



County of Prince Edward, Virginia Media Notification

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County Opens Public Comment Period on Local Redistricting *Board of Supervisors Will Hold Two Public Hearings*

The Prince Edward County Board of Supervisors will receive public comment and hold two public hearings prior to considering adoption of amendments to the *Code of Prince Edward County* regarding county redistricting and the proposed changes to voting districts.

Redistricting is the process by which the boundaries of election districts and voting precincts are drawn. Members of the Board of Supervisors and School Board are elected from these districts. State and federal law require localities to redraw their election districts every ten years following the federal decennial census. Local redistricting addresses population shifts at the county level. The boundaries of an election district may have to change to preserve proportionality in population among the districts.

In order to correct population deviations in the election districts, as determined by the 2020 decennial census, some of the lines in Districts 1 (Farmville), 5 (Buffalo), 6 (Prospect), 7 (West End) and 8 (Center), which equates to eleven census blocks, are proposed to be adjusted. The proposed voting district maps and redistricting ordinance are available for review in the office of the Prince Edward County Administrator (Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.) and online at the County's website: www.co.prince-edward.va.us.

The public comment period begins today, February 16, 2022, and will run through April 8, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. Public comments will also be received, as follows

Email: board@co.prince-edward.va.us.org

Mail: Board of Supervisors, P.O. Box 382, Farmville, VA 23901

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Additionally, citizens are encouraged to provide input at the two public hearings, which will be held in the Board of Supervisors Room, Prince Edward County Courthouse, 111 N. South Street, 3rd Floor, Farmville, VA 23901, on the following dates and times: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. and Tuesday, March 29, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

The redistricting schedule adopted by the Board of Supervisors is as follows:

- Public Comment Period (Minimum of 30 days): February 16, 2022 – April 8, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.
- 1st Public Hearing – March 8, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.
- 2nd Public Hearing – March 29, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.
- Public Comment Period Ends – April 8, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.
- Board Action on Ordinance and Plan – April 12, 2022
- If there are amendments: Additional public comment period of 15 days.
- If no changes, authorize Notice that Redistricting Plan will take effect in 30 days, or Friday, May 20, 2022.
- Notify voters of changes.

All interested persons are invited and encouraged to attend the public hearings and/or present their views through written comments for consideration by the Prince Edward County Board of Supervisors.

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