



# **2020 Census and Ward Population Update**

**Eugene City Council Work Session  
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# Overview

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- Boundary option criteria



## Background

- Purpose of this effort is to ensure wards have approximately equal representation
- Occurs every 10 years based on US Census data
- Boundary changes will be necessary
- Code specifies equal representation, but not the process, method or the criteria



# Population Estimate

Council Ward	Total Population <sup>1</sup>	Target Population	% Difference from Target
Ward 1	22,682	21,532	+5.3%
Ward 2	21,019	21,532	-2.4%
Ward 3	23,898	21,532	+11.0%
Ward 4	21,638	21,532	+0.5%
Ward 5	21,727	21,532	+0.9%
Ward 6	20,596	21,532	-4.3%
Ward 7	20,610	21,532	-4.3%
Ward 8	20,083	21,532	-6.7%
Total	172,253	172,253	

<sup>1</sup> This analysis was conducted using data from the Redistricting Data Hub and Population Research Center, Portland State University, Certified Population Estimate July 1, 2020.



# Project Timeline

Time Frame (tentative)	Possible Steps and Decision Points
February 2021	City Council Work Session to share information, identify issues, and discuss general approach.
May-June 2021	Provide information and obtain public input on boundary criteria. Council review and approval of ward boundary criteria.
September 2021	Receive and review Census data. Prepare ward boundary options.
October 2021	Council direction to staff on ward boundary options. Provide information and obtain public input on options.
November 2021	Review and refine options for ward boundaries.
December 2021	Council direction on boundary revisions or new ward options. Provide information and obtain public input on suggested boundary revisions.
January 2022	Prepare ordinance and map and adopt new ward boundaries



# May 2022 Primary Election

- May 17, 2022 - Election
- March 2, 2022 - Filing period closes (per City Code)
- September 9, 2021 - Filing period opens (per ORS)
- Filing period will open several months prior to final ward boundaries



# Boundary Option Criteria

- Population range
  - A population range difference of three percent, plus or minus, among wards
- Accounting for anticipated growth
  - Use 2020 Census data and do not assume potential future growth



# Boundary Option Criteria

- Incremental versus substantial changes
  - Pursue an incremental change approach
- Incumbent elected officials
  - Develop options that neither advantage nor disadvantage incumbent elected officials





## Boundary Option Criteria

- Geography and other neighborhood or ward features
  - Consider geographic and neighborhood features, and strive for relative compactness and contiguity, without rigid adherence
- Demographics
  - Provide demographic information with scenarios to support consideration of potential impacts



## Next Steps

- Staff
  - Continued software and database preparation
  - Continued public engagement
- Council Decisions
  - Boundary criteria



# Questions & Discussion