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Sec. 21.01. Composition; nomination and election of council members generally.<sup>1</sup>

The council of the city has seven members. The city is divided into five council districts. Two council members, designated as "at-large," are nominated by each party. The entire electorate votes on these at large council members, with the two receiving the most votes being elected. The remaining five council members are elected by districts and by only the voters of that district. Each voter in a city election therefore votes for one council member from the voter's district and two council members at-large. (Code 1960.)

<sup>1</sup> For state law as to common councils generally, see Indiana Code ch. 36-4-6. For state law as to election of members of common councils in cities of the third class, see Indiana Code § 36-4-6-4.

Sec. 21.02. Schedule of elections.

Elections of council members and other city officials, for four-year terms, are held in odd-numbered years immediately preceding presidential years. (Code 1960.)

Sec. 21.03. Time of regular meeting.

(a) Common council meetings will be held on the first Monday of each month at 6:30 P.M. at City Hall. (Ord. No. 14-11, Appendix A, item 4.)

(b) A change in date of the regular scheduled common council meeting may be made if approved by the majority of the members of the common council not later than seven days prior to the regular meeting date.

Sec. 21.04. Special meetings.

A special session of the common council may be called at any time by the mayor if, in the mayor's judgment, time is of essence. (Code 1960; Ord. No. 1-5-70, §§ 1, 3, 4.)

Sec. 21.05. Quorum.

A quorum shall consist of four members.

Sec. 21.06. Agenda; filing of proposed ordinance.

(a) The agenda of common council meetings will be sent to the mayor, city attorney, city engineer and each council member by the clerk-treasurer seven days prior to the council meeting.

(b) All proposed ordinances, resolutions, or petitions shall be filed with the clerk-treasurer in writing by four p.m. at least eleven days prior to any regular council meeting and shall also be provided in an electronic format acceptable to the Clerk-Treasurer's office. Each item shall bear the name of the person(s), committee or agency submitting the item. (Ord. No. 14-11, Appendix A, item 5.)

(c) The mayor or any council member may present pertinent emergency information to the council, even though it does not appear on the agenda, under new business at any regular or special council meeting; however, no action in the way of a vote shall be held. If the mayor or council deems the information of sufficient importance, it will be acted upon at a later special or regular council meeting. No action will be taken on the same date it is presented unless a special council meeting had been called by the mayor for the expressed purpose of acting on an emergency situation. (Ord. No. 1-5-70, §§ 5 to 7; Ord. No. 42-80, § 1; Ord. No. 13-85, § 1.)

Sec. 21.07. Presiding officer.

The mayor shall be the presiding officer of the common council. In the absence of the mayor, the common council, by a majority vote, shall select the presiding officer from the members of the common council. (1-5-70, § 2.)

Sec. 21.08. City clerk-treasurer to serve as clerk-treasurer.

The city clerk-treasurer shall serve as clerk-treasurer of the common council. (Code 1960.)

Sec. 21.09. Powers.

The common council of the city shall have all powers set forth in Indiana Code chapter 36-1-4, as well as all home rule powers set forth in Indiana Code chapter 36-1-3. (Code 1960; Ord. No. 11-88, § 2.)

Sec. 21.10. Applicability of Robert's Rules of Order.

The rules and practices of the Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the council in all cases in which they are applicable and not inconsistent with the standing rules and orders of the council. (Code 1960, § 2-1.)

Sec. 21.11. Order of business.

The order of business shall include any necessary committee reports, unfinished business, new business and citizen comments. The business of the common council shall be taken up in the order specified by the

common council by resolution. Provided, however, that by two-thirds vote, the common council may suspend such order of business. In the absence of such resolution establishing the order of business, the order of business shall be fixed by the presiding officer. (Ord. No. 1-80, § 1; Ord. No. 41-80, § 3; Ord. No. 4-84, (part); Ord. No. 11-88, § 5.)

**Sec. 21.12. Standing committees--legislative functions--composition.**

The common council shall establish its own standing committees from time to time by resolution. Absent such resolution, the mayor shall establish standing committees of the common council. (Code 1960, § 2-2; Ord. No. 41-80, § 1; Ord. No. 4-84, (part); Ord. No. 11-88, § 3.)

**Sec. 21.12. Standing committees--legislative functions; composition (continued).**

(a) Standing committees will have only legislative functions, including:

- (1) Recommending legislation for consideration of the common council;
- (2) Holding hearings that pertain to possible future legislation;
- (3) Acting as a liaison between the legislative and executive branches of government.

(b) Each standing committee and its chairperson will be appointed by the mayor with the approval of the common council. (Code 1960, § 2-3; Ord. No. 41-80, § 2; Ord. No. 11-88, § 4.)

