

Re-Districting Constraints & Criteria

From the documents provided to us, the design constraints and criteria for the Districts are the following:

Constraints:

Use 2009 unofficial census data: If we use that data, then the determined Districts' boundaries will less likely to need change when the 2010 Official Census Data becomes available:

1. County Population – 278,559
2. Average District Population – 55,712
3. Allowed Population Deviation of $\pm 5\%$ or $\pm 2,786$

Criteria:

1. Each District's area must be contiguous
2. Each District's population shall contain one fifth (1/5) of the County's total population, plus or minus (\pm) 5%
3. The County Districts' required configuration shall be with the:
 - a. Fewest number of incomplete community boundaries
 - b. Least number of communities in the District with largest number of communities
4. Any community which contains enough population to meet the County's District population requirement (Portland in Cumberland County case) must have at least one complete District located within its boundaries (State requirement); thus (corollary) Portland's ancillary population may be included in an adjacent, external District:
 - a. The ancillary population must be located contiguously with the District in which it is placed
 - b. The smallest population division shall be a presently defined voter division (ward)

As a suggestion to the County Commissioners, it is recommended that these Criteria be incorporated into their future bylaws.