



**City Commission Special Meeting
Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 5:00 PM**

**City Commission Chambers
214 Sams Avenue, New Smyrna Beach, Florida 32168**

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

III. SPECIAL MEETING

III.A [Informational discussion about the upcoming redistricting process.](#)

IV. COMMISSION COMMENTS

V. ADJOURNMENT

Pursuant to Florida Statutes 286.0105, if an individual decides to appeal any decision made by the board, agency or commission of the City of New Smyrna Beach with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, a record of the proceedings will be required and the individual will need to ensure that a verbatim transcript of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based. Such person must provide a method for recording the proceedings.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing assistance to participate in any of these proceedings should contact the City Clerk's office in person or by mail at 210 Sams Avenue, New Smyrna Beach, Florida 32168, (386) 410-2630, prior to the meeting.

THE CITY OF NEW SMYRNA BEACH - PLANNING & ZONING

INFORMATIONAL DISCUSSION ABOUT THE UPCOMING REDISTRICTING PROCESS.

October 12, 2021

Background:

Article III, Section 3.07 of the City Charter requires the City Commission to redraw the Commission zone boundaries following each decennial census.

The criteria in Section 3.07 is as follows:

1. Zones shall be equal in population except where deviations from equality result from the application of the provisions hereinafter set forth, but no such deviation may exceed five percent of the average population for all city commission zones according to the figures available from the most recent census.
2. Zones should be drawn in a manner that keeps neighborhoods intact to the extent possible.
3. Zones shall consist of contiguous territory; but land areas separated by waterways shall not be included in the same zone unless said waterways are traversed by highway bridges, tunnels, or regularly scheduled ferry services both termini of which are within the zone, except that, population permitting, islands not connected to the mainland or to other islands by bridge, tunnel, or regular ferry services shall be included in the same zone as the nearest land area within the city.
4. Consistent with the foregoing provisions, the aggregate length of all zone boundaries shall be as short as possible.

The procedures per Section 3.07 are as follows:

- a. The city commission shall complete the reapportionment plan within six (6) months after the official publication of the census.

- b. Proposed plans must be available to the public for inspection and comment not less than one (1) month before the first public hearing on said plan. The plan shall include a map and description of the zones recommended.

- c. The city commission shall review and adopt the reapportionment plan as an ordinance by an affirmative vote of three (3) members of the commission.

The redrawing of zones, upon becoming law, shall not affect the remaining terms of those presently elected officials.

Findings:

The City has received preliminary Census data from Volusia County. Staff is expected to soon receive the official data from the Census Bureau. After receipt of the official data, the City has six months to complete the reapportionment plan.

Using the preliminary data, attached is a map showing the 2020 populations in the four city commission zones. Also attached is a map showing the populations that were used to redraw the city commission zones in 2011, which was the last time the zones were redrawn.

Fiscal Analysis:

N/A

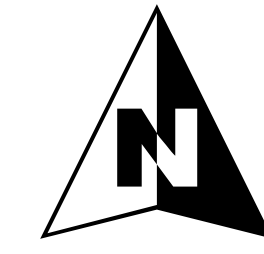
Strategic Plan Item:

No

Staff Report Created By: Brian Fields - Assistant City Manager

Attachments:

- [Census 2020 - Existing City Commission Zones with Population.pdf](#)
- [2011 Adopted City Commission Zones.pdf](#)

