



CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS

City Council Agenda Communication

Meeting Date: June 6, 2022

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Agenda Item: First Reading Ordinance – City Wards Redistricting

Explanation: The City of Washington’s 2020 Census population of 16,071 was certified by the Secretary of State late last year. The City’s population falls between the range of 15,001 and 20,000, which dictates that there be ten alderpersons and five wards. However, municipalities may choose to retain the number of alderpersons and wards that existed prior to the most recent decennial census. A resolution was approved on April 18 to maintain the same eight alderpersons and four wards that are currently in place.

State statute dictates that all Illinois cities must redraw their aldermanic wards to be “nearly equal in population, and as compact and contiguous as practicable. It has not been clear what “nearly equal” means, but the U.S. Supreme Court has stated that anything beyond a ten percent deviation creates a presumption of discrimination and therefore must be justified on a legitimate, non-discriminatory basis according to the Illinois Municipal League. Staff has strived to maintain as small a population deviation as possible in ward populations with achieving goals of respecting primary geographic boundaries, maintaining the addresses of the existing alderpersons within the same wards, having no precinct be divided between more than two wards whenever possible, and keeping the wards as compact and contiguous as feasible. The equal ward split population is 4,008. A two percent variation would fall between 3,928-4,088. A five percent deviation would range from 3,808-4,208.

Feedback was received at the April and May Committee of the Whole meetings on draft wards maps that were presented. Of those maps, the consensus was that Option 3 was the best alternative. That map is attached to indicate the changes that would occur to the existing boundaries.

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Action Requested: Staff recommends approval of the attached ordinance. A first reading is scheduled for the June 6 City Council meeting and a second reading will be scheduled for the June 20 meeting.

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**AN ORDINANCE REDISTRICTING THE WARDS IN THE
CITY OF WASHINGTON, TAZEWELL COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

WHEREAS, the 2020 United States Census figures shows that the population of the City of Washington exceeds 15,000 but less than 20,000 inhabitants; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/3.1-20-10(a) provides that once a federal census establishes the population of more than 15,000 inhabitants the City must have ten (10) alderpersons and five (5) wards; and

WHEREAS, paragraph (b) of that same statute allows cities with a population between 15,000 and 20,000 inhabitants to opt out of that requirement by passing a resolution keeping the number of alderpersons at eight (8) and wards at four (4); and

WHEREAS, a resolution maintaining the number of alderpersons in the City of Washington at eight (8) and wards at four (4) was passed by the Washington City Council on April 18, 2022, as Resolution No. R-1353; and

WHEREAS, the 2010 Census calculated the City's population as 15,134; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 Census calculated the City's population as 16,071; and

WHEREAS, the increase in population of 937 combined with the changes in population among the existing wards necessitates the reapportionment of the boundaries of the four (4) wards.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON, TAZEWELL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, as follows:

Section 1. That Section 11-01 entitled "Establishment" of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Washington, and any amendments thereto, is hereby deleted in its entirety, and the following inserted in lieu thereof:

§11.01 Redistricting of Wards. All of the territory embraced within the corporate limits of the city, now existing or territory annexed to the City in the future, shall be divided into four districts which shall be called wards. The districts/wards shall be shown on the Ward Map attached hereto, marked "Appendix A," and by reference expressly made a part hereof. The following descriptions of the four wards shown on the Ward Map area included below for clarification purposes in the event the Map is ambiguous in a specific area:

Ward I: All of the territory within the corporate limits of the City lying east of the centerline of Nofsinger Road, north of the centerline of Cruger Road, west of Nofsinger to include the Cherry Pointe subdivision, PIN 02-02-10-400-020, PIN 02-02-15-200-019, and PIN 02-02-10-300-011, east of the centerline of Dallas Road, south of the centerline of Mitchell Street, east of the centerline of Anne Street, south of the centerline of Kingsbury Road, east of the centerline of Cummings Lane, north of the centerline of Business U.S. Route 24, west of the centerline of Tiezzi Lane, south of the centerline of West Jefferson

Street, west of the centerline of Wilmor Road, north of the recreation trail to the creek, north of the creek to Madison Street, north of the centerline of Madison Street, west of the centerline of North Wood Street, south of the centerline of Jackson Street, west of Lincoln Street, north of Washington Park athletic fields, and west of the centerline of North Main Street.

Ward II: All the territory within the corporate limits of the City lying east of the centerline of North Main Street, south of Devonshire Estates subdivision, east of Lincoln Street, north of the centerline of Jackson Street, east of the centerline of North Wood Street, south of the centerline of Madison Street, south of the creek to the recreation trail, south of the recreation trail to Wilmor Road, east of the centerline of Wilmor Road, north of the centerline of West Jefferson Street, east of the centerline of Tiezzi Lane, north of the centerline of Business U.S. Route 24, and south and east of the TP&W railroad tracks.

Ward III: All the territory within the corporate limits of the City lying east of the centerline of South Summit Drive, south of the centerline of Business U.S. Route 24 and Illinois Route 8, and south and west of the TP& W railroad tracks; also including Pine Lakes Country Estates and Deer Run Estates subdivisions, PIN 02-02-23-302-007, PIN 02-02-22-400-012, PIN 02-02-22-400-015, PIN 02-02-28-200-003, PIN 02-02-28-100-003, and PIN 02-02-29-200-009 south of the TP& W railroad tracks.

