

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-13

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 105 OF THE
CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WOOSTER,
OHIO, ENTITLED "WARDS AND BOUNDARIES"

WHEREAS, the expansion of the City of Wooster during the last decade has caused an imbalance in the population of the established wards; and

WHEREAS, the results of the 2020 census are now available to facilitate the redrawing of ward boundaries so as to equalize representation upon City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Laws and Ordinances Committee has met and approved a plan for redrawing ward boundaries, which plan is hereby recommended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOOSTER, OHIO:

SECTION 1. That Chapter 105 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Wooster, Ohio, entitled "Wards and Boundaries" be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

105.01 DIVISION OF CITY INTO WARDS. [NO CHANGES]

(a) Council shall subdivide the City into wards, equal in number to the members of the legislative authority who are elected from wards, within ninety days after:

(1) The first day of October of the year following the decennial census year;
or

(2) The annexation of territory containing, according to the last federal census or a census authorized by the legislative authority, such population as will entitle the City to an additional member of the legislative authority in accordance with the applicable provision of the municipal Charter.

(b) If the legislative authority fails to make such subdivision within the time required, it shall be made by the Director of Administration.

(c) In order to provide substantially equal population in each of the wards, the legislative authority may redivide the City into wards at any time.

(d) All wards shall be bounded, as far as practicable, by county lines, streets, alleys, lot lines, avenues, public grounds, canals, watercourses, Municipal Corporation lines, center lines of platted streets, or railroads, and shall be composed of adjacent and compact territory, and shall be substantially equal in population.

(e) The legislative authority may authorize and provide for conducting a census of the population of the City at any time in order to carry out the powers granted by this section.

(f) Action of the legislative authority to divide the City into wards shall be taken by ordinance and shall be effective for the first municipal primary election occurring at least 150 days after the passage of the ordinance.

105.02 FIRST WARD. [NEW BOUNDARIES]

Beginning at a point on the west corporation line where such line from the south intersects West Old Lincoln Way; thence following the corporation line westerly then northeasterly to its intersection with the centerline of Old Mansfield Road and McAfee Road; thence easterly along the centerline of Old Mansfield Road to the intersection of Mechanicsburg Road, West Liberty Street and West Bowman Street; thence east along the centerline of West Bowman Street to Oak Hill Road; thence north along the centerline of Oak Hill Road to Hamilton Avenue; thence east along the centerline of Hamilton Avenue to the intersection of Northwestern Avenue and Beechwood Avenue; thence east along the centerline of Beechwood Avenue to the intersection of Westridge Drive; thence east along Lot 4538 to the northeast corner of Lot 4538; thence south along the eastern parcel line of Lot 4538 to the north parcel line of Christmas Run Park; thence east along the north parcel line of Christmas Run Park to the southern parcel line of Lot 9754; thence east along southern parcel lines of Lot 9754 and Lot 9753 to a point on the centerline of North Grant Street; thence south along North Grant Street to the intersection of Foster Path; thence east along the centerline of Foster Path to the intersection of Quinby Avenue and Pearl Street; thence east along the centerline of Pearl Street to the intersection of North Bever Street; thence south along the centerline of North Bever Street to East Bowman Street, thence east along the centerline of East Bowman Street to a point where East Bowman Street turns northeasterly; thence projecting the centerline of East Bowman Street, from said point, east to its intersection with the corporation line; thence following the corporation line for the southerly part of the City to the place of beginning.

105.03 SECOND WARD. [NEW BOUNDARIES]

Beginning at the intersection of North Bever Street and East Bowman Street; thence east along the centerline of East Bowman Street to a point where East Bowman Street turns northeasterly; thence projecting the centerline of East Bowman Street, from said point, east to its intersection with the corporation line; thence following the corporation line for the easterly part of the City to its intersection with the centerline of Back Orrville Road; thence west along Back Orrville Road to the intersection of Akron Road and Portage Road; thence west along the centerline of Portage Road to the intersection of East Highland Avenue; thence westerly along the centerline of East Highland Avenue to the intersection of Cleveland Road; thence southwest along the centerline of Cleveland Road to North Bever Street; thence south along the centerline of North Bever Street to the place of beginning.

