

To: Members of Dublin City Council
From: Dana L. McDaniel, City Manager
Date: May 4, 2021
Initiated By: Homer C. Rogers Jr., Assistant City Manager/Chief Strategy and Innovation Officer
Re: Ordinance 21-21 – Maintaining the Existing Ward Divisions and Boundaries

Background

In accordance with Section 9.04 of the Revised Charter for the City of Dublin, Ohio, City Council is charged with reviewing the division of wards and associated boundaries no less than every 10 years. The last review occurred in May, 2011. Staff has reviewed potential scenarios for the re-division of wards, but data in the form of the 2020 US Census are not yet available and are not expected prior to September of 2021 from the US Department of Commerce's Bureau of the US Census.

This situation was discussed during the recent City Council Workshop conducted on April 5, 2021, at which time Council's direction was to present a status quo ordinance for consideration during the May City Council meetings. The current division of wards and associated boundaries are reflected in Exhibit A to the proposed Ordinance XX-21. Once the 2020 US Census reports are released, Staff will return to City Council with recommendations for potential re-division of City Wards and associated boundaries based upon that data.

While this proposed ordinance is to maintain a status quo division of the City's wards, there are some necessary administrative updates reflected in the ward descriptions in Exhibit A. These mainly address corrections and changes that have occurred to the physical layout of the City's road network, like the building of the Avery-Brand roundabout, in the previous decade. Also, current estimated population data for 2020 is provided on the map and charts in Exhibit A to be more reflective of the current state of the City. That data, provided by Esri Demographics, will be reviewed and updated with the release of the 2020 US Census in the September, 2021 timeframe.

The language of the Revised Charter is here for your reference.

"9.04. WARDS AND BOUNDARIES.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF WARDS. *No later than July 1, 2001 and no less frequently than every ten years thereafter, Council shall, by legislation, divide or redivide the City into four wards for the purpose of electing four ward Council members at the next regular municipal election. The division or re-division of the City into four wards shall provide for substantially equal population in each ward.*

(b) WARD BOUNDARIES. *All wards shall be bounded, to the extent possible, by county lines, streets, alleys, avenues, public grounds, canals, water-courses, municipal boundary lines, center lines of platted streets or railroads, or lot lines of platted subdivisions.*

(c) EFFECT OF RE-DIVISION. *Re-division of the City into wards shall not terminate or otherwise affect the unexpired terms of ward Council members; however, at succeeding elections,*

ward Council members shall be elected from the wards as reapportioned or reestablished under this Section.

(d) CENSUS. Council shall have the power to cause a census of the City to be taken if it determines a census is necessary for the proper apportionment of the City's wards. Council may authorize officials and employees of the City, independent contractors or state or federal government agencies to conduct the census under the control and direction of Council."

Recommendation

Staff recommends City Council approve Ordinance 21-21 maintaining existing ward boundaries, with administrative updates, at the May 24 City Council meeting with an effective date of July 1, 2021 with the additional direction that Staff return to Council with recommendations after analyzing 2020 US Census data, when released.

RECORD OF ORDINANCES

21-21

Ordinance No. _____

Passed _____, 20____

AN ORDINANCE MAINTAINING THE EXISTING WARD BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF DUBLIN, AS REQUIRED BY ARTICLE 9.04 OF THE REVISED CHARTER.

WHEREAS, the Revised Charter requires that no later than July 1, 2001, and no less frequently than every ten years thereafter, Council shall divide or re-divide the City into four wards of substantially equal population for the purpose of electing four ward Council members at the next regular municipal election; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 federal census data has been delayed, due to the 2020-21 COVID-19 Pandemic, from being provided to the Nation, the State of Ohio, and the City of Dublin; and

WHEREAS, City Council has convened to discuss proposed ward adjustments, based upon population changes to the existing wards, which are not confirmed due to lack of the 2020 U.S. Census data.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Dublin, _____ of its elected members concurring, that:

Section 1. The corporate limits of the City of Dublin be and the same hereby is divided into the wards as bounded and described as in Exhibit "A", which represents no change to current ward boundaries, with the respective estimated population indicated, pursuant to Article 9.04 of the Revised Charter.

Section 2. The Boards of Elections of Franklin, Delaware and Union counties, upon receipt of a certified copy of this Ordinance, are hereby authorized and directed to accept the wards enumerated herein for all purposes of election, as authorized by the Revised Charter of the City of Dublin, Ohio.

Section 3. Upon receipt of the 2020 U.S. Census data, City Staff shall conduct a review and make recommendations, as soon as practicable, for the potential re-division of the City's four wards into substantially equal populations, pursuant to Article 9.04 of the Revised Charter.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall be effective July 1, 2021.

