

### **RESOLUTION 3.1 – 04/10/2023**

#### **RESOLUTION TITLE: AUTHORIZE CITY OF PLATTSBURGH 2023 WARD DISTRICTING COMMITTEE**

**Whereas** citizen advisory committees are a valuable means of enhancing the exchange of ideas between City residents and the City of Plattsburgh Common Council; and

**Whereas** advisory committees are able to focus on a single issue, and are able to provide, through research, recommendations to the Common Council in a timely fashion; and

**Whereas**, Legislative Law section 83-m directed the New York State Legislative Task Force on Demographic Research and Reapportionment (“LATFOR”) to adjust the Census for state and local districting purposes by removing Federal and State incarcerated individuals from where they were incarcerated on April 1, 2020.

**Whereas**, Clinton County Passed Local Law #1 2023 by Resolution #45 on January 25, 2023 to realign its legislative boundaries to ensure the County population informed by LATFOR data is as equally distributed as possible across each district, and

**Whereas**, the City Charter requires the appointment of a Districting Commission to review the existing ward boundaries and propose changes, if any, to bring them into accord with the principles of equity and representation in relation to population.

**Whereas**, the City of Plattsburgh has completed a similar assessment using LATFOR data to determine and provide a draft realignment of the Ward Boundaries to ensure the equal distribution of the population and fair political representation for all, and

**Whereas**, a non-political committee of 3 members who have a general understanding of the City’s Government Processes is needed to review the findings and provide a final proposal to the Common Council, and

**NOW THEREFORE, Be It Resolved** that the Common Council establishes a Districting Advisory Committee (“Committee”). The purpose of the Committee is

to review the LATFOR analysis findings, draft realignment of ward boundaries, and conduct any additional research and analysis necessary to provide a final determination for the realignment of Ward district Boundaries based on Legislative Law Section 83-m. to Common Council; and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that members of the Committee, per the nominations and selections below, will be approved by the Common Council. Each Committee member will be appointed to serve until a districting determination is made. Each member will serve without compensation. The Committee shall include the following non-political city residents that have an understanding of the City Government’s functions and processes:

- Elizabeth (Ellie) Jent
- Shannon Thayer
- Ryan Demers

**RESOLVED**, that the Committee shall vote to elect their Chair and Vice Chair and shall establish their agenda and schedule for meetings at their first meeting; and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that the Committee shall comply with the New York Open Meetings Law and the New York Freedom of Information Act; and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that at the conclusion of the review, or sooner if appropriate, the Committee will present their research, findings, advice and proposed solutions to the Common Council at which point the Committee will be disbanded.

Approved by the **CITY OPERATIONS COMMITTEE** at its meeting on **April 10th, 2023**.

“Yes”

“No”

Absent