



**To:** Members of Dublin City Council  
**From:** Dana L. McDaniel, City Manager  
**Date:** April 19, 2022  
**Initiated By:** Homer C. Rogers Jr., Assistant City Manager/Chief Strategy and Innovation Officer  
Brandon Brown, Director of Performance Analytics  
**Re:** Ordinance 16-22 Amending Ordinance 84-21 Adjusting Ward Divisions and Boundaries

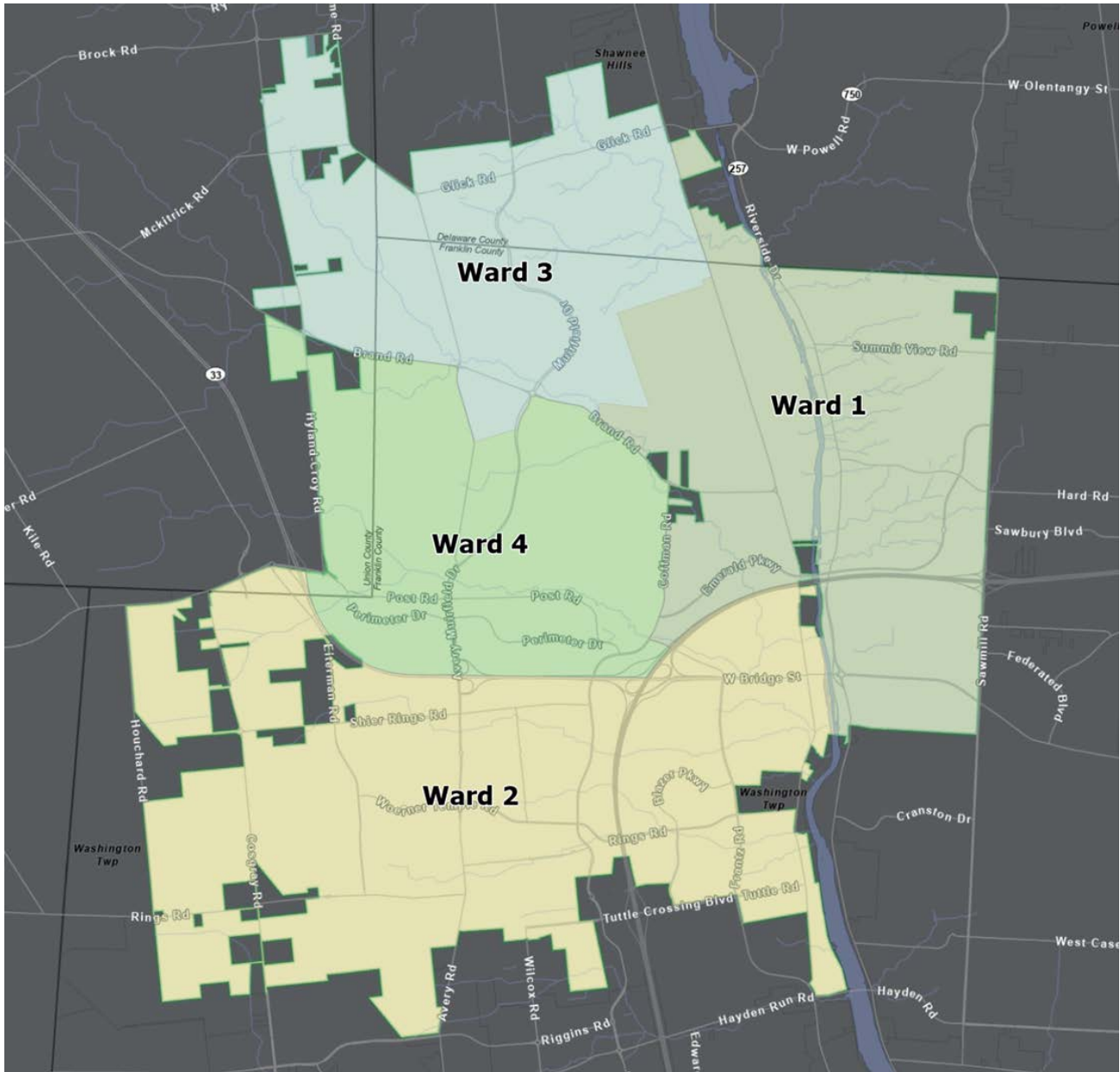
## Summary

After City Council passed Ordinance 84-21 on December 6, 2021, which adjusted the Ward Boundaries of the City in accordance with City Charter paragraph 9.04, the newly revised boundaries were submitted to the County Boards of Elections for Delaware, Franklin, and Union Counties. Shortly thereafter, the Franklin County Board of Elections made City Staff aware that