

North Canton City Council
Ordinance and Rules Committee

ORDINANCE 22 - 2022

An ordinance amending the boundaries of the Wards of the City of North Canton pursuant to Article 2.02 of the Charter of the City of North Canton and laws of the State of Ohio.

WHEREAS, the Census Bureau of the United States Department of Commerce has released data from the 2020 decennial census, known as Public Law 94-171 data, making it necessary, in Council's view, to redraw Ward boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the laws of the United States and the provisions of the Charter of the City of North Canton extol the principle of "one person, one vote"; and

WHEREAS, data gathered by the 2020 decennial census shows that the Wards of the City of North Canton as currently established by Chapter 105 of the Codified ordinances of the City of North are not as nearly equal in population as is practicable, as required by Section 2.02 of the Charter of the City of North Canton; and

WHEREAS, in order to ensure compliance with the provisions of the City Charter and State law and to ensure fair and equal elections the boundaries of the Wards of the City of North Canton must be amended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH CANTON, COUNTY OF STARK, AND STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That the First Ward shall contain all that territory bounded and described as follows and as shown in "Exhibit A" attached hereto and incorporated herein.

- a. Beginning at the point where the center of N Main St. meets the north corporation line, then south along the center of N Main St. to the middle of its intersection with Applegrove St., then east along the center of Applegrove St. NE to the middle of its intersection with Overland Ave. NE, then south along the center of Overland Ave. NE to the middle of its intersection with Holl Rd. NE, then west along the center of Holl Rd. NE to the middle of its intersection with Orchard Ave. NE, then south long the center of Orchard Ave. NE to the middle of its intersection with 7th St. NE, then west along the center of 7th St. NE to the middle of its intersection with N Main St., then south along the center of N Main St. to the middle of its intersection with Maple St., then west along the center of W Maple St. to the point where W Maple St. meets the corporation line, then following the corporation line north and east back to the point of beginning.

Section 2. That the Second Ward shall contain all that territory bounded and described as follows and as shown in "Exhibit A" attached hereto and incorporated herein.

- a. Beginning at the point where the center of N Main St. meets the north corporation line, then south along the center of N Main St. to the middle of its intersection with Applegrove St., then east along the center of Applegrove St. NE to the middle of its intersection with Overland Ave. NE, then south along the center of Overland Ave. NE to the middle of its intersection with Holl Rd. NE, then west along the center of Holl Rd. NE to the middle of its intersection with Orchard Ave. NE, then south long the center of Orchard Ave. NE to the middle of its intersection with 7th St. NE, then west along the center of 7th St. NE to the middle of its intersection with N Main St., then south along the center of N Main St. to the middle of its intersection with Maple St., then east along the center of E Maple St. to the middle of its intersection with Marquardt Ave. NE, then north along the center of Marquardt Ave. NE to the point where Marquardt Ave. NE meets the corporation line, then following the corporation line west and north back to the point of beginning.

Section 3. That the Third Ward shall contain all that territory bounded and described as follows and as shown in "Exhibit A" attached hereto and incorporated herein.

- a. Beginning at the point where the center of Carlton Ave. SE meets the corporation line then north along the center of Carlton Ave. SE to the middle

of its intersection with Meadow Lane Dr. SE, then west along the center of Meadow Lane Dr. SE to the middle of its intersection with Greenway Rd. SE, then north along the center of Greenway Rd. SE to the middle of its intersection with Knoll St. SE and Northfield Ave. SE, then north along the center of Northfield Ave. SE to the middle of its intersection with Easthill St. SE, then west along the center of Easthill St. SE to the center of its intersection with S Main St., then north along the center of S Main St. to the middle of its intersection with Maple St. then east along the middle of E Maple St. to the middle of its intersection with Marquardt Ave. NE, then north along the center of Marquardt Ave. NE to the point where Marquardt Ave. NE meets the corporation line, then following the corporation line south and west back to the point of beginning.

Section 4. That the Fourth Ward shall contain all that territory bounded and described as follows and as shown in "Exhibit A" attached hereto and incorporated herein.

a. Beginning at the point where the center of Carlton Ave. SE meets the corporation line then north along the center of Carlton Ave. SE to the middle of its intersection with Meadow Lane Dr. SE, then west along the center of Meadow Lane Dr. SE to the center of its intersection with Greenway Road SE, then north along the center of Greenway Road SE to the middle of its intersection with Knoll Str. SE and Northfield Ave. SE, then north along the center of Northfield Rd. SE to the middle of its intersection with Easthill St. SE, then west along the center of Easthill St. SE to the middle of its intersection with S Main St., then north along the center of S Main St. to the middle of its intersection with Maple St., then west along the middle of W Maple St. to the point where W Maple St. meets the corporation line, then following the corporation line south and east back to the point of beginning.

Section 5. That beginning with the next regular municipal election after the adoption this ordinance all candidates for the offices of Ward Councilmembers must reside within, and be qualified from, the Ward boundaries as herein defined.

Section 6. That all current Ward Councilmembers shall continue to serve as the duly elected representatives of the Wards from which they were elected as if the boundaries had not been amended for the remainder of the current term of office.

Section 7. That the descriptions of the four Wards of the City of North Canton as codified in Chapter 105 of the Codified Ordinances be, and are hereby, repealed and to be replaced in their entirety with the descriptions contained in Sections 1 through 4 hereof.

Section 8. That the Clerk of Council and Mayor of the City of North Canton be, and are hereby, authorized to make such amendments as may be needed to the Codified Ordinances of the City of North Canton to accurately reflect this ordinance upon approval of such amended pages by a voice vote of Council.

Section 9. That if a provision of this ordinance is or becomes illegal, invalid, or unenforceable, it shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision of this ordinance.

Section 10. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed in Council this 14th day of March, 2022.

Attest: Benjamin R. Young
Benjamin R. Young, Clerk of Council

Stephan B. Wilder
Stephan B. Wilder, Mayor

Signed on: March 14, 2022