be accomplished no later than 9 months prior to the opening of the qualifying period for candidates seeking election in the 1995 consolidated government elections. Subsequent reapportionment of the residence areas shall be accomplished in the same manner provided for in the Ordinance Code for the reapportionment of council and school board districts. The 5 council members elected countywide in the general consolidated government election occurring in 1995 and thereafter shall each qualify from 1 of the 5 residence areas.

(Ord. 90-765-354, § 6; Ord. 91-759-252, § 3; Ord. 91-1356-600, § 2; Laws of Fla., Ch. 92-341, § 1; Ord. 2012-74-E, § 1)

**Editor's note**— For current reapportionment regulations, see Jacksonville Ordinance Code, Ch. 18.