

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION  
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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**Bill Type and Number:** Ordinance 2023-90

**Introducer/Sponsor(s):** Council President at the request of the Office of General Counsel

**Date of Introduction:** February 14, 2023

**Committee(s) of Reference:** R

**Date of Analysis:** February 16, 2023

**Type of Action:** Amendment to prior ordinance; adoption of revised City Council and School Board districts

**Bill Summary:** The bill amends Ordinance 2022-800-E which adopted revised City Council and School Board districts by striking Section 7 – Effective Date of the Interim Remedial Plan – and other language relating to final approval of the redistricting plan by the courts. One cycle emergency passage is requested.

**Background Information:** The City Council’s initial redistricting plan adopted via Ordinance 2022-1-E was challenged by several plaintiffs in federal court. Following the court’s instructions, the Council adopted revised districts and at-large residence area boundaries via Ordinance 2022-800-E. That ordinance stated that the remedial districts “shall become effective upon being deemed constitutional by Court order in case number 3:22-cv-493-MMH-LLL.” The federal appellate court, in its ruling on the City’s Motion for Stay of the court’s imposition of the Plaintiff’s Map for the upcoming City elections, raised the issue of whether it was the Council’s intent to permanently and immediately adopt the Maroon III E Fix map as the official City Council re-districted map in response to the Council’s decennial census redistricting obligations. The intent of this ordinance is to remove any references to the Maroon III E Fix map as not being effective until the map is deemed constitutional by the federal court so as to make clear that it was the Council’s intent that the remedial map took effect on the effective date of Ordinance 2022-800-E. Emergency one-cycle passage is requested to allow the City to meet pending appellate deadlines associated with the City’s appeal of the district court’s ruling.

**Policy Impact Area:** City Council redistricting

**Fiscal Impact:** None

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