**Sec. 21.20. Council districts.<sup>1</sup>**

(a) District 1 Census Block

<u>Tract</u>	<u>Block</u>	<u>Population</u>
54	1014	11
	1015	164
	1016	109
	1017	155
	1023	421
	1024	0
	1025	0
	1026	0
	1027	0
	1029	0
	1030	0
	1031	0
	2023	76
2024	0	
55	1000	74
	1001	1159
	1002	51
	1015	359
	1016	244
	1017	247

	1018	195
	1019	0
	1022	0
	1023	0
	1024	0
	1026	0
	1027	12
	2000	88
	2001	324
	2002	86
	2003	155
	2004	244
	2005	183
	2006	619
	2007	249
	2008	323
	2009	219
106	1000	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>5767</b>

(b)

**District 2 Census Block**

<u>Tract</u>	<u>Block</u>	<u>Population</u>
52	2000	34
	2001	54
	2002	14
	2003	31
	2004	38
	2005	28
	2006	26
	2008	39
	2009	30
	2010	36
	2014	51
	2015	28
	2016	28
	3014	37
53	3015	61
	3016	27
	4013	31
	4014	253
	4015	29
	1002	834
	1003	49
	1004	4
	1005	45
	1006	51
	1007	4
	1008	62
	1009	29
	1010	31
	1011	40
	1012	41
	1013	87
	1014	111
1015	108	
1016	81	
1017	88	
1018	98	

	1019	107
	1020	104
	1021	12
	1022	74
	1023	0
	1026	61
	1027	79
	2000	15
	2001	24
	2013	70
	2022	72
	2023	88
	2024	102
54	1002	108
	1003	257
	1004	71
	1005	62
	1006	43
	1007	37
	1008	0
	1009	452
	1010	159
	1011	82
	1012	129
	1013	0
	2000	176
	2013	213
	2014	148
	2016	123
	2017	109
	2018	35
	2019	4
	2020	105
	2021	63
	<b>Total</b>	<b>5822</b>

	2019	18
	2020	50
	2021	42
54	2001	219
	2002	81
	2003	77
	2004	74
	2005	164
	2006	24
	2007	0
	2009	0
	2015	150
	3002	230
	3003	152
	3004	88
	3005	62
	3006	91
	3007	144
	3008	79
	3009	84
	3011	0
	3012	219
	3013	64
	3021	50
	3022	133
	3023	0
	3024	161
	3025	95
	3026	103
	3027	93
	3028	182
	3029	62
	3100	109
102.04	4000	31
	4001	51
	4002	64
	4003	9
	4004	13
	4005	24
	4006	74
	4007	55
	4008	25
	4009	72
103	1008	1524
	1009	0
	1010	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>5699</b>

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District 3 Census Block

<u>Tract</u>	<u>Block</u>	<u>Population</u>
53	2002	21
	2003	60
	2004	4
	2005	34
	2006	4
	2007	0
	2007	148
	2008	7
	2009	53
	2010	27
	2011	38
	2011	20
	2012	60
	2012	19
	2013	26
	2014	41
	2015	33
	2016	34
	2017	23
	2018	5

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District 4 Census Block

<u>Tract</u>	<u>Block</u>	<u>Population</u>
51	2000	440
	2001	485
	2002	81
	2003	109
	2004	0
	2005	0
	2009	0
	2010	20

	2011	15
	2012	38
	2015	6
	2016	0
	2024	0
52	1000	0
	1001	0
	1002	85
	1003	42
	1004	0
	1005	24
	1006	19
	1007	21
	1008	23
	1009	150
	1010	29
	1011	43
	1012	44
	1013	65
	1014	64
	1015	101
	3000	24
	3001	31
	3002	16
	3003	30
	3004	46
	3005	38
	3006	28
	3007	30
	3008	25
	3009	32
	3010	0
	3011	40
	3012	26
	3013	42
	3017	45
	4002	166
	4003	12
	4004	522
	4005	230
	4006	139
	4009	6
	4010	27
	4011	18
	4012	35
	5000	175
	5001	116
	5002	195
	5003	357
	5004	221
	1000	0
102.04	3010	0
	3011	405
	3013	0
	3014	13
	3015	53
	3017	0
	3018	0

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	3020	0
	4013	0
	4014	401
	4015	0
	4016	0
	4017	0
	4018	60
	4019	0
	4020	69
	4021	121
	4024	15
	<b>Total</b>	<b>5713</b>

District 5 Census Block

<b>Tract</b>	<b>Block</b>	<b>Population</b>
51	1000	125
	1001	934
	1002	11
	1003	61
	1004	82
	1005	29
	1006	83
	1007	36
	1008	39
	1009	62
	1010	59
	1011	24
	1012	47
	1013	37
	1014	76
	1015	81
	1016	58
	1017	80
	1018	80
	1020	7
	1021	45
	1022	0
	1023	45
	1024	67
	1025	31
	2006	16
	2007	60
	2008	51
	2017	39
	2018	62
	2019	1034
	2020	55
	2021	8
	2022	16
	2023	0
	3006	191
	3006	0
	3007	0
	3009	127
	3010	122
	3011	83
	3012	52
	3013	106

	3014	126
	3015	97
	3016	127
	3017	239
	3018	140
	3019	47
	3020	118
	3021	129
	3022	83
	3023	157
	3026	101
	3030	42
	3031	100
	3046	0
102.03	3029	50
	3030	0
	3031	0
	3032	0
	3034	0
	3035	0
	3042	0
	3043	0
	3044	0
	3046	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>5777</b>

<sup>1</sup> For state law requiring city to be divided into five councilmanic districts, see Ind. Code § 36-4-6-4. (Ord. No. 32-94, § 1, Ord. No. 10-98, Ord. No. 38-02, §1.)