105.04 THIRD WARD [NEW BOUNDARIES]

Beginning at a point on the corporation where such line from the west intersects Oak Hill Road between Milltown Road and Oldman Road; thence south along the centerline of Oak Hill Road to a point at the northern parcel line of 2583 Oak Hill Road; thence easterly along the parcel line to the northwestern lot line of Lot 5587; thence south along the western lot line to a point on the centerline of Skylark Avenue; thence east along the centerline of Skylark Avenue to the intersection of Christmas Run Boulevard; thence south along the centerline of Christmas Run Boulevard to the intersection of West Highland Avenue; thence east along the centerline of West Highland Avenue and East Highland Avenue to Portage Road; thence east along the centerline of Portage Road to Akron Road; thence east along the centerline of Back Orrville Road to its intersection with the corporation limit; thence following the corporation line for the northerly part of the City to the place of beginning.

105.05 FOURTH WARD [NEW BOUNDARIES]

Beginning at a point on the corporation line where such line from the west intersects Oak Hill Road between Milltown Road and Oldman Road; thence south along the centerline of Oak Hill Road to a point at the northern parcel line of 2583 Oak Hill Road; thence easterly along the parcel line to the north western lot line of Lot 5587; thence south along the western lot line to a point on the centerline of Skylark Avenue; thence east along the centerline of Skylark Avenue to the intersection of Christmas Run Boulevard; thence south along the centerline of Christmas Run Boulevard to the intersection of West Highland Avenue; thence east along the centerline of West Highland Avenue to Burbank Road and East Highland Avenue, thence along the centerline of East Highland Avenue to Cleveland Road; thence southwest along the centerline of Cleveland Road to North Bever Street; thence south along the centerline of North Bever Street to Pearl Street; thence west along the centerline of Pearl Street to Quinby Avenue and Foster Path; thence west along the centerline of Foster Path to the intersection of North Grant Street; thence north along the centerline of North Grant Street to a point at the southern line of Lot 9753; thence west along the southern parcel lines of Lots 9753 and 9754 to the northern lot line of Christmas Run Park; thence west along the north parcel line of Christmas Run Park to the southeast corner of Lot 4538; thence north to the northeast corner of Lot 4538; thence southwest along the northern lot line to the intersection of Beechwood Avenue and Westridge Drive; thence westerly along the centerline of Beechwood Avenue to the intersection of Northwestern Avenue and Hamilton Avenue; thence west along the centerline of Hamilton Avenue to the intersection of Oak Hill Road; thence south along the centerline of Oak Hill Road to the intersection of West Bowman Street; thence west along the centerline of West Bowman Street to the intersection of Mechanicsburg Road, West Liberty Street and Old Mansfield Road; thence westerly along the centerline of Old Mansfield Road to its intersection with the corporation line; thence northerly and following the corporation line for the western part of the City to the intersection of Oak Hill Road and West Highland Avenue; thence westerly along the centerline of West Highland Avenue and following the corporation line for the western part of the City to the place of beginning.

SECTION 2. This Council finds and declares that all formal actions concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance occurred in an open meeting of this Council or its committees, in compliance with law.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after the earliest date allowed by law.

1st reading 5/16/22 2nd reading 6-6-22 3rd reading 6-6-22

Passed: 6-6, 2022

Vote: 6-0

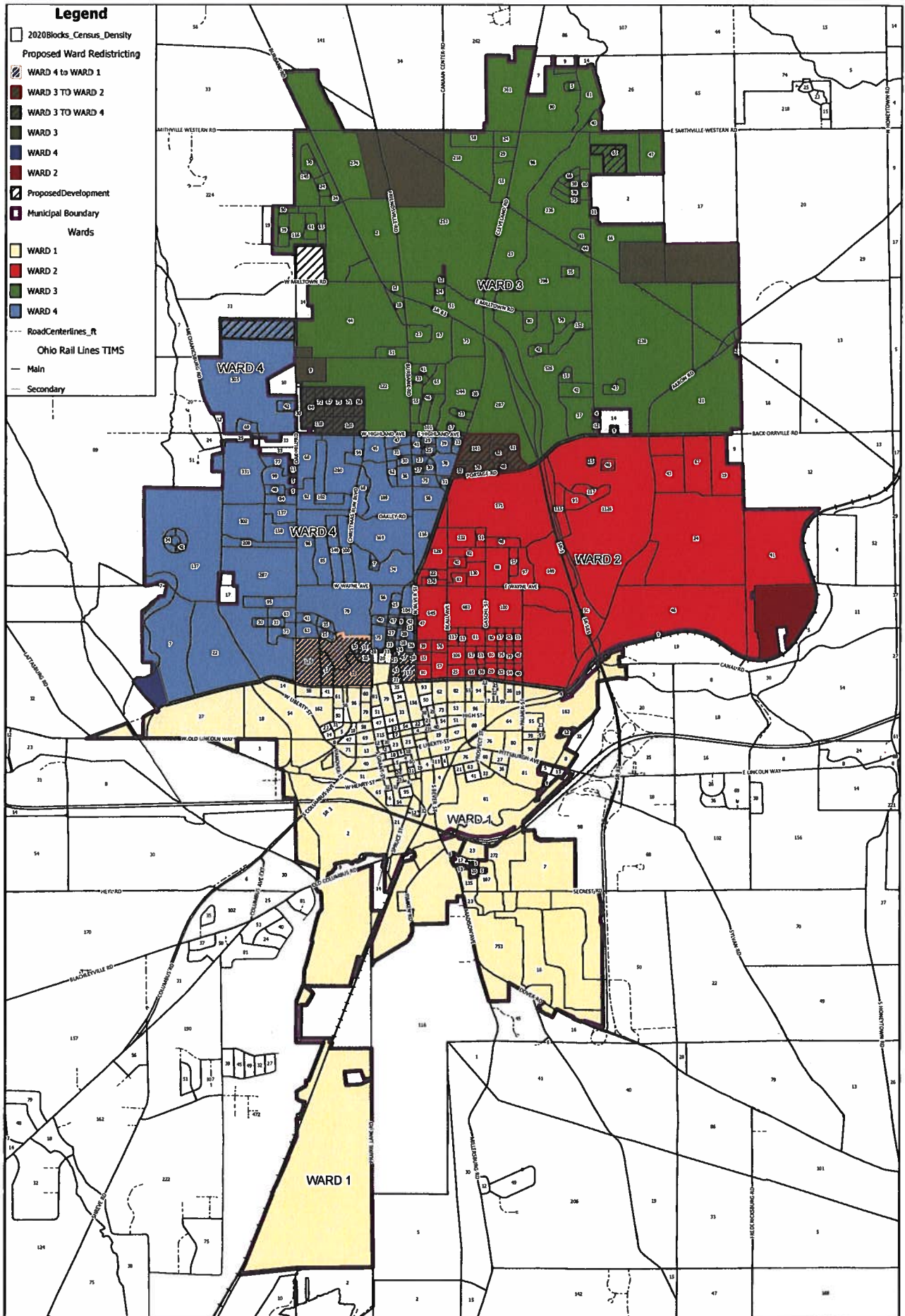
Attest: *Dyane DePaulo*
Clerk of Council

Michael G. Bryloff
President of Council

Approved: June 7, 2022

R. F. Brennan
Mayor

Introduced by: Barb Knapic



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2020 CENSUS COUNTS
PROPOSED WARD
REDISTRICTING
 Scale: 1" = 3,000 Feet

NOTES:
 1) All boundaries shown ARE NOT survey quality
 and are for reference only.

0 500,000 2,000 3,000
 Feet

