



CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS

City Council Agenda Communication

Meeting Date: April 18, 2022

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Agenda Item: Resolution – Maintaining the Number of Alderpersons and Wards

Explanation: The City of Washington's 2020 Census population of 16,071 was certified by the Secretary of State late last year. The City's population falls between the range of 15,001 and 20,000, which dictates that there be ten alderpersons and five wards. However, municipalities may choose to retain the number of alderpersons and wards that existed prior to the most recent decennial Census. The City approved a resolution in 2011 to maintain the status quo after the 2010 Census population fit into the same range.

Following discussion at the April 11 Committee of the Whole meeting, the consensus was to keep the same number of alderpersons and wards. As a result, attached is a resolution that would retain the eight alderpersons and four wards that existed prior to the 2020 Census.

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Action Requested: Approval of the attached resolution at the April 18 City Council meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

(Adoption of this resolution would retain eight alderpersons and four wards.)

A RESOLUTION MAINTAINING THE NUMBER OF ALDERPERSONS IN THE CITY OF WASHINGTON AT EIGHT AND THE NUMBER OF WARDS AT FOUR

WHEREAS, the decennial Census has established that the City of Washington's population is greater than 15,000, but does not exceed 20,000; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/3.1-20-10) allows a municipality with more than 15,000 inhabitants but not more than 20,000 inhabitants to have eight (8) alderpersons; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes it will be in the best interests of the residents of the City to have eight (8) alderpersons and four (4) wards.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON, TAZEWELL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, a home-rule municipality, that the City shall have eight (8) alderpersons and four (4) wards.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ day of _____, 2022.

AYES _____

NAYS _____

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk