

Ward Redistricting

Adoption Public Hearing

City Council

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- Every two years, in preparation for city elections, staff updates ward populations and proposes any changes needed to ward boundaries in order to maintain practical equality of population by ward
- Every 10 years ward boundaries are adjusted as needed based on new census population data
- In interim years, ward boundaries are adjusted as needed based on estimated population growth in each ward derived from building permits issued for new residential development

- We're using residential building permits issued in 2019 and 2020 to estimate the number and distribution of the city's new population
- Most residential development permitted in that two year timeframe will be completed and occupied by end of 2021
- That coincides nicely with the timing of the upcoming election and ward representatives taking their seats in January 2022

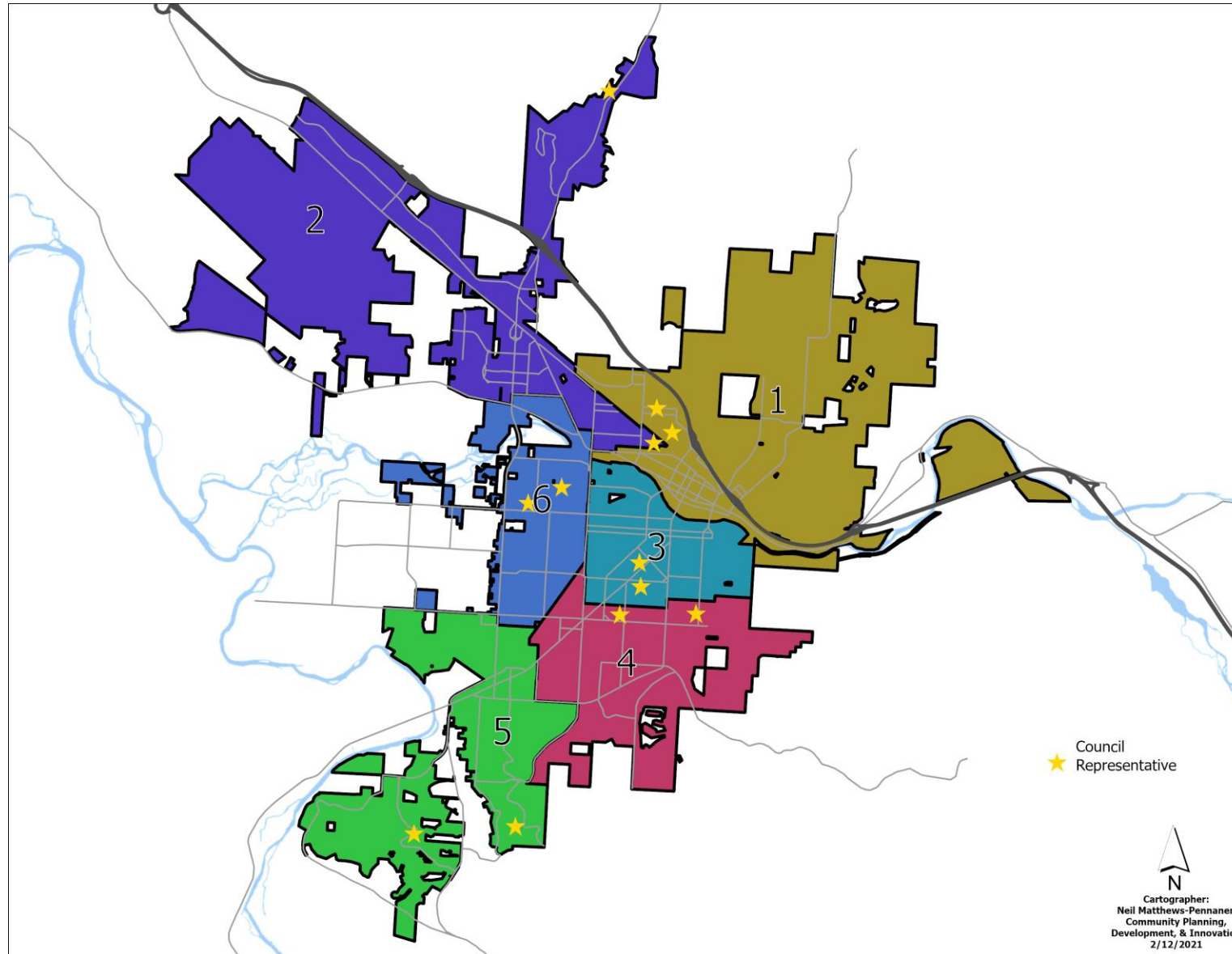
Decadal Timeline



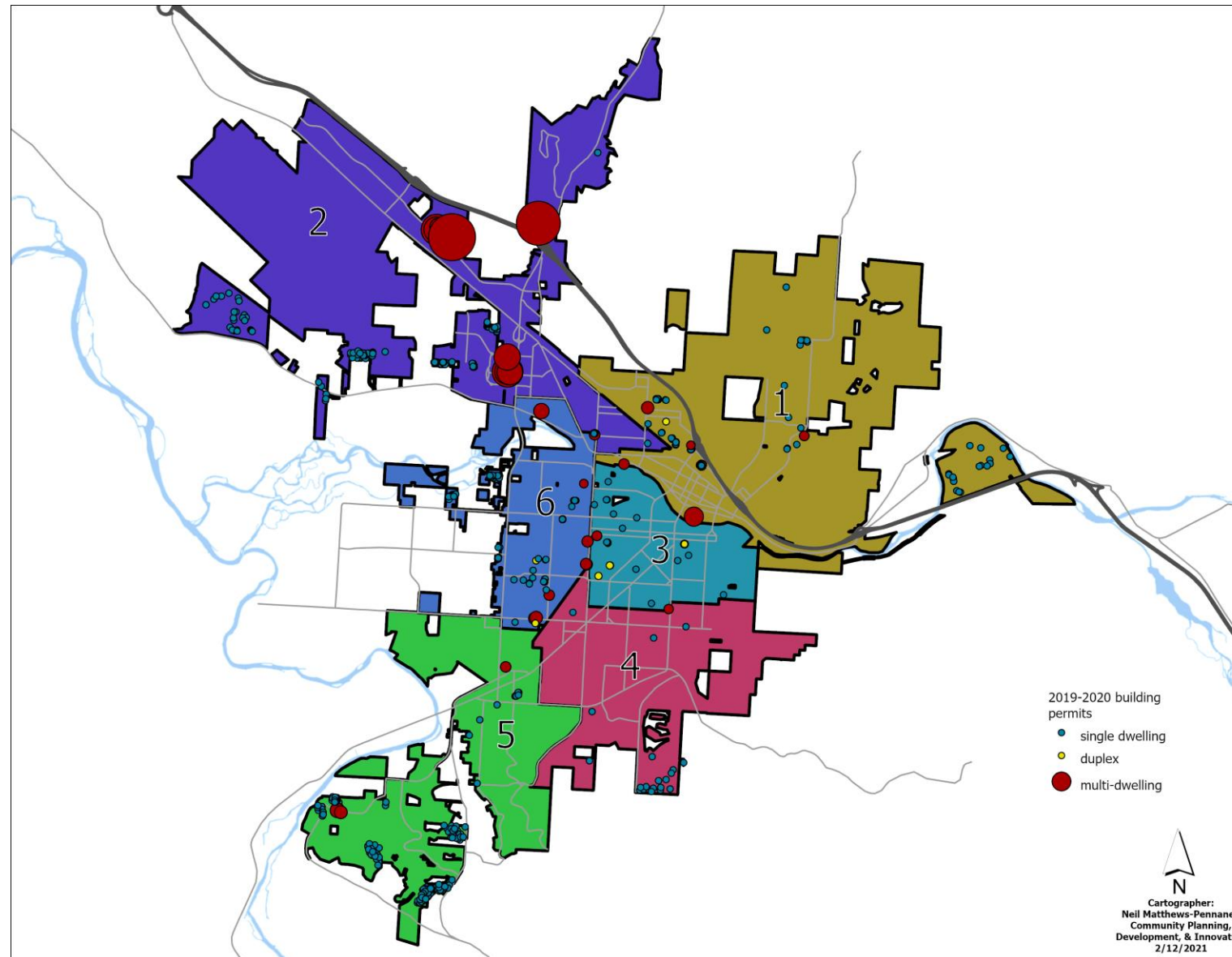
Year	Action	Permit Data
2011	Ward boundaries were adjusted based on 2010 Census population data	
2013	No changes were needed	2 Years - 2011-2012
2015	Changes were made to Wards 1 & 2 boundaries	4 Years - 2011-2014
2017	Changes were made to Wards 1, 2, 4, & 6 boundaries	6 Years - 2011-2016
2019	Changes were made to Wards 2, 4, 5, & 6	8 Years - 2011-2018
2021	Changes are needed this year to Wards 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6	10 years - 2011-2020
2023	Ward boundaries will be adjusted to reflect 2020 Census population data (and any additional population from 2020 to the end of 2022)	???

- Maintain population \pm 3% of ward average
- Keep ward boundaries regular and compact in shape & size and convenient for voters
- Use natural/physical geographic boundaries
- Respect political and census boundaries where possible (neighborhood councils, legislative districts, voting precincts, census tracts/block groups/blocks)
- Avoid redistricting a seated representative out of their ward

Current Ward Boundaries



Res. Permits Issued 2019 & 2020



Estimated City Population



January 1, 2021	2021 Housing Units	Total Population	Average Population per Ward	+/-3%	Minimum Population	Maximum Population
	36,600	78,376	13,063	392	12,671	13,455

Increase
since 2019:

1,013

2,045

- Sources: Community Planning, Development, & Innovation , January 1, 2021
- U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 SFI plus estimated new population derived from new construction city building permits

Estimated Ward Population



Ward	2021 Housing Units	2021 Est. Population	Est. Change in Population (2019-2020)	# People from Average (13,063)	% People from Average	Aligned?
1	6,805	13,066	236	3	0.02%	Yes
2	6,748	13,800	979	737	5.6%	Over
3	5,266	12,537	102	-526	-4.0%	Under
4	5,854	12,533	51	-530	-4.0%	Under
5	5,492	13,482	418	419	3.2%	Over
6	6,435	12,958	259	-105	-0.8%	Yes

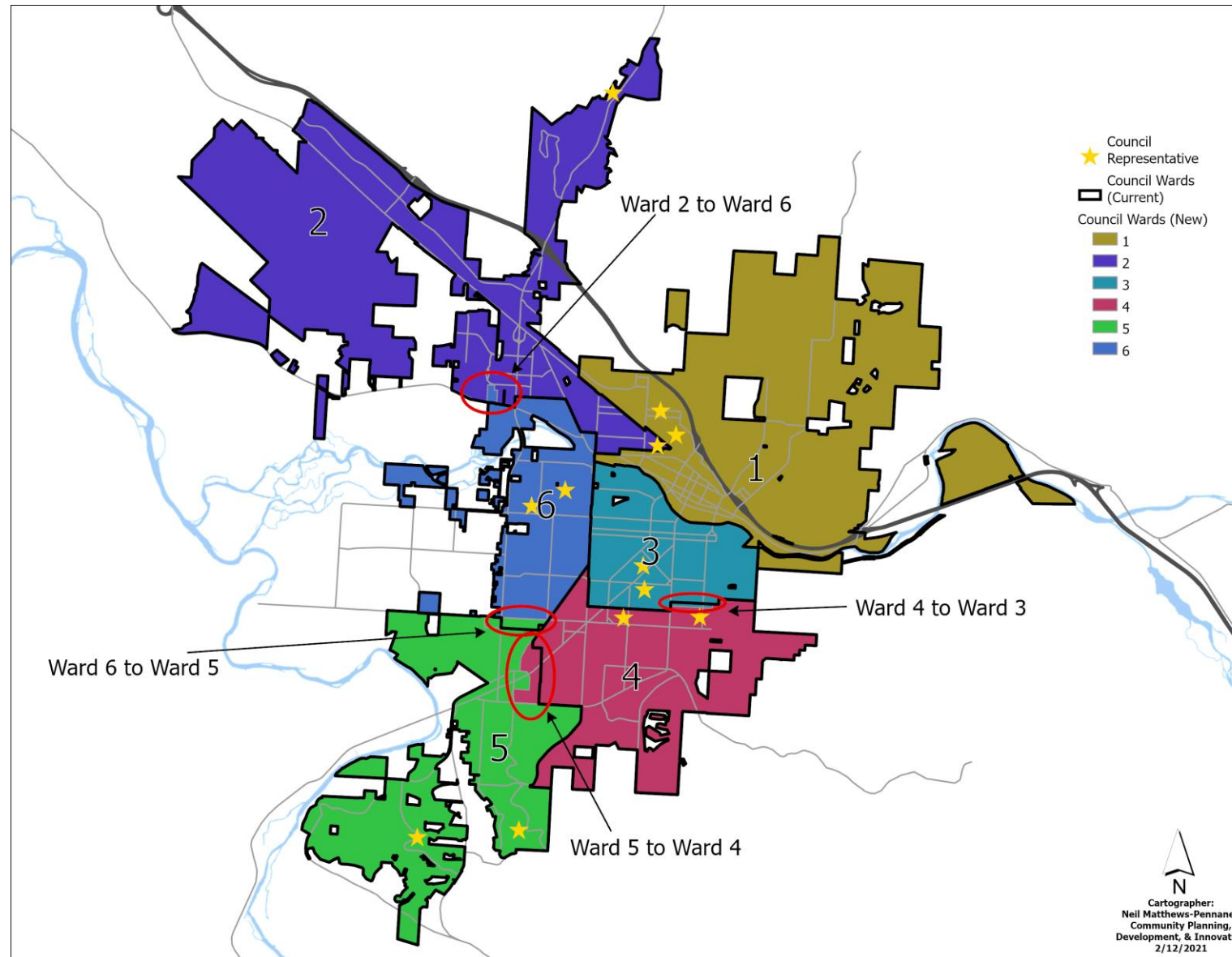
Total: 78,376 2,045

Average: 13,063

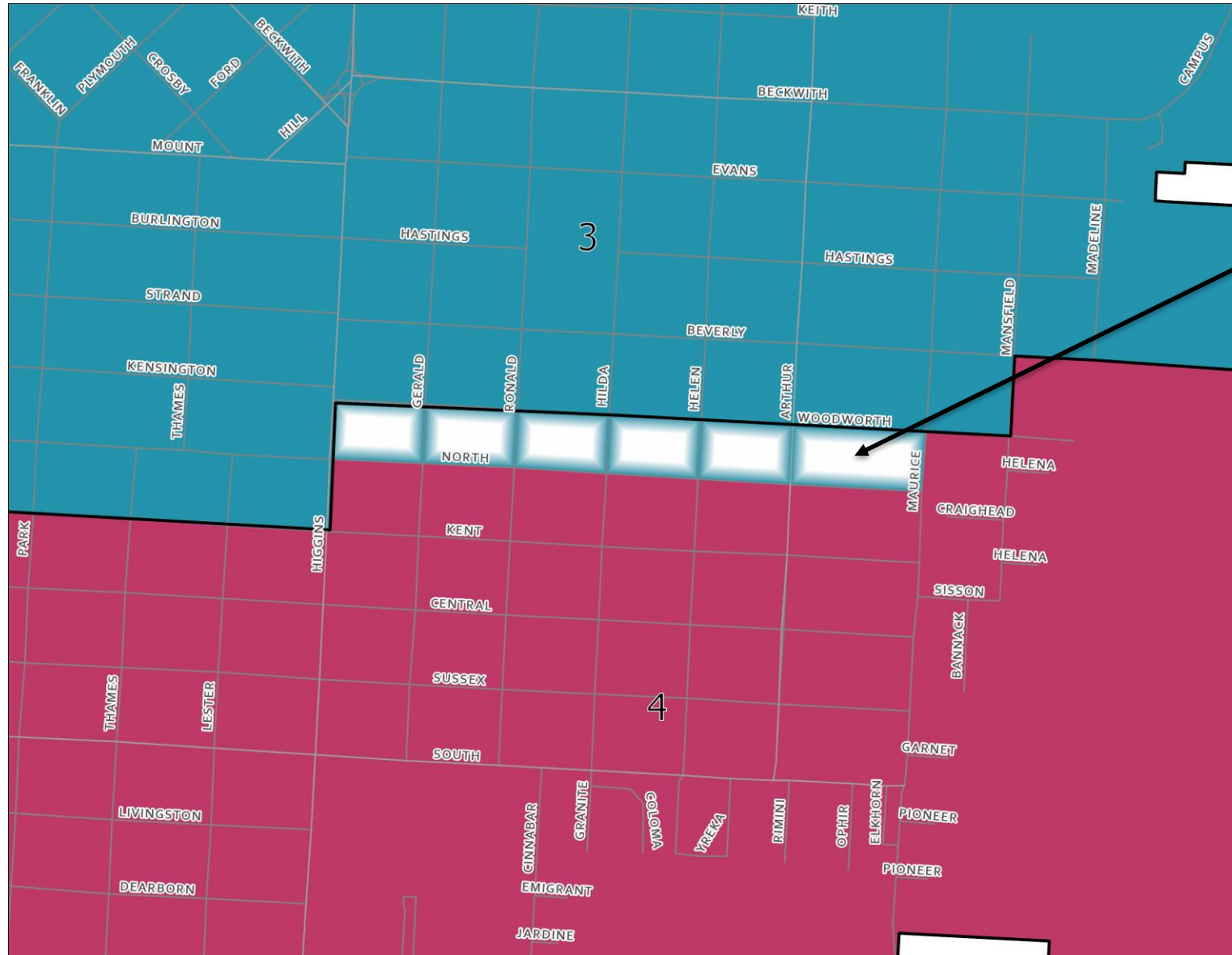
Acceptable Range: 12,671-13,455
or 13,063 +/- 392

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new construction city building permits

Preferred Option Overview of Changes:

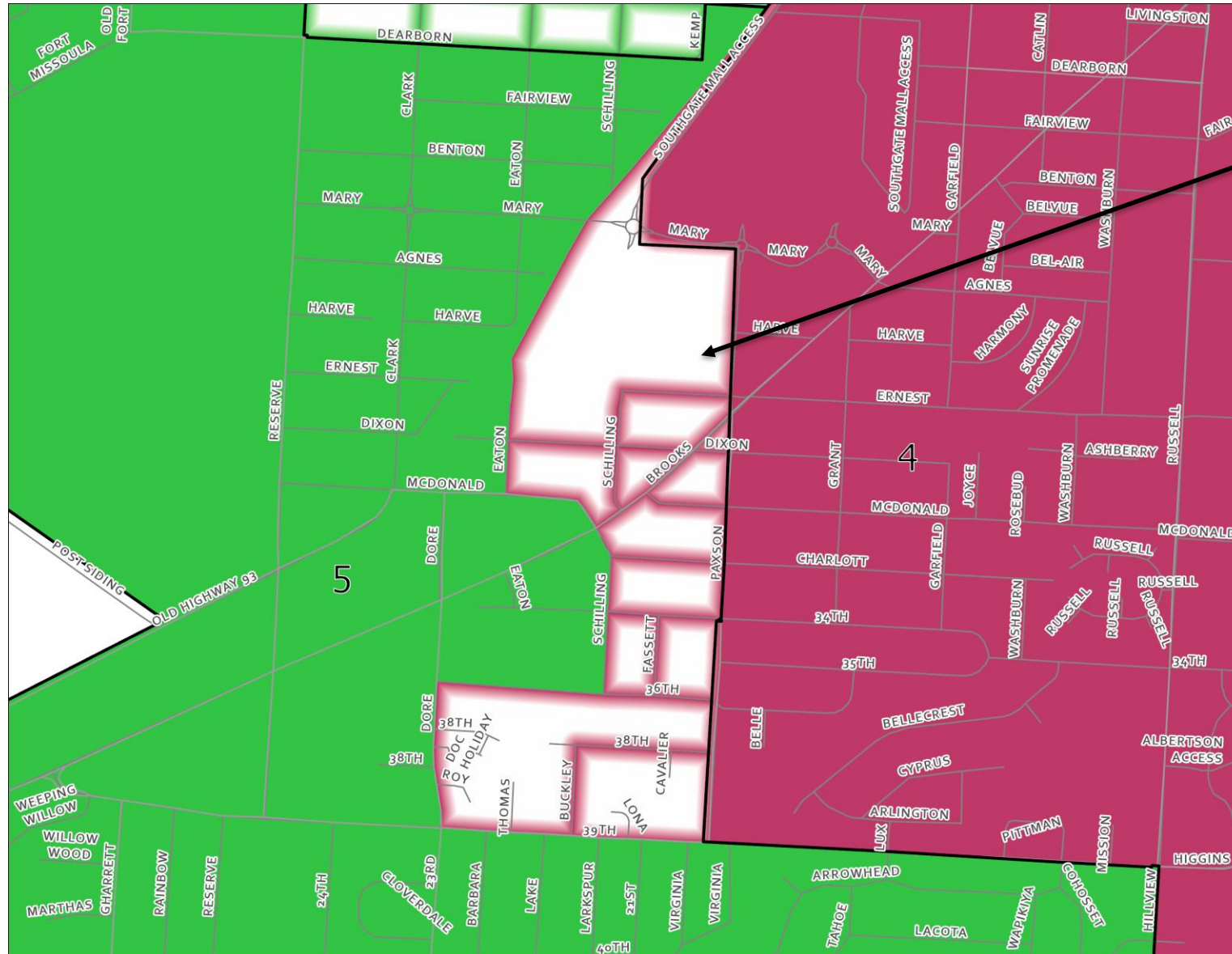


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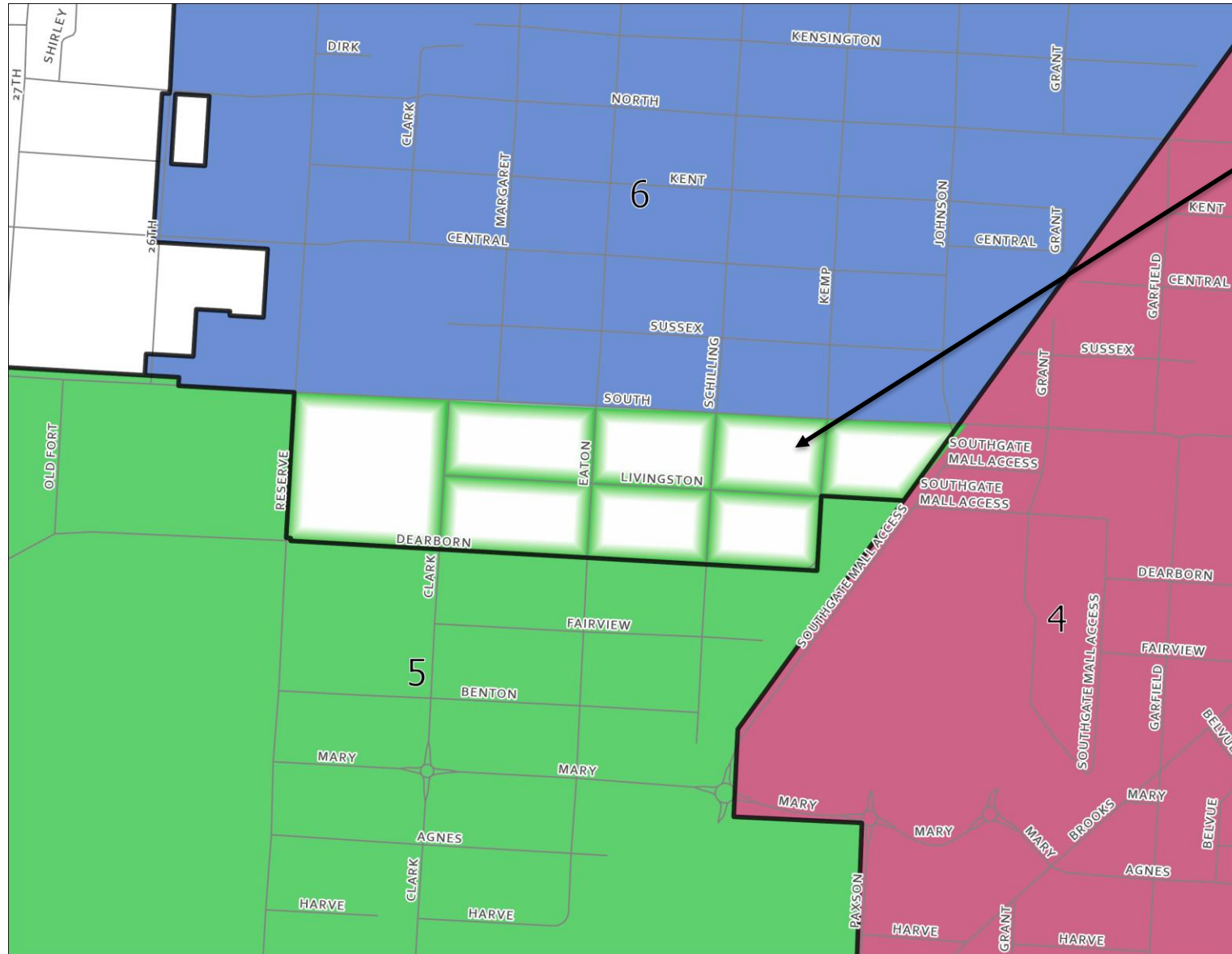
Ward 3 expands and Ward 4 contracts, moving shared boundary south in the University District from Woodward Ave to North Ave

