

BOUNTIFUL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, December 21, 2021

5:00 p.m.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of Bountiful, Utah will hold a special Council meeting at City Hall, 795 South Main Street, Bountiful, Utah, at the time and on the date given above. The public is invited to the meeting. Persons who are disabled as defined by the Americans With Disabilities Act may request an accommodation by contacting the Bountiful City Manager at 801.298.6140. Notification at least 24 hours prior to the meeting would be appreciated.

If you are not on the agenda, the Council will not be able to discuss your item of business until another meeting. For most items it is desirable for the Council to be informed of background information prior to consideration at a Council meeting. If you wish to have an item placed on the agenda, contact the Bountiful City Manager at 801.298.6140.

AGENDA

1. Welcome, Pledge of Allegiance
2. Consider approval of Resolution 2021-25 which establishes boundaries for Voter Participation Areas in the City of Bountiful per Utah State Code §20A-7-401.3.
3. Adjourn



City Recorder

City Council Staff Report



Subject: Approval of Resolution 2021-25 establishing Voter Participation Areas (VPAs) in Bountiful
Author: Clint Drake, City Attorney and Shawna Andrus, City Recorder
Department: Executive/Legislative
Date: December 28, 2021

Background

In 2019 the Utah State Legislature passed House Bill 119, which requires cities to establish Voter Participation Areas (VPAs) for the purpose of gathering signature for initiatives and/or referenda. The Bill ties the petition signature thresholds to percentages of the number of active voters in the political subdivision, rather than to all votes cast in the most recent presidential election. As Bountiful is a third-class city, it must be divided into four VPAs and follow precinct lines. For a referendum or initiative to qualify for the ballot, petitioners must gather sufficient signatures from 75% (in Bountiful's case, 3 out of 4) of the VPAs. Initial VPAs were put in place in October 2019 by Resolution 2019-09, again on or before January 1, 2022, and every 10 years after the census is completed.

Analysis

As Bountiful City contracts with the Davis County Clerk/Auditors office to conduct our municipal elections, they have evaluated, drawn, and proposed boundaries for the Bountiful VPAs which follow the guidelines in HB119 to use existing precincts lines. After reviewing the County's proposed boundaries, Staff has determined that the proposed VPAs work well for Bountiful City.

Department Review

The above information and the recommendation have been reviewed by the Executive and Legal Departments and the City Manager.

Significant Impacts

This action will establish a process for initiative or referendum signature gathering and will produce a better cross section of active voters who sign any petitions should there be any in the City in the future.

Recommendation

We recommend approval of Resolution 2021-25 establishing VPAs in Bountiful City as proposed by the Davis County Clerk/Auditor's office.

Attachments

Resolution 2021-25
Map of proposed VPAs



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BOUNTIFUL CITY, UTAH RESOLUTION NO. 2021-25

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A RESOLUTION CREATING BOUNTIFUL CITY VOTER PARTICIPATION AREAS

WHEREAS, House Bill 119, passed by the Utah Legislature and signed into law by the Governor during the 2019 General Legislative Session requires cities to create Voter Participation Areas (VPAs) as set forth in Utah Code Annotated §20A-7-401.3; and

WHEREAS, as a city of the third class, the City is required to create four (4) VPAs of a substantially equal population; and

WHEREAS, the Davis County Clerk/Auditor Office, which contracts with the City to conduct City elections, has, in accordance with the UCA §20A-7-401.3 requirements, proposed four (4) VPAs along existing voting precinct lines; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed the proposed VPAs and finds that they are contiguous and compact and of substantially equal population.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Bountiful City, Utah, as follows:

Section 1. Adoption of Voter Participation Areas. The Bountiful City Council does hereby adopt four (4) Voter Participation Areas consisting of Bountiful City voting precincts as described below and depicted on the map which is attached hereto and incorporated by this reference as "Attachment A".

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| Bountiful VPA Area A = | Bountiful Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11 |
| Bountiful VPA Area B = | Bountiful Precincts 12, 16, 17, 18, 19, 23, 24, 28, 33, 34 |
| Bountiful VPA Area C = | Bountiful Precincts 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22, 25, 26, 27, 29, 30, 31 |
| Bountiful VPA Area D = | Bountiful Precincts 32, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44 |

Section 2. Effective date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

APPROVED, PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE BOUNTIFUL CITY COUNCIL THIS 21ST DAY OF DECEMBER 2021.

Millie Segura Bahr, Mayor Pro tem

ATTEST:

Shawna Andrus, City Recorder

Exhibit A

