



MEMO

TO: President Gardiner and Members of Council
FROM: Dustin Anderson, Town Manager
DATE: October 3, 2022
SUBJECT: Engagement Letter

Background

Indiana State law holds that the largest ward of a town may not be more than 10% larger than that of the smallest ward in the same jurisdiction. The Town of Munster Town Council is comprised member elected at-large representing five wards.

Public Law (P.L.) 94-171, enacted by Congress in December 1975, requires the Census Bureau to provide states the opportunity to identify the small area geography for which they need data in order to conduct legislative redistricting. P.L. 94-171 data from the 2020 Census has been released.

After analyzing this data, we have found that the Town's largest ward is roughly 30% larger than its smallest. Current ward population distribution is found at that end of this memorandum.

These conditions require redistricting.

Methodology

A number of our neighboring jurisdictions are currently undertaking this redistricting exercise with the assistance of an outside consultant.

Staff solicited a quote and letter of engagement from the Veridus Group. The proposed scope will not exceed \$8,000 and the deliverable will be meet the deadline for compliance with the Lake County Board of Elections and the State.

Recommendation

Authorize the Town Manager to execute the letter of engagement with Baker Tilly.



Precinct	Population	Current Wards
M01	1,411	1
M02	2,089	1
M04	1,417	1/2
M05	1,029	1
M06	1,099	2
M08	1,331	3
M09	971	4
M11	884	3
M12	1,510	4
M13	1,094	3
M14	942	4
M15	850	4
M16	808	3
M18	1,161	2
M19	1,673	2
M20	959	5
M21	868	5
M22	1,377	5
M24	1,499	5
M25	922	5
Ward 1		4,529
Ward 2		3,933
Ward 3		4,117
Ward 4		4,273
Ward 5		5,625
MAX		5,625
MIN		3,933
Difference		30%
Total		23,894