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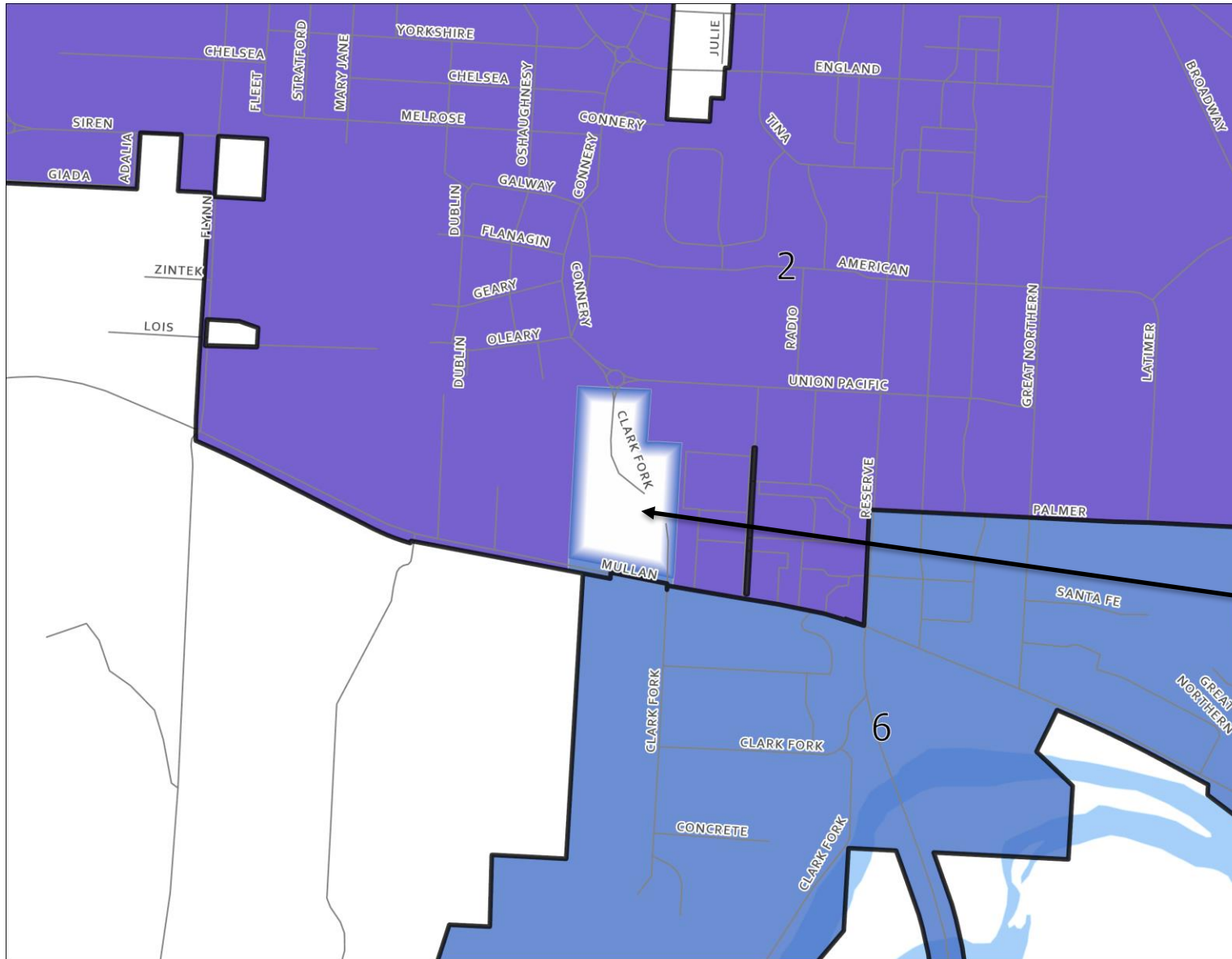
Ward 4 expands
and Ward 5
contracts, expanding
Ward 4 west of
Paxson to Eaton,
Schilling, Dore

Preferred Option Detailed Changes:



Ward 5 expands and Ward 6 contracts, moving their shared boundary north from Dearborn to South Ave

