

# CITY OF MITCHELL

City Council Meeting  
Agenda Item Request



*The deadline for agenda items is Wednesday at noon, prior to the City Council Meeting*

Meeting Date Requested:   
 Requested By:

Desired Action of City Council:  Authorization  Approval  Resolution  
 Ordinance  Citizen Request  Discussion

Amount Budgeted in current fiscal year for this item (if applicable):

Agenda Item:

Explanation/Background of Agenda Item Requested:

The City of Mitchell is required to update its election words following each official census to reflect shifting population throughout each ward. Each ward is required to have approximately equal total population pursuant to the constitution.

After the City received its population data from the last census, Planning & Development District III worked with the data to ensure that our election ward boundaries would result in wards with similar populations. District III also does this work for other government entities including Davison County. As such, our wards are consistent with the precincts established for Davison County, which helps simplify the election process.

The new boundaries are established by splitting the town into quadrants, much like done previously. There are two lines through the city (one east-west, one north-south) and the quadrants formed by those lines become the election wards.

In general, Ward 1 is the southwest quarter, Ward 2 the southeast quarter, Ward 3 the northeast quarter, and Ward 4 the northwest quarter. This is the same as it is currently, however the exact dividing lines between wards have shifted to accommodate population changes.