

City Council Ward Redistricting

- State Law requires review of existing voter districts after each federal census
- Washington State Law that drives our requirement is RCW 29A.76.010

RCW 29A.76.010(1):

It is the responsibility of each county, municipal corporation, and special purpose district with a governing body comprised of internal director, council, or commissioner districts not based on statutorily required land ownership criteria to periodically redistrict its governmental unit, based on population information from the most recent federal decennial census.

- The most recent Census and data publication was impacted by Covid
 - The RCW was updated to require entities not holding elections in 2022 to have redistricting completed by November 15, 2022

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All City requirements listed in the RCW

RCW 29A.76.010

Counties, municipal corporations, and special purpose districts. (Effective until January 1, 2023.)

*** CHANGE IN 2022 *** (SEE 5583.SL) ***

(1) It is the responsibility of each county, municipal corporation, and special purpose district with a governing body comprised of internal director, council, or commissioner districts not based on statutorily required land ownership criteria to periodically redistrict its governmental unit, based on population information from the most recent federal decennial census.

(2) Within forty-five days after receipt of federal decennial census information applicable to a specific local area, the commission established in RCW 44.05.030 shall forward the census information to each municipal corporation, county, and district charged with redistricting under this section.

(3) Except as otherwise provided in chapter 301, Laws of 2018, the governing body of the municipal corporation, county, or district shall prepare a plan for redistricting its internal or director districts:

(a) By December 31, 2021, if the jurisdiction is scheduled to elect members to its governing body in 2022; or

(b) By November 15, 2022, if the jurisdiction is not scheduled to elect members to its governing body in 2022.

(4) The plan shall be consistent with the following criteria:

(a) Each internal director, council, or commissioner district shall be as nearly equal in population as possible to each and every other such district comprising the municipal corporation, county, or special purpose district.

(b) Each district shall be as compact as possible.

(c) Each district shall consist of geographically contiguous area.

(d) Population data may not be used for purposes of favoring or disfavoring any racial group or political party.

(e) To the extent feasible and if not inconsistent with the basic enabling legislation for the municipal corporation, county, or district, the district boundaries shall coincide with existing recognized natural boundaries and shall, to the extent possible, preserve existing communities of related and mutual interest.

(5) During the adoption of its plan, the municipal corporation, county, or district shall ensure that full and reasonable public notice of its actions is provided. Before adopting the plan, the municipal corporation, county, or district must:

(a) Publish the draft plan and hold a meeting, including notice and comment, within ten days of publishing the draft plan and at least one week before adopting the plan; and