they, as a County Board of Elections, have a requirement imposed on them, under the Ohio Revised Code 3501.18(B), to follow US Census Enumeration Block Boundaries when drawing voter precinct boundary lines unless they obtain a waiver from the Ohio Secretary of State. The Franklin County Board of Election's request of the City to make adjustments to avoid seeking a waiver was presented to Council during its meeting on April 11, 2022.

Council, while being mindful of its power of Home Rule under the Ohio Constitution and the City of Dublin Charter to determine ward boundaries, agreed with the Franklin County Board of Elections' request and provided direction to Staff to formulate legislation adjusting City Ward Boundaries to align with US Census Enumeration Block Boundaries so that the Franklin County Board of Elections could remain compliant with their requirement under the Ohio Revised Code. Council further directed Staff to seek adjustments from the US Census Bureau that would facilitate the consolidation of the Hawk's Nest and the Bristol Commons neighborhoods into Ward 3 so that neither would be split across ward boundaries in the future. Once those adjustments are implemented by the US Census Bureau, staff will return to Council with new amending legislation that will eliminate any remaining splits of neighborhoods across ward boundaries.

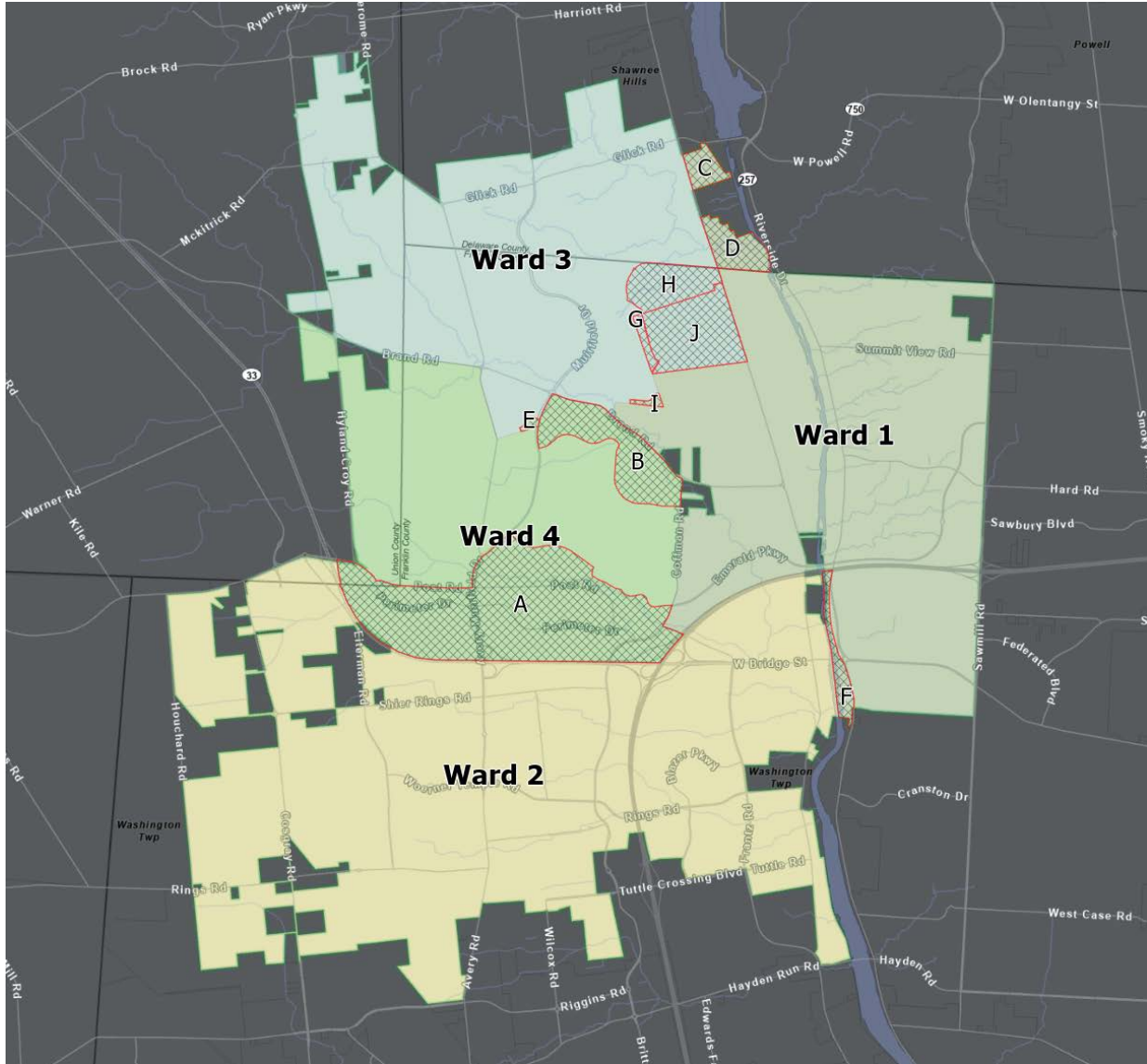
The details of the existing boundaries, proposed amendments to boundaries and the final proposed ward map are provided on the following pages.

