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Your Worship Charlie Clark
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Dear Mayor Clark:

Thank you for your January 11, 2023, letter regarding potential amendments to *The Cities Act* (the Act) related to ward boundary reviews.

The Act outlines the rules for creating wards and the requirement to maintain a uniform population in each ward where established. Keeping a relatively equal population in each ward ensures equal representation for voters. In turn, this fosters confidence and trust in the democratic system.

Government is always willing to listen to suggestions on how to improve the legislative framework. Thank you for sharing these suggested improvements – specifically, that the allowable variance for ward populations be increased to reduce the frequency of changes to ward boundaries and maintain continuity with voters, and that consideration be given to setting the variance in regulations under the Act.

The proposals will be considered for the next time the Act is amended.

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Thank you again for sharing these suggested improvements to the Act. If city staff have any further questions or would like to discuss the proposal, please contact Alan Williams, Senior Policy Advisor at 306-787-5106.

Sincerely,



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