Ward IV: All the territory within the corporate limits of the City lying west of the centerline of Nofsinger Road to the centerline of U.S. Route 24 Boyd Parkway, north of U.S. Route 24 Boyd Parkway to PIN 02-02-10-300-011, south of PIN 02-02-10-300-011, PIN 02-02-15-200-019, and the Cherry Pointe subdivision, south of the centerline of Cruger Road, west of the centerline of Dallas Road, north of the centerline of Mitchell Street, west of the centerline of Anne Street, north of the centerline of Kingsbury Road, west of the centerline of Cummings Lane, and north of the centerline of Business U.S. Route 24 and Illinois Route 8.

Section 2. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance be, and the same are hereby repealed.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication as required by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2022.

AYES: _____

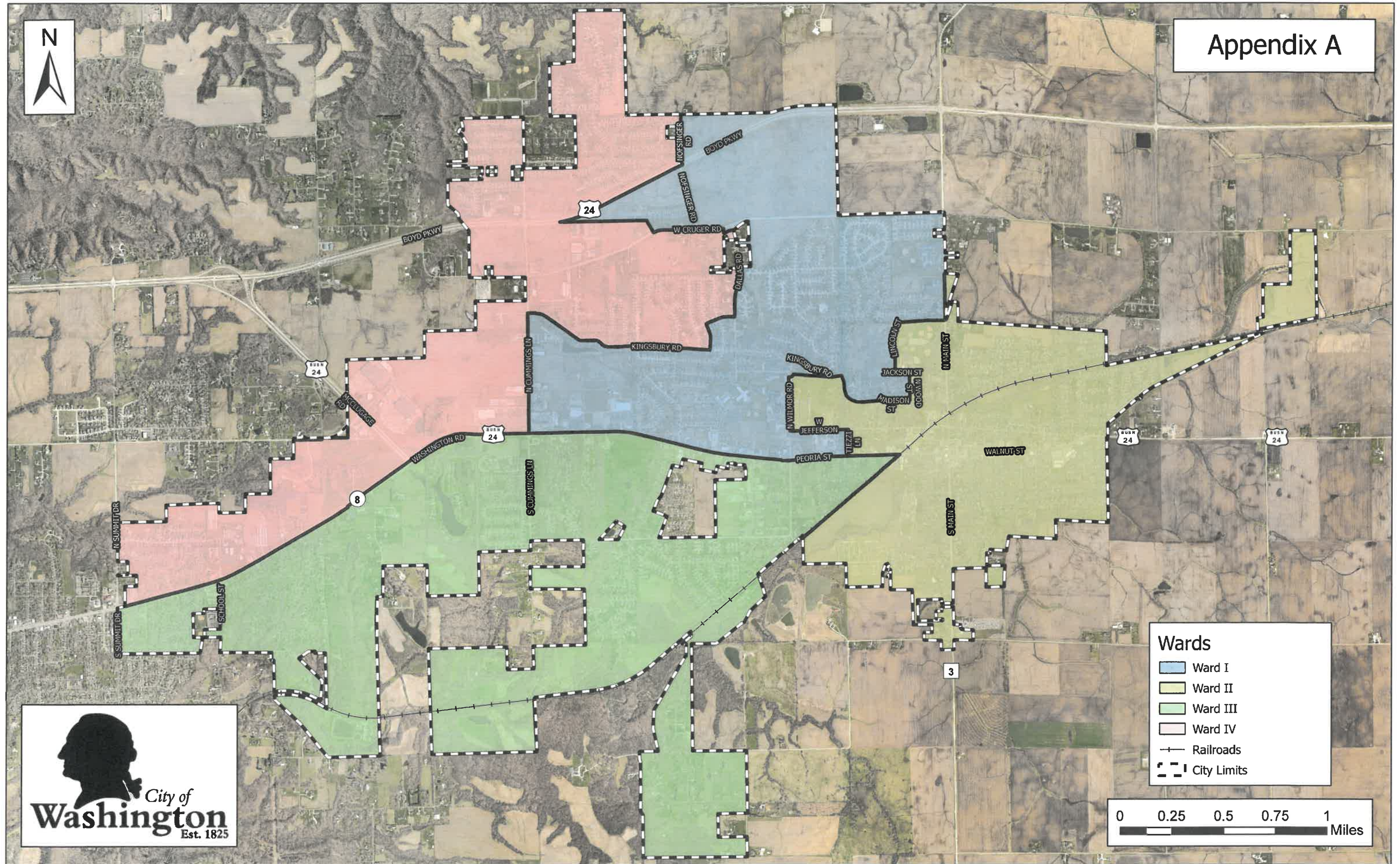
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Mayor