**Existing Wards as approved under Ordinance 84-21 dated December 6, 2021**



Ward #	% of Population 2020	% of Population 2026
Ward 1	24.7%	24.5%
Ward 2	24.6%	25.1%
Ward 3	<b>22.7%</b>	<b>22.8%</b>
Ward 4	28.0%	27.6%

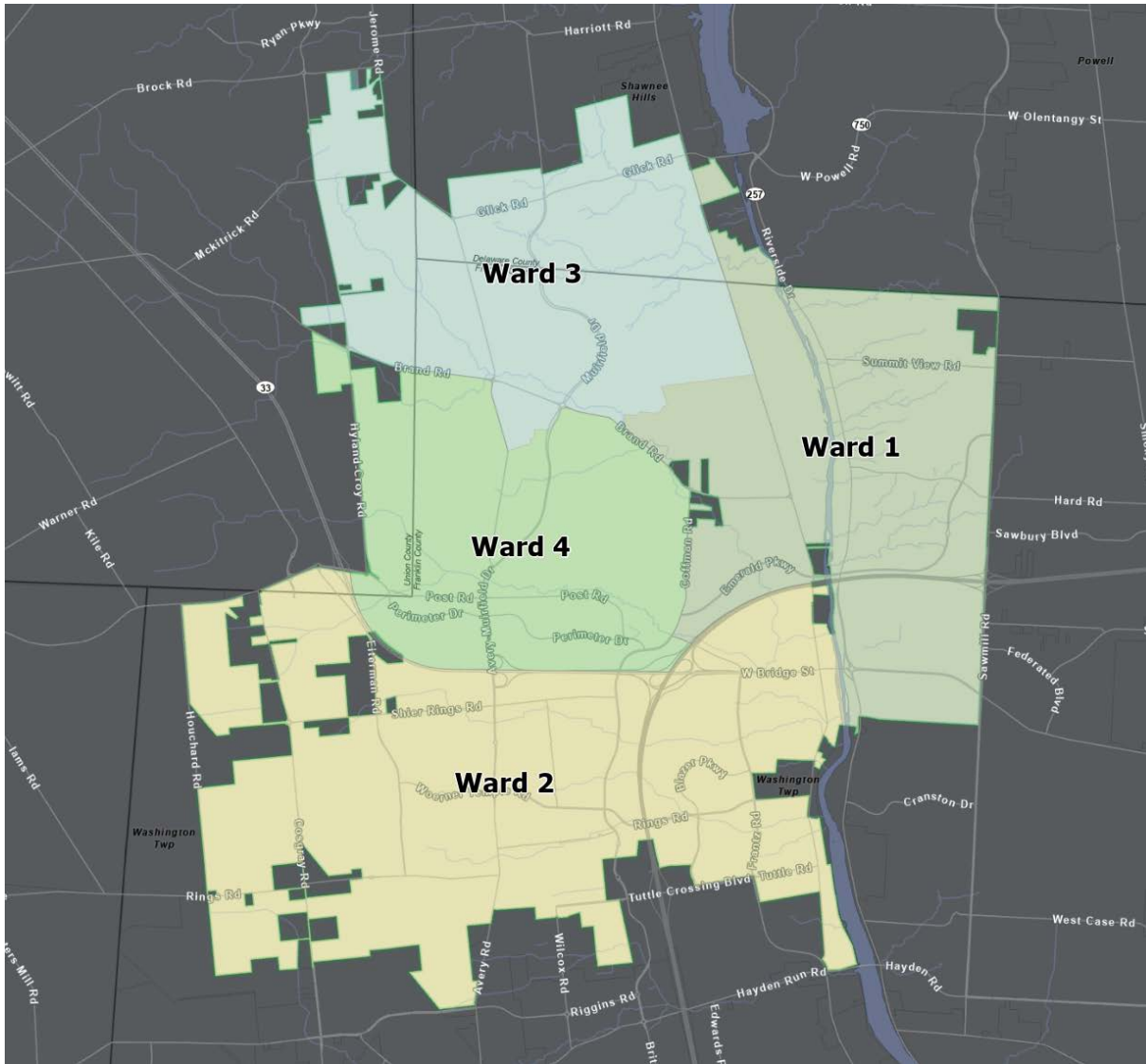
**Proposed Adjustments** – The proposed area adjustments are detailed in the map and table below. Only Area E (Hawk’s Nest), Area G (River Forest) and Area I from Ordinance 84-21 are being altered. Area J (Also River Forest) has been added as the additional area that will be adjusted from Ward 1 to Ward 3. No other areas are impacted.



Area	From	To	% Pop	Reason
E	Ward 3	Ward 4	0.04%	Follows Census Block Boundary – Will Request U.S. Census Bureau revise their block boundary
I	Ward 3	Ward 1	0.10%	Follows Census Block Boundary – Will Request U.S. Census Bureau revise their block boundary
G & J	Ward 1	Ward 3	0.6%	River Forest community unified in one Ward. Preserves Muirfield unification. No request to US Census Bureau to adjust Block Boundaries needed.

**Final Status** – Other than Franklin County’s precinct line issue being addressed, the resulting boundaries actually help bring Ward 3 more into balance with the other three Wards. The previous splits in River Forest and Muirfield remain eliminated, but there will be a small split in Hawk’s Nest and Bristol Commons that should be resolved when a Census Block Boundary modification is obtained.

**Ward Map of after adjustments are approved under Ordinance 16-22**



Ward #	% of Population 2020	% of Population 2026
Ward 1	24.1%	23.9%
Ward 2	24.6%	25.1%
Ward 3	<b>23.4%</b>	<b>23.4%</b>
Ward 4	28.0%	27.6%

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends City Council approve Ordinance 16-22 amending Ordinance 84-21 Adjusting Ward Boundaries at the May 9, 2022 City Council meeting.



