

**TROY CITY COUNCIL  
LAW COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA  
November 18, 2021  
5:30 P.M.**

Pledge of Allegiance  
Roll Call  
Presentation of Agenda  
Public Forum\*

**LOCAL LAWS**

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**ORDINANCES**

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**RESOLUTIONS**

97. Resolution Establishing And Appointing An Independent Commission To Examine The Population Within The Boundaries Of The Six Council Districts Of The City Of Troy And To Recommend A Plan Of Redistricting If Required (Council Member Zalewski)

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**\*PUBLIC FORUM**

Due to the COVID-19 crisis and pursuant to NYS legislation S.50001/A.40001, this meeting shall be held remotely via videoconference and live-streamed on the City Council's [YouTube channel](#). Troy residents who wish to comment during the public forum at the beginning of the meeting must have the ability to join the Zoom meeting via computer or phone and will be required to pre-register for the meeting. The link to register for the meeting will be posted at least 24 hours before the meeting on the Council [Agenda and Minutes](#) page. You must register for the meeting by 3 pm on the day of the meeting. Per Council rules, residents have 5 minutes to speak at the Law Committee meeting public forum. Comments must be regarding agenda items.

Per the City Council, written comments will not be read aloud at this meeting but will be added to the meeting minutes. Written comments to be added to the meeting minutes should be sent to [mara.drogan@troyny.gov](mailto:mara.drogan@troyny.gov) and must be received by 3 pm on the day of the meeting. You must include your full name and residential address. Written comments received after 3 pm shall be treated as correspondence and forwarded to the Council for their review.

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AND APPOINTING AN INDEPENDENT COMMISSION TO EXAMINE THE POPULATION WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE SIX COUNCIL DISTRICTS OF THE CITY OF TROY AND TO RECOMMEND A PLAN OF REDISTRICTING IF REQUIRED**

**WHEREAS**, Troy City Charter § C-2 requires the City Council to appoint an independent commission of seven members who are electors of the City to examine the population within the boundaries of the six council districts of the City, as soon as is practicable and not later than six months after the availability of population data on a census tract basis from a decennial census taken by the U.S. Census Bureau; and

**WHEREAS**, six months have not passed since population data on a census tract basis from the most recent decennial census taken by the U.S. Census Bureau became available; and

**WHEREAS**, Charter § C-2 requires that each council district must contain neither less than 13% nor more than 18% of the population of the City and, to the greatest extent possible, shall be compact, contiguous, convenient, and preserve neighborhood characteristics; and

**WHEREAS**, the independent commission appointed by the City Council must determine if the council districts are in compliance with the requirements of Charter § C-2, based on the census data; and

**WHEREAS**, if the independent commission determines, based on the census data, that the council districts are not in compliance with the requirements of Charter § C-2, the City Council must direct the independent commission to devise and recommend to the Council a plan to redistrict the City in accordance with the population percentages stated in Charter § C-2, and in compliance with all pertinent legal requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, no more than four members of the independent commission may be registered members of the same political party.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council hereby establishes an independent commission to examine the population within the boundaries of the six council districts of the City, and to determine based on the census tract data from the 2020 U.S. Census if the six council districts are in compliance with Charter § C-2, namely whether each council district contains not less than 13% nor more than 18% of the population of the City; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City Council hereby appoints the following seven electors of the City to serve on the independent commission:

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- \_\_\_\_\_ ; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the independent commission shall report its findings to the City Council on or before \_\_\_\_\_; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that in the event the independent commission finds and reports, based on the census data, that the council districts are not in compliance with the requirements of Charter § C-2, the independent commission shall devise and recommend a plan to redistrict the City in accordance with the population percentages and other considerations stated in Charter § C-2, and in compliance with all pertinent legal requirements, and shall report its plan to the City Council on or before \_\_\_\_\_; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that thereafter the Council shall use the independent commission's recommendation to the greatest extent possible to proceed by ordinance to redistrict the City.

Approved as to form, \_\_\_\_\_, 2021

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Richard T. Morrissey, Corporation Counsel