Passed this _____ day of _____, 2021.

Mayor - Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

EXHIBIT A

WARD BOUNDARY DESCRIPTIONS May 4, 2021

All ward boundary lines shall be contiguous with the centerline of public roads, rights-of-way, streams, and rivers, unless otherwise noted by specific description, and elsewhere shall follow existing county, township or corporate boundaries.

WARD 1

All population located in the incorporated area of the City of Dublin, Counties of Franklin and Union, Township of Washington, State of Ohio, further described as being all of that property situated south of Interstate 270 which lies east of Riverside Drive; all of that property situated north of Interstate 270 which lies east of the Scioto River; and all of that property situated on the west side of the Scioto River bounded as follows: North of Interstate 270 from the Scioto River west to Post Road, then west with Post Road to Emerald Parkway, then north with Emerald Parkway to Coffman Road, then north with Coffman Road to Brand Road, the northwest with Brand Road to the easterly property line of 5584 Brand Road, then north with the easterly line of 5584 Brand Road to the northwest property corner of 7749 Haverhill Court, then east with the north line of 7749 Haverhill Court and continuing east with the north property line of 7750 Haverhill Court and the north property line of 7741 Crawley Drive to the centerline of Crawley Drive, then north with Crawley Drive to Heatherwood Lane, then east with Heatherwood Lane to the extension of the north property line of 7598 Heatherwood Lane, then east with said extension line and continuing with the north property line of 7598 Heatherwood Lane to the northeast corner of said property, then north with the west property line of the Treetops at Brandon condominium to the southeast property corner of 5803 Rushwood Drive, then west with the south line of said property to the southwest corner of said property, then north with the west line of said property to Rushwood Drive, then crossing Rushwood Drive to the east property line of 5810 Rushwood Drive, then with said east property line to the southeast property corner of 5814 Rushwood Drive, then with the east line of said property to the southwest property corner of 5525 Ashford Road, then with the northeasterly line of said property to the centerline of Ashford Road, then north with Ashford Road to the extension of the west property line of 5610 Indian Hill Road, then north with said property line extension and continuing with the west line of 5610 Indian Hill Road to the northwest corner of said property, then east with the north property line of said property to the southeast property corner of 5629 Glenbervie Court, then north with the east line of said property to the centerline of Memorial Drive, then northwest with Memorial Drive to Dunniker Park Drive, then north and east with Dunniker Park Drive to the Delaware County line, then with the said County line east to the Scioto River. (Population 12,386)

WARD 2

All population located in the incorporated area of the City of Dublin, Counties of Franklin and Union, Township of Washington, State of Ohio, further described as being all of

that property situated southeast of Interstate 270 which lies west of Riverside Drive; all of that property situated west of Interstate 270 which lies south of Post Road/US 161; and all of that property situated on the north side of Post Road bounded as follows: West of Emerald Parkway from Post Road north to Coffman Park Drive, then west with Coffman Park Drive to the extension of the north property line of 5800 Post Road, then northwest along said property line and continuing northwest with the north property lines of 5868 Post Road, 5886 Post Road, and 5904 Post Road to the northwest property corner of said 5904 Post Road, then in a northwesterly direction traversing 5614 Post Road to the southernmost property corner of 5729 Tara Hill Drive, then northwest with the south line of said property and continuing northwest with the south line of 6874 Ketchum Court to the southwest corner of said property, then north with the west line of 6874 Ketchum Court and continuing with an extension of the west line of said property to the centerline of Ketchum Court, then north with Ketchum Court to Tara Hill Drive, then west with Tara Hill Drive to the Muirfield Drive, then southwest with Muirfield Drive to Post Road. (Population 13,619)