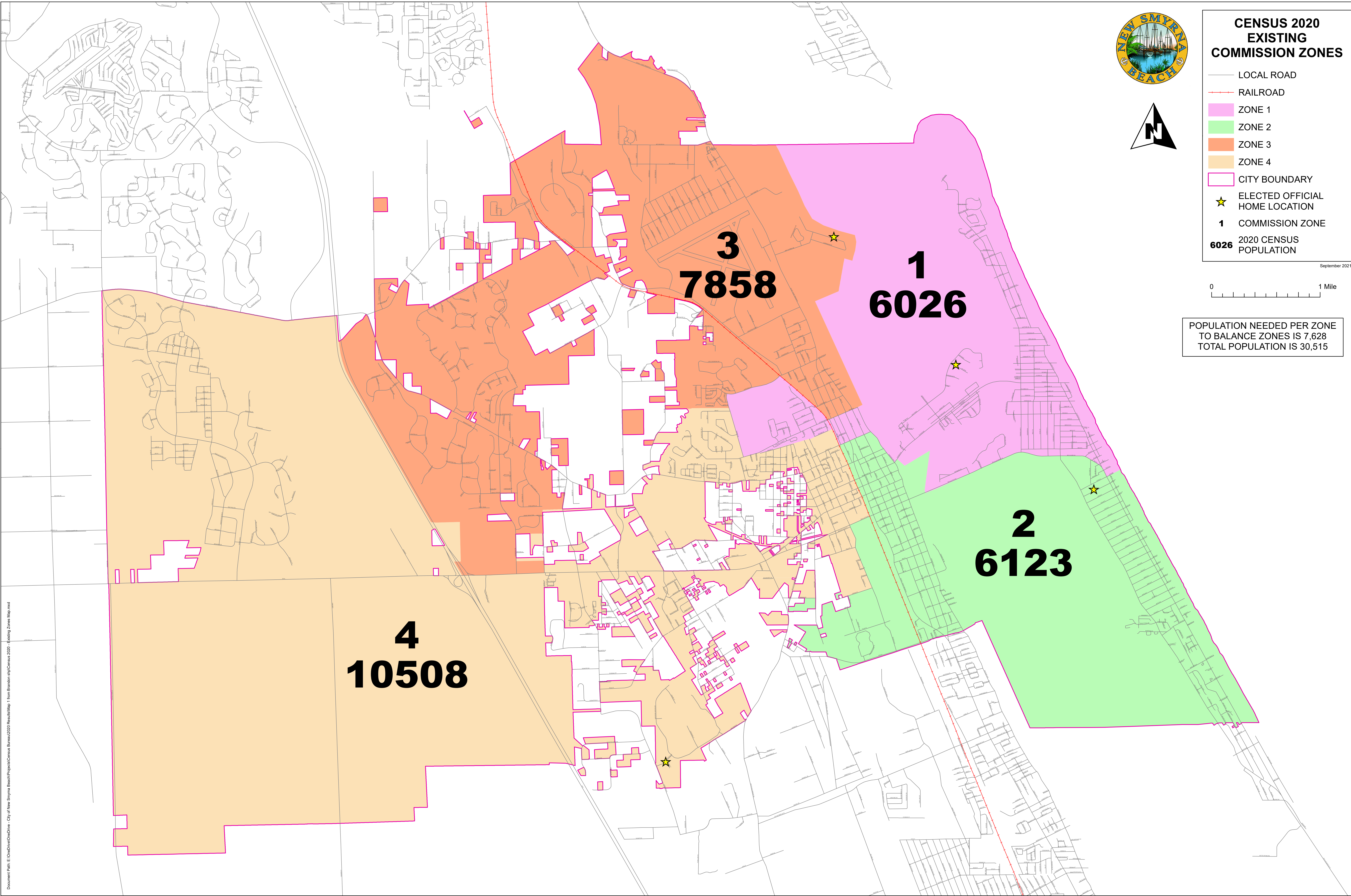


CENSUS 2020 EXISTING COMMISSION ZONES

- LOCAL ROAD
- RAILROAD
- ZONE 1
- ZONE 2
- ZONE 3
- ZONE 4
- CITY BOUNDARY
- ★ ELECTED OFFICIAL HOME LOCATION
- 1** COMMISSION ZONE
- 6026** 2020 CENSUS POPULATION



POPULATION NEEDED PER ZONE TO BALANCE ZONES IS 7,628
TOTAL POPULATION IS 30,515



2011 ADOPTED CITY COMMISSION ZONES

Commission Zones Scenario 1

- Zone 1
- Zone 2
- Zone 3
- Zone 4
- City Limits
- Elected officials home locations

1 Commission Zone
0000 2010 Census Population

Population needed per zone to balance zones is 5,617
 Total Population is 22,469

