

CITY OF SALEM
Written Testimony #2
City Council

555 Liberty St SE
Salem, OR 97301

Monday, November 8, 2021

6:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

- 5.a.** [21-490](#) Review of three alternative ward boundary scenarios for Ward Reapportionment.

Ward(s): All Wards
Councilor(s): All Councilors
Neighborhood(s): All Neighborhoods
Result Area(s): Good Governance

Recommendation: Conduct a public hearing on the three alternative ward boundary scenarios.

Attachments: [Alternative 1 Ward Boundary Map](#)
 [Alternative 2 Ward Boundary Map](#)
 [Alternative 3 Ward Boundary Map](#)
 [Demographic Tables for Alternative Ward Boundary Maps](#)
 [Public Comments received by 3:00 p.m. 11-8-21.pdf](#)

Add - Written Testimony.

Lisa Anderson-Ogilvie

From: E Easterly <emeasterly@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, October 17, 2021 6:47 PM
To: Lisa Anderson-Ogilvie
Subject: Ward population adjustment project
Attachments: Salem Wards 2022 rebalance draft.ods

Mrs. Anderson-Ogilvie;

Since your name is linked to the project and there is no individual associated with COG who is the assigned individual to the project please, accept the attached spread sheet as my initial effort balance the 8 wards.

No lines are drawn. I am simply performing a quick numerical reconciliation. Hopefully this information will be useful to the map drawers.

E.M.

Ward	Population	Deviation	% Deviation	Add	Add	Add	Subtract	Balance
1	20743	-1199	-5.50%	2689	733		2223	21942
2	19079	-2863	-13.10%	2112	750			21941
3	21596	-346	-1.60%	2458			2112	21942
4	24400	2458	11.20%				2458	21942
5	22285	343	1.60%				343	21942
6	20126	-1816	-8.30%	343		1473		21942
7	22675	733	3.30%				733	21942
8	24631	2689	12.30%				2689	21942
Total City	175535	21942	mean					

Lisa Anderson-Ogilvie

From: Planning Comments
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 10:11 AM
To: Lisa Anderson-Ogilvie
Subject: Ward Re-Districting Comment FW: Salem wards

Lisa,

See below.

Thank you,

- Shelby Guizar | 503-540-2315

From: Sellers Anne <Anne.Sellers2@dhsosha.state.or.us>
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 3:57 PM
To: Planning Comments <PlanningComments@cityofsalem.net>
Subject: Salem wards

Hello.

I live in the Salem area and heard about the boundary topic for the city. I live next to Silverton Rd in NE Salem and my area is outside the city boundary. I find this very strange. I don't know the reason that my area and a big chunk of residential area on the north side of Silverton Road including Chemeketa College is outside the city boundaries. I note that an area south of my home, near Cordon Rd is also outside city boundaries.

For practical reasons, I think the boundaries should be changed to include these 2 residential areas. The side streets need sidewalks to make them safe for pedestrian, especially children walking to school.

If you can provide me with information on the reason for the current boundaries and the reason that several areas are excluded from The City of Salem, I will be interested to read it.

Thank you.

Anne Sellers

Lisa Anderson-Ogilvie

From: Matthew Ficek <MFicek@co.marion.or.us>
Sent: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 7:54 AM
To: Planning Comments
Subject: New Ward map comment
Attachments: Matthew Ficek.vcf

I would like to comment on the maps. I think the 3rd option seems to be the best. I live in Ward 4.

Thanks

Matt Ficek
Marion County PW
Engineering Tech
503-588-5036

Lisa Anderson-Ogilvie

From: Keith Kohan <bike2work@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 3, 2021 8:59 PM
To: Planning Comments
Subject: New ward apportionment comment

Of the three alternatives presented I recommend alternative 3. Alternative 3 leaves ward 8 with the largest deficit and includes the land at the corner of Eola and Doakes Ferry Rd. This land will most likely be developed within the next 10 years filling in the deficit.

Alternative 3 seems to me to be the alternative best suited to keep the wards in balance over the next 10 years.

Keith Kohan

Comments on Interactive Map

Alternative 1

Name	Comment
Not provided	This seems acceptable
Bill Dixon	I prefer Option 1 with one adjustment: Add Riverfront Park to the ward. That would put Minto Brown Island Park and Riverfront Park, which are united by the Courtney Bridge and serve many of the same users, in the same ward, without changing population.
Ted Stonecliffe	Alternative 1 is the most equitable shape for Ward 2. Both alternatives 2 and 3 include all of the city north of OR-22 east of Lancaster Drive. This is arbitrary and creates an unnatural divide between Wards 2 and 3, so I prefer Alternative 1.
Charlotte Vollet	We prefer Alternative 1 as we would like to remain in Ward 2. It is a natural divide along Madrona and keeps us in the Ward occupied by Willamette University and the hospital.
Not provided	This option seems the most reasonable and aligns the Edgewater business with the Downtown business district. This option will allow "like areas" with similar concerns and issues a unified voice in representation.
Not provided	I feel that Ward 8 should incorporate ALL of West Salem and include the portions of Ward 1 that are West of the river. Currently West Salem is served by 2 wards and (01 and 08) and feel it would be better served by one councilor.
Norine Ask	This seems totally business, not people-oriented. NE Salem has a lot of low-income families whose interests do not align with the W Salem businesses or population. This weakens the already limited power of the less fortunate in Salem.

Alternative 2

Becky Beaman	It makes sense to me, as a Ward 7 resident, that Minto Island Park be part of Ward 7. It is reached by land from Ward 7, not West Salem. The carveout at the north end here looks contrived. Very few residents in this slice -- why combine with WS?
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John	This proposal for Ward 4 appears to violate the rule that wards be contiguous, with the small section of 36th Ave SE between Kubler and Boone being surrounded on 4 sides by Ward 3.
Not provided	Ward 8 should include everything West of the river and exclude Ward 1. Ward 1 should include portions of ward 2 and 7 to make up the difference in population.
Andrew Earls	I like this one the best. I noticed we are not increasing the area of the city. I would like to know how we would propose extending ward 6 down to center st. Would that help at all?
Alternative 3	
Mike Hughes	<p>Alternative 3 seems to be the closest to ideal but the following changes would improve it:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Use Highland, rather than Pine as the as the boundary between Wards 1 &5 (would transfer 567 voters from 1 to 5) Result would be Ward 1=22229 (-1.3%) and Ward 5= 22199 (-1.2%). 2. Move area east of 24th between State and Center (near State Hospital) to Ward 6. (Boundary @ State). Ward 2=21,841 (.01%) Ward 6= 22370 (-1.9%) 3. Use Liberty as boundary between Wards 4 & 7. Would transfer 785 voters from Ward 4 to Ward 7 resulting in: Ward 4 = 21317 (.03%) and Ward 7= 21816 (.01%) <p>These changes would result in around a 600+ deficit in Wards 4 and 8 but that would be the most desirable to maintain some balance since those appear to be where the growth will be occurring in the next decade.</p>