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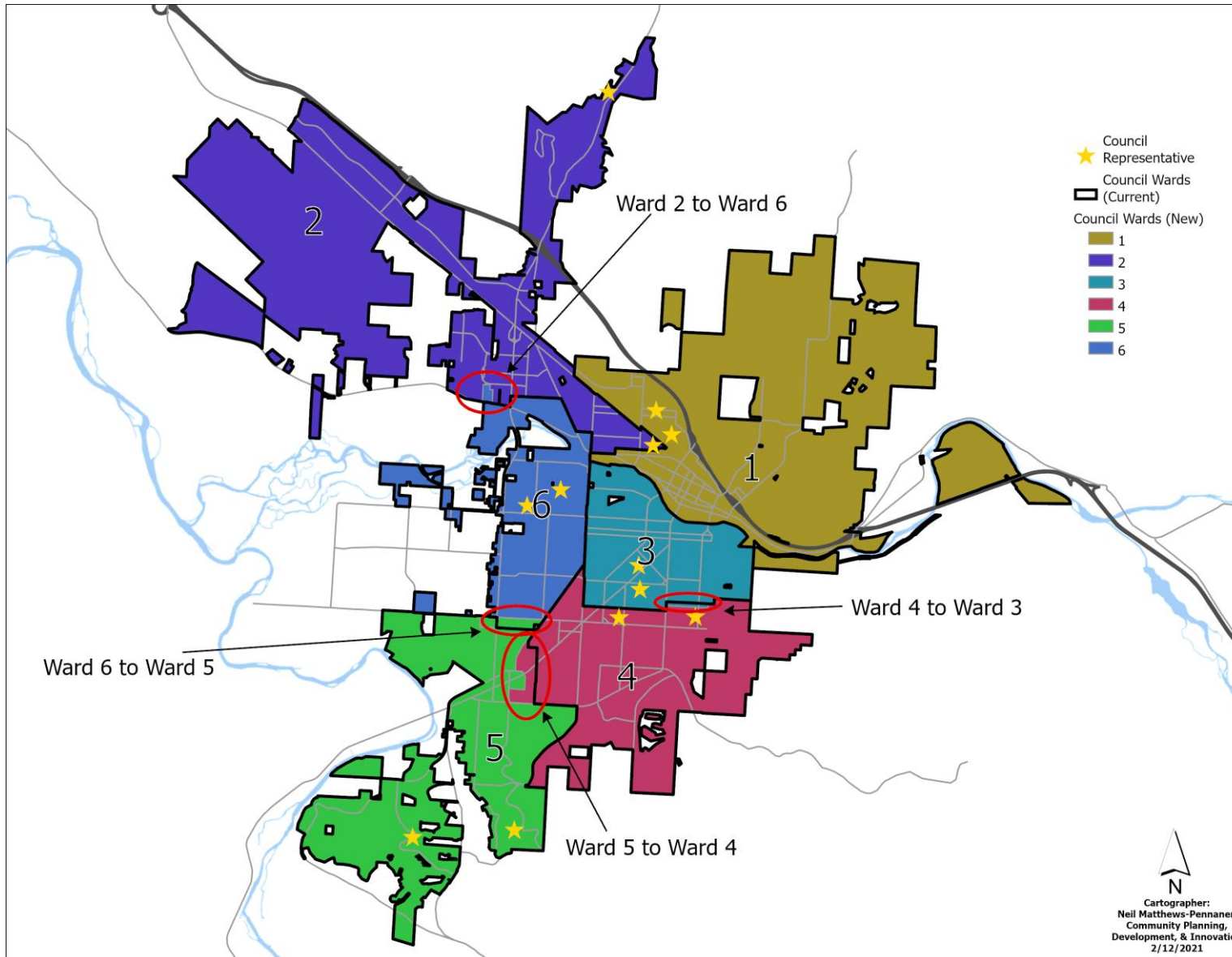
Ward 6 expands
and Ward 2
contracts, expanding
Ward 6 north of
Mullan Rd

Preferred Option Est. Ward Populations



Ward	1-1-21 Est. Population	Preferred Option Changes	Preferred Option New Pop.	% from Average 13,063 Pop.	Aligned?
1	13,066	-	13,066	0.02%	Yes
2	13,800	-555	13,245	1.39%	Yes
3	12,537	+170	12,707	-2.73%	Yes
4	12,533	+265	12,798	-2.03%	Yes
5	13,482	-154	13,328	2.03%	Yes
6	12,958	+274	13,232	1.29%	Yes

Why is this the preferred option?



- Conservative changes at the end of the decadal population estimation cycle
- Continuation of changes in earlier redistricting processes
- Following neighborhood council boundaries

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Missoula Ward Boundary Realignment



Missoula is divided into six wards, each of which elects two representatives to the City Council. Every two years prior to a municipal election, the City reapportions wards so they are balanced according to population. This happens at all levels of government (federal, state and local) to ensure the equal protection portion of the U.S. constitution. There are particular standards that must be considered in this process:

Boundary Realignment Considerations

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- Public hearing open from March 8th – March 22nd

<https://www.engagemissoula.com/missoula-ward-boundary-realignment>

Adopt/deny an ordinance amending Title I, Chapter 1.16 entitled “Election Wards” revising and updating ward boundaries based on new population estimates using the preferred option

*** First Reading on March 8th, second reading on March 22nd*