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Honorable Mayor and Members of Council,

Background: The Ward and Boundary Commission is hereby filing its report as required by City Charter 7.05 (c):

"(c) Report. On or before September 30th of each even-numbered year, the Commission shall file with the City Clerk a report containing a recommended plan and a map for adjustment of ward boundaries, or recommending that no adjustment be made, all in accordance with the specifications set forth in subsection (d)."

Recommendation: The Commission, by a vote of five ayes and zero nays, recommends no adjustment be made in the ward boundaries at this time.

Justification: The Commission has determined that the registered voter and general population numbers remain within acceptable deviation percentages for the 2023 Municipal Election. These percentages were recorded in the Commission's 2020 report to Council. The numbers did not change significantly based on 2020 voter registration data from the Monongalia County Clerk and the 2020 US Census.

The Commission greatly appreciates the assistance of the City GIS Analyst in compiling and interpreting this data.

Future Plan: The Commission will continue to work with the GIS Analyst to review possible incremental adjustments as new Census American Community Survey and registered voter data is released later this year with the expectation that it will assist in preparing the Commission's next report in 2024.

Respectfully,



Sarah R. Barnes
Chair, Morgantown Ward and Boundaries Commission

Morgantown City 2020 Voter Registration and 2020 Decennial Population numbers by Ward:

Ward	2022 Voters	Ideal Voter Count	Difference From Ideal	% Deviation	2020 Decennial Population	Ideal Population	Difference from Ideal	% Deviation
First Ward	2658	2705	-47	-1.74%	3192	4441	-1249	-28.12%
Second Ward	2726	2705	21	0.78%	4271	4441	-170	-3.83%
Third Ward	2563	2705	-142	-5.25%	5588	4441	1147	25.83%
Fourth Ward	2551	2705	-154	-5.69%	4718	4441	277	6.24%
Fifth Ward	2853	2705	148	5.47%	5416	4441	975	21.95%
Sixth Ward	2959	2705	254	9.39%	3416	4441	-1025	-23.08%
Seventh Ward	2620	2705	-85	-3.14%	4482	4441	41	0.92%

Additional Information available here:

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/1e6478a9b23c4bb59b975d69a1a9609b/>