

## City of Fremont Update

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To: City Employees/ City Boards/ Mayor & City Council

### City Highlights Housing Report

The picture on the right is City Planning Director, Jennifer Dam presenting the highlights of the City's Municipal Density and Missing Middle Housing Report at the Urban Affairs Committee Interim Hearing in Omaha last Friday. The hearing was held to hear reports on four interim studies, LR69--Municipal Density and Missing Middle Housing Act; LR172—a look at oversaturation of



nonprofits in low-income areas; LR124-extremely blighted areas under the Community Development Law; and LR125-use of enhanced employment areas under the Community Development Law. Jennifer's presentation was part of the invited testimony from Bellevue, Fremont, Omaha, Lincoln, Papillion, and Columbus on LR69.

### No Record Set for Water Pumped in July

The dry and hot temperatures in July caused a close second to the record level of water pumped in a single month at 319,730,000 gallons. This is slightly less than the all-time record for water pumped set in July 2020 at 321,103,000 gallons. Last year's record was likely due to a lot of people being home because of COVID-19.

Of the 320 million gallons of water pumped, 290 million gallons were furnished by the wells at the wellfield (south of town), while the remaining water was furnished by the Downing Street water well as well as several other water wells in Fremont. During the month, residents and businesses used on average 10,311,000 gallons of water per day. The greatest daily demand for water was on July 23, when 18.4 million gallons of water was furnished by the wellfield.



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## Meetings Held on Comprehensive Plan

The City's consultant, Housel Lavigne, was back in town this week to conduct several meetings on the Comprehensive Plan and Unified Development Code. The string of meetings started with the Advisory Committee (shown in the picture on the right), a Youth Advisory Committee, a joint Planning Commission and City Council meeting, and a public open house held at the Auditorium. The next steps will be to take the information gleaned from these meetings, update the plans, and then come back with updated drafts.



## Preliminary Census Data

On August 12, the U.S. Census Bureau released the 2020 Census “legacy” data with the first detailed counts of the population for local geographies. Here a sampling of some population counts for Dodge County and Fremont:

|                                   |                     |                |                |  |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|--|
| Fremont population:               | 2010 – 26,397       | 2020 – 27,141  |                |  |
| Dodge County population:          | 2010 - 36,691       | 2020 – 37,167  |                |  |
| Dodge County Supervisor Districts |                     | Fremont Wards: |                |  |
| 2010:                             | 2020:               | 2010:          | 2020:          |  |
| District #1 – 5,189               | District #1 – 5,699 | Ward 1 – 6,885 | Ward 1 – 7,000 |  |
| District #2 – 5,421               | District #2 – 5,569 | Ward 2 – 6,376 | Ward 2 – 6,179 |  |
| District #3 – 5,193               | District #3 – 5,212 | Ward 3 – 6,757 | Ward 3 – 6,916 |  |
| District #4 – 5,101               | District #4 – 5,125 | Ward 4 – 6,379 | Ward 4 – 6,732 |  |
| District #5 – 5,161               | District #5 – 5,424 |                |                |  |
| District #6 – 5,412               | District #6 – 5,132 |                |                |  |
| District #7 – 5,214               | District #7 – 5,003 |                |                |  |

The redistricting law requires that each District and Ward be substantially equal in population. To meet this requirement, each City ward should have a target population of around 6,707. Mayor Spellerberg and Dodge County Chairman, Bob Missell have appointed representatives from the City Council and Board of Supervisors, respectively, to review and propose redistricted Districts and Wards.

In the July 23 Update, I incorrectly stated that the US Census Bureau “legacy” data would not contain the information we needed to true up City wards. Instead, the census data we received on August 12, does in fact contain the data to redistrict the size of wards.

What is next? According to LB285, signed into law by Governor Ricketts on May 26, the following timelines were established for redistricting:

October 2021: Counties draw precinct boundaries

November 1, 2021: Deadline for County Election Officials to provide precinct maps

December 30, 2021: Deadline for municipals and political subdivisions to provide boundary lines to County Election Officials

January 5, 2021: Final deadline for any boundary adjustments to be made to be in effect for the 2022 Primary Election.

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