



CITY OF TAMPA

3.8.4. – Cartographic Standards Technology & Innovation Department

TITLE

3.8.4. – CARTOGRAPHIC STANDARDS

HISTORY

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DESCRIPTION

All maps shall be created at a scale that does not compromise the accuracy of the source data unless otherwise noted on the map legend.

It is not be acceptable to produce a map at a scale at which the base data is unreadable.

Cautionary note: When working with any maps that have been enlarged, reduced, or reproduced on a computer monitor a graphic/bar scale will remain valid if it is enlarged and reduced by the same amount. A ratio/fractional or written/verbal scale will be incorrect because the relationship between map distance and real world distance has been altered.

Please be aware that as files are enlarged, the positional accuracy specified for the original file or source map is no longer valid.

Judgments regarding the scale at which to display thematic data shall be left up to the cartographer and the customer's intended usage. In all cases, source data accuracy shall be displayed on the map legend.

REFERENCE

The standard described above has been developed internally by the City of Tampa. The standard is part of the T&I Service Catalog.

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