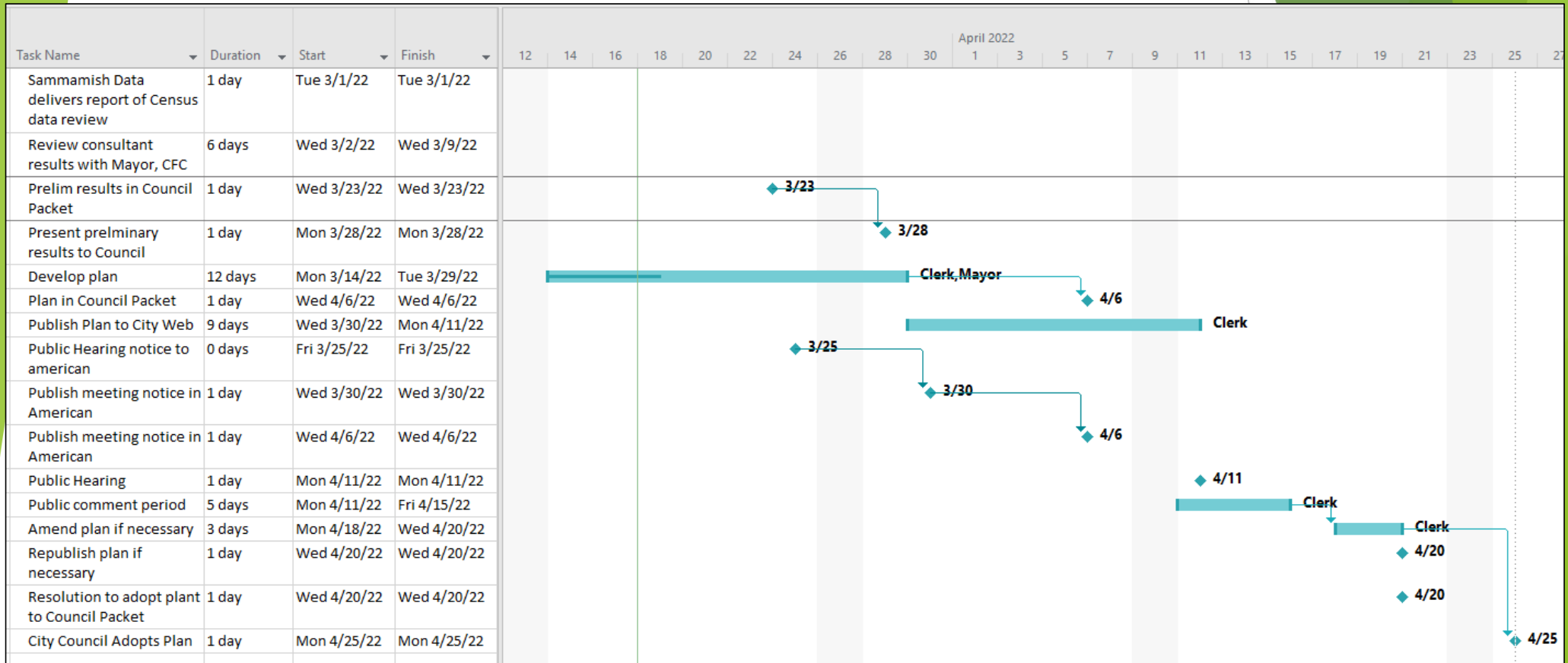
(b) Amend the draft as necessary after receiving public comments and resubmit any amended draft plan for additional written public comment at least one week before adopting the plan.

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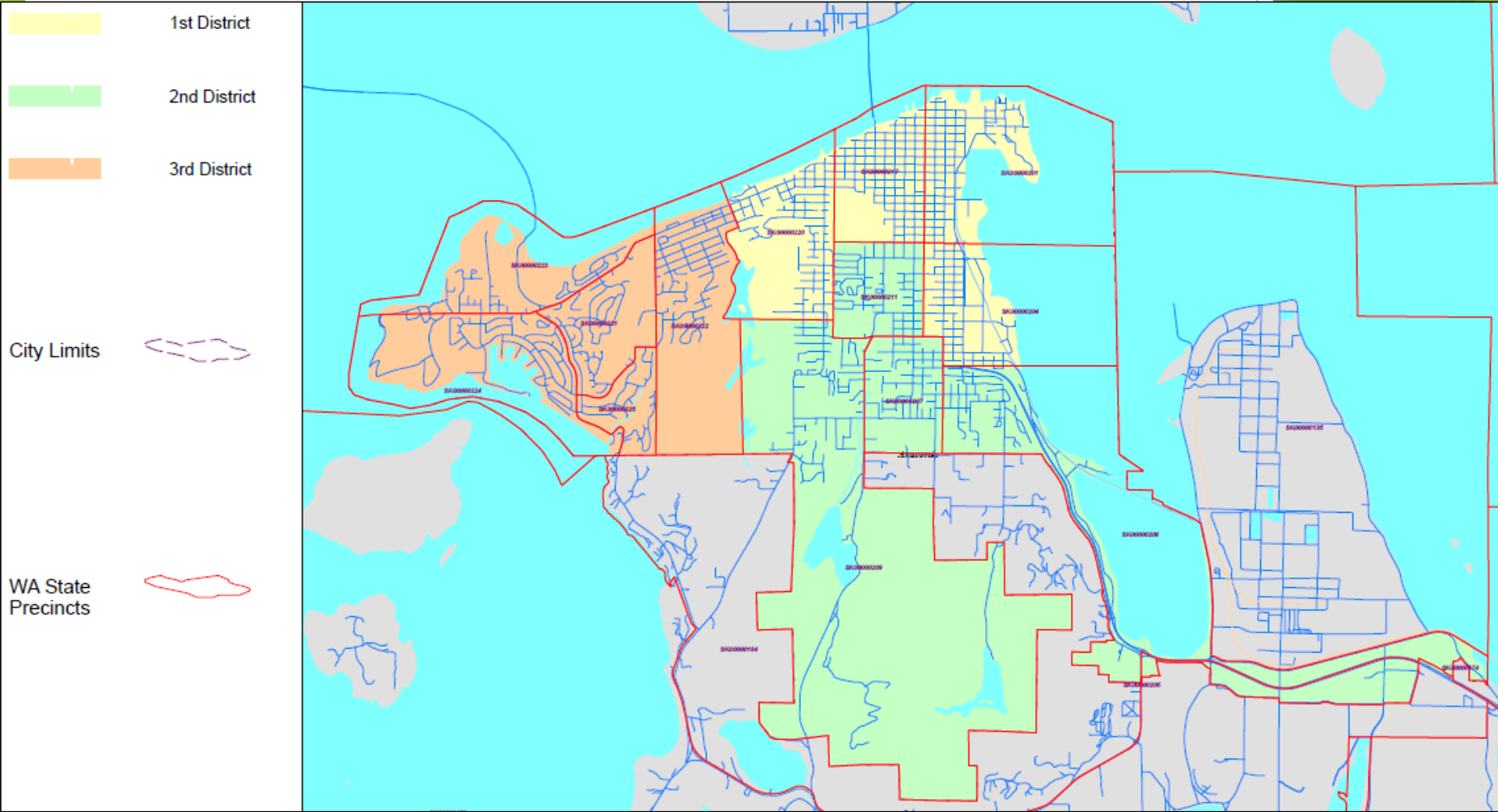
The Statute (RCW 29A.76.010) requires the City a number of things be done on for the redistricting plan, such as:

