



December 22, 2021

Senator James P. Gray
Chairman, Senate Election Law and Municipal Affairs Committee
107 North Main Street
Concord, NH 03301-4951

Dear Senator Gray:

I am pleased to report that the Keene City Council adopted new ward lines that will become effective January 1, 2022. Their redistricting effort resulted in the following deviations between the population of Keene's five wards.

Ward	Population	Deviation from Ideal #
1	4643	.7%
2	4558	-1.1%
3	4550	-1.3%
4	4620	.2%
5	4676	1.4%

I have enclosed a copy of the Ordinance as well as the new ward map. If you need any further information about Keene's redistricting effort, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Patricia A. Little
City Clerk

ORDINANCE



CITY OF KEENE

Ordinance O-2021-15

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-one

AN ORDINANCE Relating to City Ward Lines

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Keene, as follows:

That the Ordinances of the City of Keene, as amended, are hereby further amended by adding a new Chapter 3. to be entitled "Wards" as follows:

Chapter 3. – WARDS

ARTICLE I. – CITY WARDS LINES

Sec. 3-1. - Wards defined.

The City of Keene is hereby divided into five wards. All wards shall be composed of contiguous and compact territory, as nearly equal in population as possible, and bounded by natural boundaries, street lines, railroad tracks or other easily identifiable physical features. Notwithstanding any changes in the ward boundaries, the elected ward officers in office at the time of the redistricting of city wards shall continue in said offices until the end of the terms for which they were elected.

Sec. 3-2. - Amendments to boundaries.

Pursuant to Section 2. of the Keene City Charter, if necessary to comply with any Constitutional requirement to equalize populations, the city council shall review the ward boundaries and, shall, by ordinance, re-divide the city into five wards. A public hearing on the proposed ward boundaries shall be held not more than 30 days before its adoption by the city council, at such time and place as the city council shall direct, and notice of such public hearing shall be published at least 7 days in advance of the hearing by the city clerk.

Sec. 3-3. – Ward line descriptions.

The City of Keene shall be divided into five (5) wards, the boundaries of which shall be as follows:

Ward 1: Beginning at the intersection of Main Street; West Street; Roxbury Street and Central Square; thence southerly on Main Street to Emerald Street; thence westerly on Emerald Street

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to Wilson Street; thence southerly on Wilson Street to Davis Street; thence westerly on Davis Street to Ralston Street; thence southerly on Ralston Street to Winchester Street; thence westerly and southerly on Winchester Street to the junction of NH State Highway Routes 10; 12 and 101; thence westerly on NH State Highway Routes 10; 12 and 101 to the junction of State Highway Route 9; thence westerly on State Highway Route 9 to Ash Swamp Brook; thence southerly along Ash Swamp Brook; thence southwestwardly along a cleared 60 foot wide property right-of-way to Base Hill Road; thence southerly to the Keene/Swanzey town line; thence easterly and southerly along the Keene/Swanzey town line to the Keene/Swanzey/Marlborough town line; thence northerly and easterly to NH State Highway Route 101; thence westerly on NH State Highway Route 101 to Optical Avenue; thence northerly on Optical Avenue; thence easterly on Optical Avenue to Marlboro Street; thence northwestwardly on Marlboro Street to Eastern Avenue; thence northerly on Eastern Avenue to Water Street; thence westerly on Water Street to Beaver Brook; thence northerly and westerly along Beaver Brook to Harrison Street; thence northerly on Harrison Street to Roxbury Street; thence westerly on Roxbury Street to the point of beginning.

Ward 2: Beginning at the intersection of Main Street; West Street; Roxbury Street and Central Square; thence easterly along the northern and eastern boundary line of Ward 1 as previously described to the Keene/Swanzey town line; thence easterly along the Keene/Swanzey town line to the Keene/Marlborough town line; thence northerly to the Keene/Marlborough/Roxbury town line; thence westerly along the Keene/Roxbury town line to Otter Brook; thence northerly and easterly along the Keene/Roxbury town line to the Keene/Sullivan town line; thence westerly and northerly along the Keene/Sullivan town line to the Keene/Gilsum town line; thence southwestwardly along the Keene/Gilsum town line to the Public Service of New Hampshire right-of-way; thence southeasterly along the Public Service of New Hampshire right-of-way to NH State Highway Route 9; thence southwestwardly along NH State Highway Route 9 to the discontinued Gilsum Street right-of-way; thence southerly along the discontinued Gilsum Street right-of-way to Gilsum Street; thence southerly on Gilsum Street to Howard Street; thence southerly on Howard Street to Cross Street; thence easterly on Cross Street to Pine Street; thence southerly and easterly on Pine Street to Washington Street; thence southerly on Washington Street to Central Square; thence southerly on Central Square to the point of beginning.

Ward 3: Beginning at the intersection of Main Street; West Street; Roxbury Street and Central Square; thence northerly along the western boundary line of Ward 2 as previously described to the Keene/Gilsum town line; thence southwestwardly along the Keene/Gilsum town line to the Keene/Surry town line; thence southwestwardly along the Keene/Surry town line to Old Walpole Road; thence southerly and easterly on Old Walpole Road to Maple Avenue; thence southwestwardly on Maple Avenue to NH State Highway Route 12; thence southeasterly on NH State Highway Route 12 to the junction of NH State Highway Routes 9 and 10; thence northeasterly on NH State Highway Routes 9 and 10 to the overpass on Court Street; thence southerly on Court Street to Central Square; thence southerly on Central Square to the point of beginning.

