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Proposed Aldermanic District Boundary Plans Ready for Committee

The Common Council's **Judiciary and Legislation Committee** will take up two proposed aldermanic district boundary plans at next Monday's (**June 27**) meeting at 1:30 p.m. in room 301-B at City Hall, 200 E. Wells St.. The proposed final aldermanic district plans (**see attached pdf files**) will be discussed and voted on, and will then move to the full Common Council for a vote on July 6.

Alderman Ashanti Hamilton, chair of the Judiciary and Legislation Committee, said his plan ("Plan A") moves forward to committee, as does a plan proffered by Alderman Bob Donovan ("Plan B"). A plan to reduce the size of the Common Council from 15 to 13 districts was rejected by the Council at its June 14 meeting.

"We are moving ahead on schedule, with a July 6 final adoption date in our sights," said Alderman Hamilton. "I strongly encourage residents and stakeholders to examine the files and see how the two plans are laid out and how they could affect certain aldermanic districts."

Please go to <http://tinyurl.com/3wscgmd> to view the entire file (File# 110063).

On June 1 the Legislative Reference Bureau (LRB) – in consultation with Alderman Hamilton – released for discussion purposes a preliminary 2012-2016 aldermanic district plan for the City of Milwaukee Common Council. The staff-prepared preliminary aldermanic district boundaries were based on the voting ward plan that was adopted by the Council's Judiciary and Legislation Committee on May 16, and then by the full Council on May 24.

The LRB staff also released a separate map that shows the preliminary districts overlaid on a map of the current aldermanic districts. Please go to <http://city.milwaukee.gov/Redistricting> to view that district plan and the overlay map.

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Proposed District Plans/ADD ONE

The Judiciary and Legislation Committee is overseeing the redistricting process with technical assistance from LRB staff trained in specialized mapping software and redistricting laws and procedures.

Although the Judiciary and Legislation Committee is set to vote June 27 on a proposed final aldermanic district map, Alderman Hamilton has indicated that an additional public listening session could be scheduled if necessary.

The tentative remaining schedule of the city's redistricting process:

Monday, June 27 – Judiciary and Legislation Committee

Action on proposed aldermanic district map

Tuesday, July 6 – Common Council

Adoption of aldermanic district plan

The United States conducts a census of the entire population every 10 years. This information is used for many purposes, including the distribution of federal and state revenues and the drawing of boundaries for election districts at the federal, state and local levels.

Again, please go to <http://city.milwaukee.gov/Redistricting> for maps and more details about redistricting in the City of Milwaukee.