- Ensuring each ward be as nearly equal as possible
- As compact as possible
- Be geographically contiguous
- Population data not used for favoring or disfavoring any racial group or political party
- Coincide with natural boundaries and preserve existing communities
- Ensure full and reasonable public notice
- Ensure publication of the plan with public notice of the public meeting
- Allow public comment on the published plan
- Amend the plan as necessary after receiving public comment

Redistricting Schedule



Anacortes Council Wards



Census Data Results

The City contracted with Sammamish Data to evaluate the impact of the Census data to the City's wards.



They have a strong background and strong references, including the Port of Anacortes.

- Established in 1979, they've done over 1,000 redistricting plans for a wide variety of governmental entities.

The contract was not to exceed \$2,000

- Actual cost was \$300

Census Data Results

The statute requires wards to be as nearly equal as possible. It was suggested that within 10% variance across wards could be considered equal.

- The census showed a City population of 17,637
- Divided by 3 Wards gives an ideal population of 5,879 for each ward
- The existing ward boundaries show a variances of:
 1. -.19% for Ward 1
 2. .15% for Ward 2
 3. .03% for Ward 3

City of Anacortes District Summary Report

Director District Number	Ideal Population	Total Population	Deviation from Ideal	% Deviation from Ideal	White Population	Hispanic Origin (of any race)	Non White & Mixed
1st	5,879	5,868	-11	-0.19	4,846	449	1,022
2nd	5,879	5,888	9	0.15	5,096	316	792
3rd	5,879	5,881	2	0.03	5,071	304	810
Totals.....		<u>17,637</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>15,013</u>	<u>1,069</u>	<u>2,624</u>

Census Data Results

The data below is from the Federal Data published from the Census.

This shows Race data by existing Wards:

City of Anacortes
Summary of Population by Race and Hispanic Origin

District Number	Total Population	Total Population by Race								Hispanic Origin (of any race)
		Single Race							Two or More Races	
		Total	White	Black African American	American Indian and Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	Other Race	Total	
1st	5,868	5,264	4,846	35	77	143	17	146	604	449
2nd	5,888	5,447	5,096	33	51	130	11	126	441	316
3rd	5,881	5,398	5,071	32	33	146	14	102	483	304
Totals.....	17,637	16,109	15,013	100	161	419	42	374	1,528	1,069

Census Data Conclusion

- Next steps:
 - Develop and publish the City's redistricting plan.
 - Move forward with next steps as outlined in the statute and schedule reviewed earlier.
 - If Council agrees, the redistricting plan will be developed based on existing boundaries, and no changes will be proposed.
- Questions?