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**A Message from the Commissioners Court on Redistricting in Polk County**

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The numbers from the 2020 Census are in! Due to the pandemic, they are much later than expected. Now that the information has arrived, the Texas Constitution requires all Counties to look at redistricting after the Census. Currently, our State Legislature is in this process, and Polk County is beginning this process as well.

The 2020 Census reports Polk County gained 10.4% in our population since the last accounting in 2010, up from 45,413 to 50,123. We retained the firm Allison, Bass & Magee, L.L.P. to assist us in examining the data and developing a redistricting plan for Polk County. Texas Law allows a deviation in Commissioners Precincts of up to 10% before we are required to redraw boundaries, and we are over, in total, by 30.66%. Precinct 1 is 18.26% higher than the ideal population and Precinct 3 is 12.4% below the ideal, so a shifting of boundaries must occur.

If you saw the September 28<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Commissioners Court, you have heard this already in the presentation by Mr. Eric Magee. If you are interested in the details, we encourage you to watch the recording of that meeting. Like all Commissioners Court meetings, it is available on the County website and Polk County's [YouTube](#) and [Facebook](#) pages.

Allison, Bass & Magee will also assist us with lawfully redrawing boundaries, which will redistrict some Polk County citizens into a different Commissioner/Justice of the Peace/Constable Precinct and/or Voting Precinct than they are currently in. We are following State Law, and providing the best representation to the citizens we serve.