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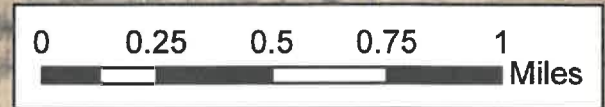
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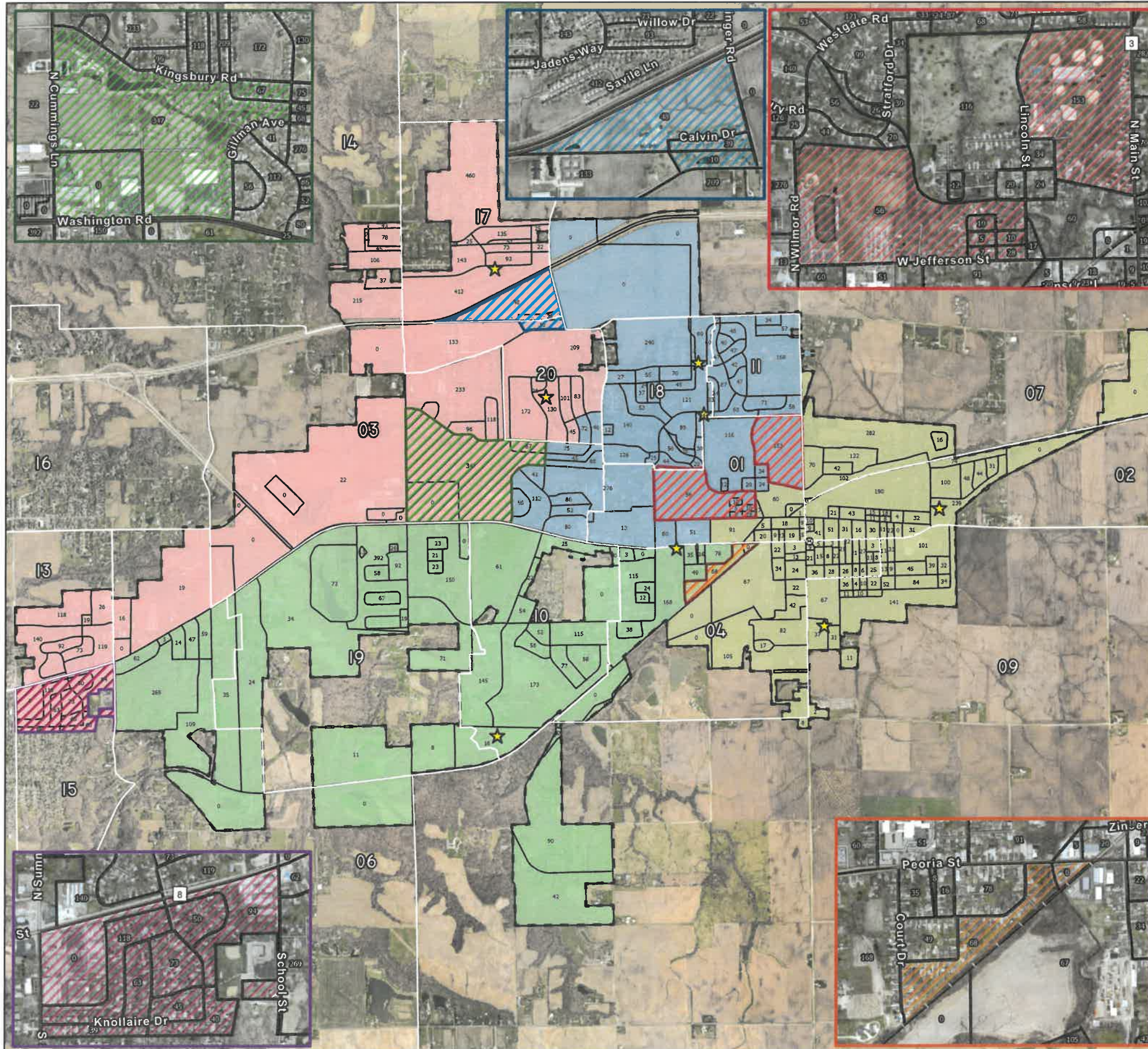
Appendix A



Wards

- Ward I
- Ward II
- Ward III
- Ward IV
- Railroads
- City Limits





Ward Redistricting Option 3






General Information

2020 Population: **16,031**
Equal Ward Split Population: **4,008***
Target Ward Pop. Range (2% variation): **3,928-4,088**

Ward Populations (as of 2020 Census)

Ward I: **3,859** | Ward II: **3,718** | Ward III: **3,334** | Ward IV: **5,120**

Ward	Pop. Change
Ward I:	Add 69-229
Ward II:	Add 210-370
Ward III:	Add 594-754
Ward IV:	Subtract 1,012-1,172

Update Description	Pop. Impact
 Move areas west of School St/south of Rt. 8 to Ward III	522
 Move blocks south of Kingsbury/west of Cummings to Ward I	414
 Move Cherry Pointe to Ward I	97
 Move blocks west of TP&W tracks to Ward III	68
 Move blocks east of Wilmor/west of N. Main to Ward II	269

Ward Populations (after Ward Redistricting)

Ward I: **4,101** | Ward II: **3,919** | Ward III: **3,924** | Ward IV: **4,087**

*Note: Census blocks have a total population of 16,031

