

August 25, 2021

Dear Municipal Clerk,

With the release of the census information from the Federal government to the State of Wisconsin, the redistricting process can now begin. For those of you who may be new, or unfamiliar with this task, the first step in the local process is for Racine County to draft a Tentative Supervisory District Plan.

I am sending the proposed timeline that has been prepared related to Racine County's Tentative Plan and Final Plan, which also has the public hearing and committee meeting dates. This has been created to anticipate completing the various phases under a more compressed timeframe due to the delay in receiving the census data. I encourage municipalities to review the tentative plan(s) when they become available and contact the county if you have feedback. Once the county tentative plan has been officially adopted, you will be notified so that your work at the municipal level can commence to establish your ward plans, as well as create aldermanic districts and/or combined reporting units, where applicable.

I have also included a copy of "Redistricting Wisconsin 2020 The LRB Guidebook", prepared by the State of Wisconsin Legislative Reference Bureau. Wisconsin State Statute, Section 5.15 directs the population range of wards, as presented below:

<u>Population of Municipality</u>	<u>Ward Population Range</u>
Cities of 39,000 to 149,999	800 to 3,200
Cities, Village or Towns of 10,000 to 38,999	600 to 2,100
Cities, Village or Towns of 1,000 to 9,999	300 to 1,200
Cities, Villages or Towns to 999	no division required

I believe all of you should have received information from the Legislative Technology Services Bureau (LTSB) with your login and password information for accessing the WISE-LR redistricting software. If you would like assistance, I have agreed to facilitate preparing draft ward plans with you. Please call my office to schedule an appointment or if you have questions regarding the process.