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Subject:	RE: Reminder City Council must review and establish city ward populations as nearly equal in population as possible prior to next spring commencement date for filing for 2021 city elective office.
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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Montana local governments city/municipal elections are statutorily conducted during odd number years. 2021 is an odd numbered year.

Pursuant to Montana election law, subsection 13-1-403(1) MCA. ”the candidate filing deadline for election to a local government office is no sooner than 145 days and no later than 85 days before the election”.

Pursuant to subsection 13-1-107(2) a municipal primary election is to be held on the Tuesday following the second Monday in September preceding a general election held in an odd-numbered year. Based on this statutory provision, it appears that Montana city primary elections would be held on Tuesday September 14, 2021.

The Montana Secretary of State will officially set the Montana city primary and general election dates for 2021. Based on the statutory provisions set forth in subsection 13-1-403(1) MCA; a rough unofficial estimate would seem to be that city election candidate might commence about April 21-22, 2021 and conclude June 20-21, 2021 in order to provide city council with an estimate of the deadline by which city council will be required to attempt to draw city council boundaries; so that each city council ward population is as nearly equal as possible. These dates are unofficial guess estimates.

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