# RECORD OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 16-22 Passed \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

## **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 84-21 ADJUSTING 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 now been provided to the City of Dublin; and

**WHEREAS**, City Council has convened to discuss proposed ward adjustments, based upon population changes to the existing wards, as substantiated by the 2020 U.S. Census data.

**WHEREAS**, the City of Dublin has the right under the Home Rule provisions of the Ohio Constitution (Article XVIII) to determine its internal ward boundaries.

**WHEREAS**, the Franklin County Board of Elections has requested Dublin make certain adjustments to recently approved ward boundaries under City of Dublin Ordinance 84-21 that will facilitate the Franklin County Board of Election's ability to align voting precinct boundaries in support of the City while also allowing Franklin County to meet its requirements under ORC 3501.18(B) to align voting precinct boundaries with US Census Bureau Enumeration Blocks.

**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 does amend those boundaries established in Ordinance 84-21 and does represent change to three of the four 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. This Ordinance shall be effective 30 days after the date of passage.

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Passed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

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Mayor - Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

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Clerk of Council

WARD BOUNDARY DESCRIPTIONS  
April 25, 2022

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 Delaware, Township of Washington, State of Ohio, further described as being all of that property situated south of Interstate 270 which lies east of the Scioto River; 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, then northwest with Brand Road to the easterly property line of 5584 Brand Road, then north with the easterly line of 5584 Brand Road, then east with the northern boundary of Brandon subdivision then north with Crawley Drive, then east with Heatherwood Lane to the northern property line of 7598 Heatherwood Lane, then east with the northern property line of 7598 Heatherwood Lane to the eastern border of Bristol Commons subdivision, then north with the eastern border of Bristol Commons subdivision, then east with the southern border of River Forest subdivision to Dublin Road, then north with Dublin Road to the northern City of Dublin corporate limits, then following the corporate line east and south to the intersection of the Scioto River and the Delaware County line.

(Population 12,021)

**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 the Scioto River; all of that property situated west of Interstate 270 which lies south SR 161/US 33.

(Population 12,248)

**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 which lies west of Dublin Road; all of that property situated north of Mitchell-Dewitt Road which lies west of Hyland-Croy Road; all of that property situated north of Brand Road which lies West of Muirfield Drive; and all of that property situated south of Brand Road and west of Muirfield Drive bounded as follows:



from Brand 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 Hawk's Nest subdivision, then north with Puffin Drive, then northeast with Kestrel Way East, then east with Cormorant Drive, then northeast with Muirfield Drive; all of that property situated north of Brand Road and east of Muirfield Drive and west of Dublin Road bounded as follows: beginning at the easterly property line of 5584 Brand Road north with the easterly line of 5584 Brand Road then east with the northern boundary of Brandon subdivision, then north with Crawley Drive, then east with Heatherwood Lane to the northern property line of 7598 Heatherwood Lane, then east with the northern property line of 7598 Heatherwood Lane to the eastern border of Bristol Commons subdivision, then north with the eastern border of Bristol Commons subdivision, then east with the southern border of River Forest subdivision to Dublin Road, then north with Dublin Road to the northern City of Dublin corporate limits. (Population 11,651)

#### **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 SR 161/US 33 which lies west of Coffman Road, south of Brand Road, and west of Interstate 270 bounded as follows: West along Post Road from Interstate 270, then north with Emerald Parkway and Coffman Road to Brand Road, then northwest with Brand Road to Muirfield Drive, then south with Muirfield Drive, then west with Cormorant Drive, then southwest with Kestrel Way East, then south with Puffin Drive to the southern border of Hawk's Nest subdivision, southwest along the southern border of Hawk's Nest subdivision, then southwest along the south property line of 7400 Avery Road, then north with Avery Road to Brand Road, then west with Brand Road and Mitchell-Dewitt Road to the City of Dublin corporate limits. (Population 13,954)

#### **ADJUSTED WARD MAP PROVIDED ON NEXT PAGE**

# ADJUSTED WARD MAP

