

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION RULES OF COURTESY

The Redistricting Commission is anxious to hear from as many Dallas residents as possible to learn about concerns and issues with the existing City Council districts and with any of the proposed draft plans put forward as potential methods of redrawing the districts. To insure fairness and orderly meetings, the Commission rules of courtesy are based upon the Dallas City Council Rules of Courtesy and the Code of Conduct. The Code of Conduct applies to all members of the Commission, redistricting staff, news media and visitors. These procedures provide:

- **That no one shall delay or interrupt the proceedings, or refuse to obey the orders of the presiding officer.**
- **All persons should refrain from private conversation in the Meeting Room while the Commission is in session.**
- **Posters and placards must remain outside the Meeting Room.**
- **Cellular phones or audible beepers must be turned to vibrate or turned off while the Commission is in session.**
- **Rules for Speakers:**
 1. All persons wishing to speak must sign up with the Redistricting Staff and provide the requested sign-in information prior to the meeting.
 2. Each speaker must address the Chair, provide his/her name and address for the record, and state the district in which he/she lives or works.
 3. Each speaker shall have a maximum of 3 minutes with the time limit to be determined the night of the meeting, depending on the number of speakers that are signed up to speak. The speaker will be signaled when there is 30 seconds left and must close his/her comments within the time period. Members of the Commission will not interrupt the speaker with questions, but may ask questions of the speaker at the end of the speaker's comments. The speaker should remain at the podium until all questions are completed.
 4. Each speaker must keep his/her comments on the topic of redistricting or will be ruled out of order by the Chair.
 5. Speakers shall observe the same rules of propriety, decorum and good conduct applicable to members of the Commission. Any speaker making personal, impertinent, profane, or slanderous remarks or who becomes boisterous while addressing the Commission will be removed from the room, if the security officer is so directed by the Chair. If the Chair fails to act, any member of the Commission may move to require enforcement of the rules, and the affirmative vote of a majority of the Commission shall require the Chair to act.