



## 2024 City Clerk Preliminary City Council District Plan

The City of Colorado Springs has a Council-Mayor form of government. The nine-member City Council acts as the City's legislative body and the members are elected by the people to serve a four-year term of office. The nine members include three at-large members and six district members. The Mayor, a fulltime position, acts as the Chief Executive Officer of the City and is elected by the people to serve a four-year term of office.

### City Clerk Redistricting Process & Requirements

- City Charter requires the City Clerk to redraw the six City Council district boundaries every four years.
- Only complete El Paso County voting precincts will be moved from one City Council district to another.
- City Council Districts must be substantially equal in population, contiguous, comply with the Voting Rights Act, City Charter, City Code and in so far as practicable, keep neighborhoods and communities of interest together.
- The City Clerk works closely with the District Process Advisory Committee throughout the process.
- A public hearing to receive feedback on the City Clerk Preliminary Plan will be held on October 30, 2024, at 3:30 PM in Room 102 of the City Administration Building for in-person or virtual participation.
- The final district report, setting the district boundaries for the next four years, will be released by no later than November 20, 2024

### District Process Advisory Committee

- The District Process Advisory Committee, one person from each City Council district and one at-large person plus two alternates, was appointed by City Council in June 2024, and was charged to oversee the public process, educate the public, assist the City Clerk and advise City Council on the redistricting process.
- The District Process Advisory Committee conducted seven meetings to solicit input from the public.
- The District Process Advisory Committee filed their preliminary District Process Advisory Committee report to the City Clerk and City Council on October 1, 2024
- The District Process Advisory Committee will prepare a final District Process Advisory Committee report which they will submit to City Council in December.

### Colorado Springs Population Data

City Council Redistricting requires City population to be reported for each county precinct. To meet this need, El Paso County precinct boundaries, limited to the city boundaries of the City of Colorado Springs, were uploaded along with by-precinct reports to generate maps using Esri's Business Analyst Online (BAO) program. Esri is the GIS Industry standard for geographic information system software, web GIS and geodatabase management applications. The specific source used for the by-precinct reports was the 'Esri forecasts for 2023 and 2028. U.S. Census Bureau 2020 decennial Census data converted by Esri into 2020 geography'.

## Colorado Springs 2024 Population by City Council District

	2024 Population
District 1	79,546
District 2	91,767
District 3	80,031
District 4	81,138
District 5	79,195
District 6	88,688
City	500,345

## Preliminary Council District Plan

This document as well as supporting maps and information can be downloaded from the City Clerk’s redistricting web page at <http://coloradosprings.gov/2024redistricting>.

	2020 Plan	Deviation from 2020 Ideal District Population		2024 <sup>1</sup> Proposed Plan	Deviation from 2024 Ideal District Population	
District 1	81,707	1405	1.7%	82,834	-557	-0.7%
District 2	79,904	-398	-0.5%	80,614	-2,777	-3.3%
District 3	80,788	486	0.6%	84,646	1,255	1.5%
District 4	79,847	-455	-0.6%	83,783	392	0.5%
District 5	80,254	-48	-0.1%	83,508	117	0.1%
District 6	79,314	-988	-1.2%	84,960	1,569	1.9%
City	481,814	(deviation spread <sup>2</sup> )	(3.0%)	500,345	(deviation spread <sup>2</sup> )	(5.2%)
Ideal District Population	80,302	(6-district population)		83,391	(6-district population)	

<sup>1</sup> This table shows 2020 population as distributed by the preliminary district report.

<sup>2</sup> Overall deviation spread is the total percentage from minimum to maximum.

## 25 precincts proposed to change districts

Precinct	2020 District	2024 District
92	5	3
93	5	3
94	1	5
95	1	5
96	1	5
99	1	5
122	1	5
123	1	5
126	1	5

Precinct	2020 District	2024 District
127	1	5
135	6	1
139	6	4
141	6	1
149	6	1
150	5	1
178	5	3
179	5	3
188	5	4

Precinct	2020 District	2024 District
242	2	1
243	2	1
244	2	1
251	2	1
252	2	1
253	2	6
455	2	6

## Pros & Cons of the proposed changes (with associated precincts)

### Council District (CD) 1:

#### *Pros:*

1. Moving precincts 242, 243, 251, 252 and 244 into CD1 reduces the population of CD2.
2. Precinct 242 unites the Pulpit Rock neighborhood into CD1.
3. Precinct 244 maintains the Falcon Estates neighborhood in one Council District.
4. Precinct 251 and 252 unites the Vista Grande neighborhood into CD1.
5. Moving precincts 141, 135 and 149 into CD1 reduces the population of CD6.
6. Precinct 150 and part of precinct 149 unites the Vista Grande neighborhood into one Council District.
7. Moving precincts 96, 95, 94, 99, 122, 123, 126 and 127 establishes the boundary line to be Garden of the Gods Road/Austin Bluffs Parkway.