Ward 4: Beginning at the intersection of Main Street; West Street; Roxbury Street and Central Square; thence northerly along the western boundary line of Ward 3 as previously described to the Keene/Surry town line; thence southwesterly on the Keene/Surry town line to NH State Highway Route 12; thence southerly on NH State Highway Route 12 to the Summit Road discontinued right-of-way; thence southerly on the discontinued Summit Road right-of-way to Summit Road; thence southeasterly on Summit Road to Park Avenue; thence southeasterly on Park Avenue to West Street; thence easterly on West Street to the point of beginning.

Ward 5: Beginning at the intersection of Main Street; West Street; Roxbury Street and Central Square; thence southerly along the western boundary line of Ward 1 as previously described to the Keene/Swanzey town line; thence westerly along the Keene/Swanzey town line to the Keene/Chesterfield town line; thence northwesterly along the Keene/Chesterfield town line to the Keene/Westmoreland town line; thence northeasterly along the Keene/Westmoreland town line to the Keene/Surry town line; thence easterly along the Keene/Surry town line to NH State Highway Route 12; thence southeasterly along the western boundary line of Ward 4 as previously described to the point of beginning.


George S. Hansel, Mayor

In City Council November 18, 2021.
Referred to the Finance, Organization
and Personnel Committee.

Public Hearing set on December 2, 2021 at 7:20 PM.


City Clerk

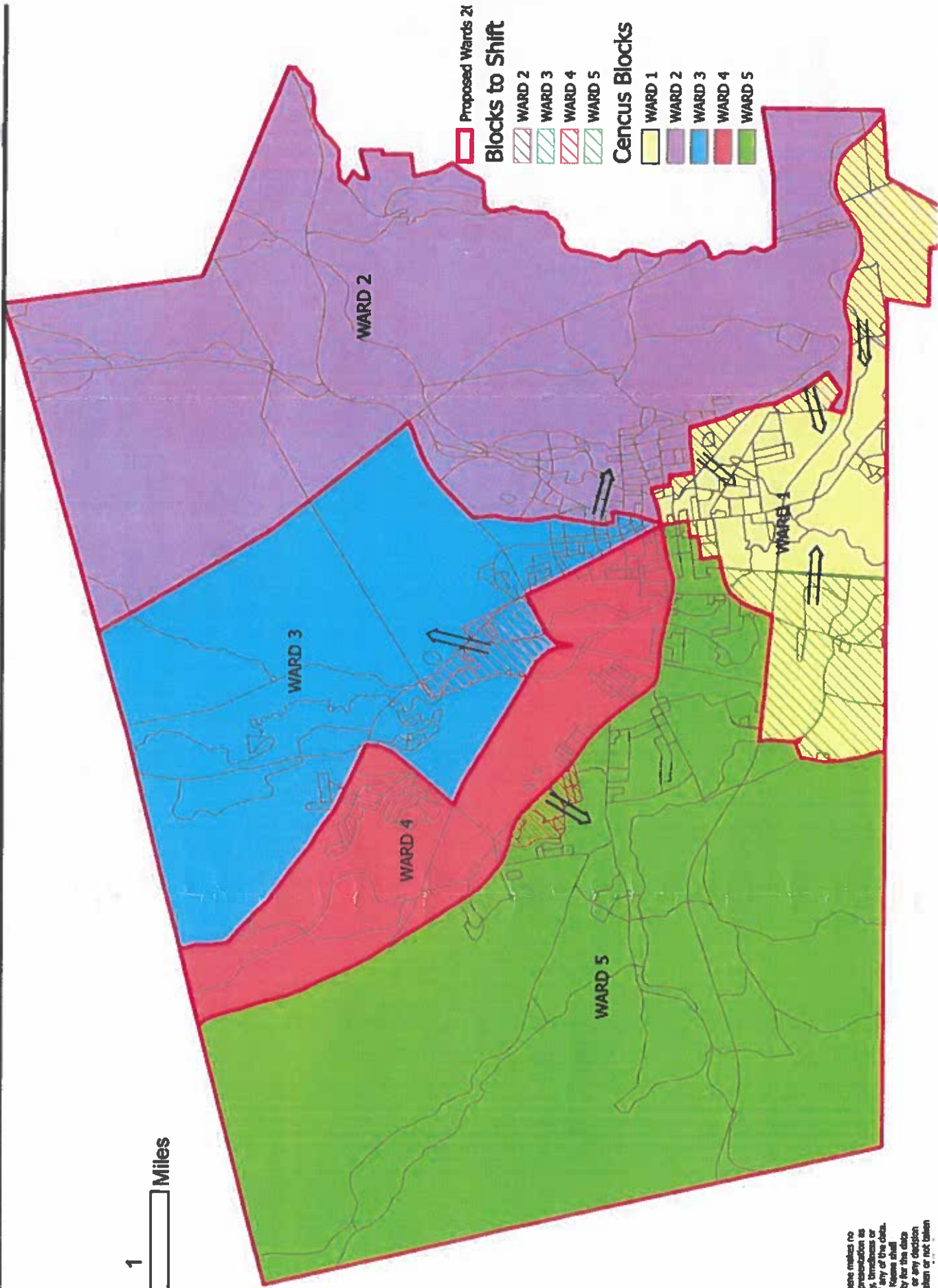
PASSED December 16, 2021

A true Copy;


Attest:

City Clerk

Keene, NH 2020 Census Redistricting Proposal



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