
BEFORE THE ELECTION COMMISSION, TOWN OF CASTLE ROCK, COLORADO

2021 REDISTRICTING PLAN AND EXPLANATION OF PLAN

A. Background.

1. The Election Commission is a non-partisan commission established by Section 4-5 of the Town Charter. It consists of five registered electors appointed by the Town Council.
2. Among the Commission's responsibilities is to establish and change the boundaries of the Town's election districts if necessary to meet the requirements of the Charter.
3. The Election Commission is required to establish new district boundaries based on available election records regarding the number of registered electors on January 15, 2021 if the number of registered electors in the district with the lowest number of registered electors is less than eighty-five percent of the number of registered electors in the district with the highest number of registered electors the district boundaries shall be adjusted.

B. Determination of Redistricting

1. On January 27, 2021, the Election Commission held a meeting to determine if redistricting was required.
2. The Commission meeting was held as a Connected meeting in accordance with Town Council Resolution 2020-122 that authorized Boards and Commissions use of the Town Council Electronic Participation, Connected, and Hybrid Meeting Policy. Authorization to hold a Connected Meeting was obtained by the Town Manager as required.
3. The meeting was held in person and via Webex to allow for Commissioners, the public and staff to attend and participate remotely.
4. The Meeting was properly posted according to the Open meetings law.
5. The meeting was open to the public and held in compliance with the Election Commission Regulations adopted on January 27, 2021.
6. All Commissioners were in attendance via Webex. Town Clerk, Lisa Anderson attended in person. Council Liaison Councilmember Tim Dietz, Town Manager David Corliss, and attorneys Kathleen Kelly and Elizabeth Allen were also in attendance via Webex.
7. No public attended in person or via Webex, and no comments were submitted.
8. Commissioners were provided information that the election records reflect there

were 54,248 registered voters as of January 15, 2021 within the Town; and when evenly divided, are 9,041 registered voters per district.

- 9. Staff provided the number of registered voters in each District as of January 15, 2021.

	<u>Voter Population</u>
District 1	8,569
District 2	10,505
District 3	10,165
District 4	7,910
District 5	8,276
District 6	8,832

- 10. The Election Commission determined that there was a 25% variance between the highest and lowest voter populated District.
- 11. The Election Commission determined that redistricting was required and directed staff to prepare five options to present for their review at their March 9, 2021 meeting based on the Charter and Election Commission Regulation requirements. In addition, they asked staff to provide future growth areas.

C. Preparation of Map Scenarios based on Requirements.

- 1. Staff worked within the following requirements in Charter Section 4-5 to prepare scenarios for the Commission to review:
 - The number of registered electors in the district with the lowest number of registered electors cannot be less than 85% of the number of registered electors in the district with the highest number of registered electors.
 - Districts shall be contiguous and compact whenever possible.
 - No change in district boundaries shall create a vacancy during the term of any Councilmember in office at the time of the change.
- 2. Pursuant to Election Commission Regulations, staff also considered practical requirements as follows:
 - District boundaries consistent with natural or man-made geographical boundaries (such as streets, parks, drainage ways, etc.) where feasible.
 - Communities of interest preserved where possible (share a school or keep neighborhoods together).
- 3. Per further Commission direction, staff consulted with Development Services to identify anticipated growth across the Town that may occur prior to redistricting in 2027.

D. Election Commission Meeting

- 1. On March 9, 2021, the Election Commission held a meeting at which proposed redistricting map options were reviewed, and Town GIS staff assisted with the Commission’s consideration of various revisions to such proposed plans.

2. The Commission meeting was held as a Hybrid meeting in accordance with Town Council Resolution 2020-122 that authorized Boards and Commissions use of the Town Council Electronic Participation, Connected, and Hybrid Meeting Policy. Authorization to hold a Hybrid Meeting was obtained by the Town Manager as required.
3. The meeting was held in person and via Webex to allow for Commissioners, the public, and staff to attend and participate remotely.
4. The Meeting was properly posted according to the Open meetings law.
5. The meeting was open to the public and held in compliance with the Election Commission Regulations adopted on January 27, 2021.
6. All Commissioners were in attendance. In person were Chair Garbo and Vice Chair Pratt; and attending via Webex were Commissioners Huddy, Viani, and Kinnard. Attendee in person was Town Clerk Lisa Anderson. Attendees via Webex were Councilmember Liaison Tim Dietz, Town Manager David Corliss, Senior Assistant Town Attorney Allen, and Election Commission Attorney Kelly. Also in attendance was GIS Analyst Brittany Murphy.
7. No public attended in person or via Webex, and no comments were submitted.

E. Discussion

1. Staff provided an overview of the process. Copies of the map were provided to the Commissioners prior to the meeting, were posted in the website packet, and hard copies were provided at the meeting. The scenarios were displayed on screen which were also visible to those attending via Webex.
2. Commissioners indicated that they preferred Scenario 4A; but asked to make real-time adjustments to some of the areas. Staff made those adjustments real-time to provide an amended map and display the adjusted voter populations in the Districts.
3. Staff was also able to illustrate the areas that changed Districts based on the boundary changes.
4. After discussion, all Commissioners felt the amended Scenario 4A met all of the requirements and resulted in an equitable distribution of voters across the Districts.

F. Findings

1. Commissioners determined that compactness and continuity of districts are important legal criteria under the Charter. The Commission did its best to meet all legal criteria, given challenging conditions created by the irregular borders of the Town.
2. Commissioners determined that continuity was achieved because no one part of any district is completely separated from any other part of that district; with the exception of District 2 which is connected across unincorporated Douglas County via Highway 86.
3. Commissioners determined that compactness was achieved as much as possible due

to the Town’s overall municipal boundaries which are spread out unevenly and jaggedly in several directions. The voter population concentrations within these areas also are very uneven; some areas are densely populated, and others are sparsely populated.

- 4. Commissioners attempted to keep communities of interest together and district boundaries consistent with natural or man-made geographical boundaries (such as streets, parks, drainage ways, etc.) where feasible.
- 5. Commissioners concluded that Scenario 4A as amended accomplished the requirements and goals that resulted in achieving the goal of a 15% variance or less.

G. Approval of 2021 Election District Map.

- 1. Commissioners voted 5-0 to approve Scenario 4A as amended as the 2021 Election District Map (**Exhibit A**).
- 2. Number of registered electors per district as a result of the 2021 redistricting plan:

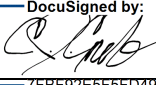
	<u>Voter Population</u>
District 1	9,458
District 2	9,163
District 3	9,190
District 4	8,785
District 5	9,019
District 6	8,543

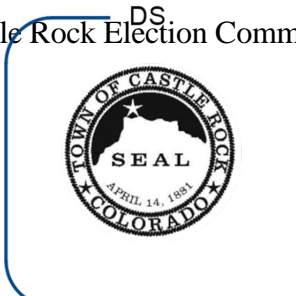
- 3. The difference between the district with the highest number of registered electors and the district with the lowest number of registered electors is now 10.5%.
- 4. Also attached is a map illustrating the areas changed from the 2018 Election District Map and the number of registered electors effected in each area that changed Districts (**Exhibit B**).


H. Conclusion.

Based on the foregoing, the 2021 Election District Map (**Exhibit A**) is approved, adopted, and made an order of the Election Commission of the Town of Castle Rock, Colorado, and the redistricting accomplished herein shall take effect immediately.

Approved the 2021 Election District Map this 9th day of March 2021 by a vote of 5-0.

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 CJ Garbo
 Chair, Castle Rock Election Commission



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 Lisa Anderson, Town Clerk

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