#### *Cons:*

1. Precinct 135 and part of precinct 149 divides the Sunset Mesa neighborhood into two Council Districts.

### Council District (CD) 2:

#### *Pros:*

1. Moving precincts 242, 243, 251, 252 and 244 into CD1 reduces the population of CD2. This allows for expected future population growth in this district due to all the new construction and developments expanding in this area.
2. Precinct 243 unites the Cottonwood Creek neighborhood in one Council District. Currently divided into CD2 and CD6 changes into CD1.
3. Moving precinct 253 and 455 into CD6 reduces the population of CD2. This allows for expected future population growth in this district due to all the new construction and developments expanding in this area.
4. Moving precincts 253 and 455 establishes the boundary line to be Black Forrest Road.

#### *Cons:*

1. Moving precincts 253 and 455 keep the Woodmen Heights/Dublin North neighborhood split between CD2 and CD6.

### Council District (CD) 3:

#### *Pros:*

1. Moving precincts 92, 93, 178 and 179 into CD3 reduces the population of CD5.
2. Precincts 93, 92 and part of 178 unites the Middle Shooks Run neighborhood into one Council District.
3. Precincts 179 and part of 178 unites the Divine Redeemer neighborhood into one Council District.
4. Moving precincts 178 and 179 establishes the boundary line to be North union Blvd.

### Council District (CD) 4:

#### *Pros:*

1. Moving precinct 188 into CD4 reduces the population of CD5.
2. Precinct 188 unites the Knob Hill neighborhood into one Council District.
3. Moving precinct 139 helps unite the area around Peterson Airforce Base and the Colorado Springs Airport into one Council District.

## Council District (CD) 5:

### **Pros:**

1. Moving precincts 96, 95, 94, 99, 122, 123, 126 and 127 balances the population in CD1.
2. Precincts 95 and 96 unites the Kitty Hawk/Bonnyville neighborhood into one Council District.
3. Precinct 94 unites the Wasson neighborhood into one Council District.
4. Precincts 99, 123 and part of 127 maintains the Cragmor neighborhood in one Council District.
5. Precincts 122, 126 and part of 127 maintains the North Nevada/The Studio neighborhood in one Council District.
6. Moving precincts 92, 93, 178 and 179 into CD3 reduces the population of CD5.
7. Moving precinct 188 into CD4 reduces the population of CD5.
8. Precinct 188 unites the Knob Hill neighborhood into one Council District.
9. Moving precincts 96, 95, 94, 99, 122, 123, 126 and 127 establishes the boundary line to be Garden of the Gods Road/Austin Bluffs Parkway.

## Council District (CD) 6:

### **Pros:**

1. Moving precincts 141, 135 and 149 into CD1 reduces the population of CD6. This allows for expected future population growth in this district due to all the new construction and developments expanding in this area.
2. Part of precinct 149 unites the Vista Grande neighborhood into one Council District.
3. Moving precinct 253 and 455 into CD6 unites all school district 49 territory inside the city limits into one Council District.
4. Moving precinct 139 helps unite the area around Peterson Airforce Base and the Colorado Springs Airport into one Council District.
5. Moving precincts 253 and 455 establishes the boundary line to be Black Forrest Road.

### **Cons:**

1. Precinct 135 and part of precinct 149 divides the Sunset Mesa neighborhood into two Council Districts.
2. Moving precincts 253 and 455 keep the Woodmen Heights/Dublin North neighborhood split between CD2 and CD6.

## Ways to Comment on the Preliminary District Report

### Electronic

**By web:** <http://coloradosprings.gov/2024redistricting>

**By Email:** [Elections@coloradosprings.gov](mailto:Elections@coloradosprings.gov)

### Other Alternatives

**By mail or in person:** City Clerk's Office, 30 South Nevada Ave, Suite 101, Colorado Springs, CO 80903

**By phone:** (719) 385-5901, option 4

**By fax:** (719) 385-5114

## Attend the Protest Hearing on October 30, 2024 at 3:30 PM

**In Person:** City Administration Building, 30 South Nevada Ave, Suite 102, Colorado Springs, CO 80903

**Virtually:** [Join the meeting now \(https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting\\_MWE5MzVhYjctNWU1NC00N2Q0LThkZjEtNjg4YWVjOGE1NWQz%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2290f74bf0-a593-4c12-9591-fb8ef4ba6ad1%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22ac3ee1c7-49bc-4c16-9796-7c58902b441d%22%7d\)](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_MWE5MzVhYjctNWU1NC00N2Q0LThkZjEtNjg4YWVjOGE1NWQz%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2290f74bf0-a593-4c12-9591-fb8ef4ba6ad1%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22ac3ee1c7-49bc-4c16-9796-7c58902b441d%22%7d)

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