



AGENDA SPECIAL MEETING DISTRICTING COMMISSION

**223 East 4th Street, Room 160
Port Angeles, Washington
Wednesday, September 22, 2021 – 10 a.m.**

****ATTENTION****

In response to the current pandemic, to promote social distancing, and in compliance with Governor's Proclamation and the recommendation of the Clallam County Health Officer, the Districting Commission meetings will be virtual only. The Districting Commission also strongly encourages public comments to be submitted in writing if possible.

This meeting can be viewed on a live stream at this link: <http://www.clallam.net/features/meetings.html>

If you would like to participate in the meeting via Zoom audio only, call 253-215-8782 and use meeting ID: 875 561 7844 and passcode: 12345

If you would like to participate in the meeting via Zoom video conference, visit <https://zoom.us/j/8755617844> and use meeting ID: 875 561 7844 and passcode: 12345

Public comment and questions can be directed to the Clerk of the Board at 360-417-2256 or agores@co.clallam.wa.us.

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT – Please limit comments to three minutes

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Chair report

BUSINESS ITEMS

- Objective is to present the process to be used for the Redistricting effort to establish new district boundaries for the three County Commissioners

NEXT MEETING DATE

- Next meeting date – Monday, October 25, 2021 at 1 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Please limit comments to three minutes

ADJOURNMENT

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**INSTRUCTIONS FOR SPEAKING AT A
DISTRICTING COMMISSION MEETING:**

- Members of the public wishing to address the Commission on general items may do so during the designated times on the agenda.
- Public comment is limited to 3 minutes for each speaker subject to the Commissions concurrence.
- Individual making comments shall first state their name and address for the official record.
- General comments, applause, booing from members of the audience are inappropriate and may result in removal.
- Written public comment can be emailed to the Clerk at agores@co.clallam.wa.us.

These guidelines are intended to promote an orderly system for conducting a public hearing so that each person has an opportunity to be heard and to ensure that exercising their right of free speech embarrasses no one.

Note: Written testimony presented by members of the public during the meeting is considered a public document and must be submitted to the Clerk of Districting Commission. Copies of public documents from meetings are available by contacting the Public Records Department.

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Discussion items

Public Workshop September 22, 2021
Clallam County Redistricting
“Districts shall be ...”

- 1. Introductions, orientation, and goals**
 - a. Comply with County Charter requirements**
 - b. Transparency and objectivity**
 - c. Participatory**
 - d. Responsive**
 - e. Straight forward**
 - f. Create historic record**

- 2. Clallam County Charter requirements (Section 7.40)**
 - a. Approximately equal population (within 5%)**
 - b. Generally north-south boundaries**
 - c. Geographically compact and continuous**
 - d. Whole voting precincts**

- 3. Key Milestones in process**
 - a. Census data arrival (TBD)**
 - b. Conversion of data to precincts**
 - c. Development and evaluation of alternative district boundary adjustments per Charter requirements**
 - d. Review with Districting Committee**
 - e. Public hearings on district boundary alternatives (one hearing each district)**
 - f. District Commission selects preferred plan**
 - g. Public hearings on recommended plan**
 - h. Formal approval of districting plan**

- 4. Questions, comments or concerns**

Clallam County Charter Section 7.40

Section 7.40: County Commissioner District Boundaries

Districts shall be drawn in compliance with the following criteria which are listed in order of descending priority. Districts shall: be approximately equal in population so that the population of the largest does not exceed that of the smallest by more than 5 percent; have boundaries that run generally north-south; be geographically compact and continuous; and be composed of whole voting precincts to the maximum extent possible. Each district shall be assigned a number 1 to 3.

By January 31, 1991 and by January 31st of each tenth year thereafter, a Districting Commission shall be appointed. Each member of the Board of Commissioners shall appoint one member. A member of the Board of Commissioners shall not serve on the Districting Commission. The central committee of each major political party, as such party is defined by state law, shall each appoint one member to the Districting Commission.

Members of the Districting Commission shall serve without compensation, but will be reimbursed for expenses. The Districting Commission shall meet within 15 days after appointment and develop procedures for the employment of a Districting Master who shall be qualified by training, education and experience to draw a districting plan. The Districting Master shall be hired by March 15. Immediately thereafter, the Districting Commission shall schedule public hearings to provide input on preliminary districting proposals being developed by the Districting Master. The Districting Master shall meet with the Districting Commission to consider recommendations for changes by the Districting Commission members. The Districting Master shall submit the final draft of the districting plan to the Districting Commission for consideration of adoption.

The Districting Commission shall hold a public hearing on the final draft of the districting plan submitted by the Districting Master. The Districting Commission shall approve a final plan by majority plus one (1) vote no later than eight (8) months after receipt of the most recent federal decennial census information from the state redistricting commission.

(Amendment proposed by the Charter Review Commission and approved by the voters November 7, 1989. Amendment proposed by the Charter Review Commission and approved by the voters November 5, 2002.)