WARD 3

All population located in the incorporated area of the City of Dublin, Counties of Franklin, Union and Delaware, Township of Washington, State of Ohio, further described as being all of that property situated in Delaware County; all of that property situated north of Brand Road which lies West of Muirfield Drive; all of that property situated north of Mitchell-Dewitt Road which lies west of Hyland-Croy Road; and all of that property situated south of Brand Road and east of Muirfield Drive bounded as follows: East of Avery Road from Brand Road south along the extension of the east property line of 7673 Avery Road south along Avery Road to the extension of the south property line of 7400 Avery Road, then east with the south property line of 7400 Avery Road and continuing east with the south line of 7631 Kestrel Way West, 7623 Kestrel Way West, 7615 Kestrel Way West and an extension of the south line of 7615 Kestrel Way West to the centerline of Puffin Drive, then north with Puffin Drive to Kestrel Way East, then east and north with Kestrel Way East to Cormorant Drive, then east with Cormorant Drive to Muirfield Drive, then south with Muirfield Drive to Dublinshire Drive, then east with Dublinshire Drive to Earlington Parkway, then south and east with Earlington Parkway to Coffman Road, then north with Coffman Road to Brand Road, then northwest with Brand Road to the easterly property line of 5584 Brand Road, then north with the easterly line of 5584 Brand Road to the northwest property corner of 7749 Haverhill Court, then east with the north line of 7749 Haverhill Court and continuing east with the north property line of 7750 Haverhill Court and the north property line of 7741 Crawley Drive to the centerline of Crawley Drive, then north with Crawley Drive to Heatherwood Lane, then east with Heatherwood Lane to the extension of the south property line of 7608 Heatherwood Lane, then east with said extension line and continuing with the south property line of 7608 Heatherwood Lane to the southeast corner of said property, then north with the west property line of the Treetops at Brandon condominium to the southeast property corner of 5799 Rushwood Drive, then west with the south line of 5799 Rushwood Drive to the southeast corner of 5803

Rushwood Drive, then north with the east line of 5803 Rushwood Drive to Rushwood Drive, then crossing Rushwood Drive to the east property line of 5810 Rushwood Drive, then with said east property line to the southeast property corner of 5814 Rushwood Drive, then with the east line of said property to the southernmost property corner of 5533 Ashford Road, then with the southeasterly line of 5533 Ashford Road to Ashford Road, then north with Ashford Road to the extension of the east property line of 5636 Indian Hill Road, then north with said extension and continuing with the east line of 5636 Indian Hill Road to the northeast corner of said property, then east with the north property line of 5610 Indian Hill Road to the southeast property corner of 5629 Glenbervie Court, then north with the east line of 5629 Glenbervie Court to Memorial Drive, then northwest with Memorial Drive to the Dunniker Park Drive, then north and east with Dunniker Drive to the Delaware County line. (Population 12,508)

WARD 4

All population located in the incorporated area of the City of Dublin, Counties of Franklin and Union, Township of Washington, State of Ohio, further described as being that property generally situated north of Post Road which lies west of Coffman Road and south of Brand Road bounded as follows: East along Post Road from the corporate limits to Muirfield Drive, then northeast with Muirfield Drive to Tara Hill Drive, then east with Tara Hill Drive to Ketchum Court, then south with Ketchum Court to an extension of the east property line of 6862 Ketchum Court, then south with the said property line extension and continuing with the east line of 6862 Ketchum Court to the southwest property corner of 6874 Ketchum Court, then southeast with the south property line of 6874 Ketchum Court and continuing with the south line of 5729 Tara Hill Drive to the southernmost property corner of said 5729 Tara Hill Drive, then in a southeasterly direction traversing 5620 Post Road to the northwest property corner of 5904 Post Road, then southeast with the north property line of 5904 Post Road and continuing with the north property lines of 5886 Post Road, 5868 Post Road, 5800 Post Road, and an extension of the north line of 5800 Post Road to Coffman Park Drive, then east with Coffman Park Drive to Coffman Road, then north with Coffman Road to Earlington Parkway, then west and north with Earlington Parkway to Dublinshire Drive, then west with Dublinshire Drive to Muirfield Drive, then north with Muirfield Drive north to Cormorant Drive, then west with Cormorant Drive to Kestrel Way East, then south and west with Kestrel Way East to Puffin Drive, then south with Puffin Drive to an extension of the north property line of 6092 Wynford Drive, then west with the extension of the north line of 6092 Wynford Drive and continuing with the north property lines of 6100 Wynford Drive, 6108 Wynford Drive, 6116 Wynford Drive, 6118 St. Mel Circle, 6126 St. Mel Circle, 6134 St. Mel Circle, 6142 St. Mel Circle, 6150 St. Mel Circle, and an extension of the said north line of 6150 St. Mel Circle to Avery Road, the north with Avery Road following the extension of the east property line of 7673 Avery Road north to Brand Road, then west with Brand Road to the City of Dublin corporate limits. (Population 10,727)

Existing Ward Boundaries

5/4/2021

* Current Esri data, 2020 Census data pending

Ward 3

Year	Population	% of Total
2010	10,461	25.0%
2020*	12,508	25.4%

Ward 1

Year	Population	% of Total
2010	9,931	23.7%
2020*	12,386	25.2%

Ward 4

Year	Population	% of Total
2010	9,884	23.6%
2020*	10,727	21.8%

Ward 2

Year	Population	% of Total
2010	11,553	27.6%
2020*	13,619	27.7%

2010 Population

2020 Population*

