

City of Newburgh 2007 Charter Review Commission

Referendum Proposal



Summary – Wards

Article 1.20

- ✓ One council person would be elected from each of the eight wards.
- ✓ Each ward to be a contiguous territory.
- ✓ Contain 1/8 of City's population determined by block data from the latest decennial US Census.
 - No less than 95% of or greater than 105% of the average Ward population.
 - Boundaries drawn along the center line of major streets or natural barriers to the extent permitted by the above.
 - Aggregate length of Ward boundaries shall be as short as possible within limitations of the above.

Why Wards vs. At Large

Wards allow for:

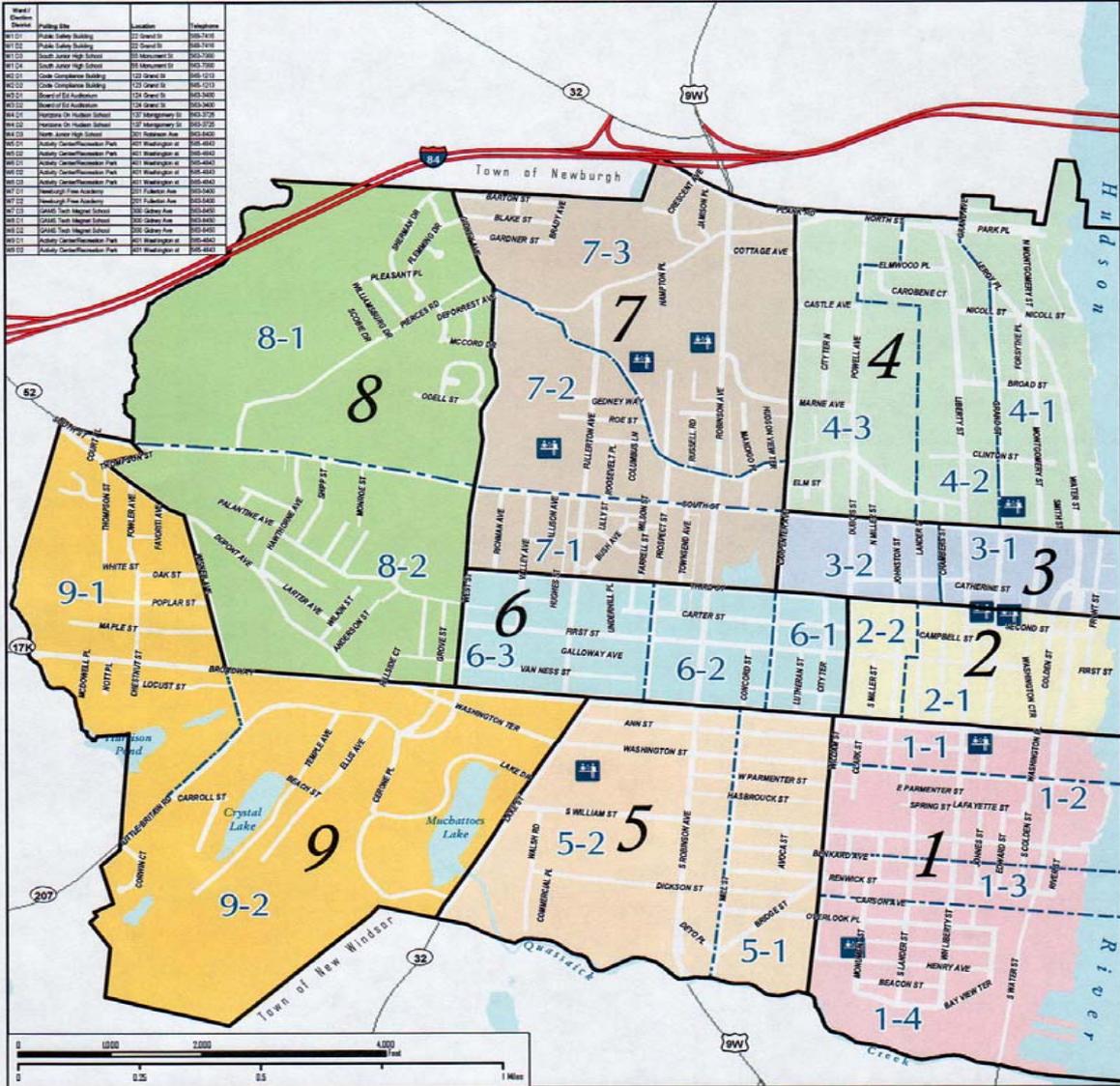
- Better Neighborhood Representation.
- Government that is in touch with area concerns.
- Council accessible to constituents.
- Council that reflects the population of the city.
- Encourage participation of Residents in the process – VOTE.

Current At Large system :

- Citys economic and diverse population is not fully represented.
- Government not adequately in touch with residents concerns.
- Overall voter apathy exists.



Ward/District	Building No.	Location	Telephone
W1 C1	Public Safety Building	22 Grand St	505-7418
W1 C2	Public Safety Building	22 Grand St	505-7418
W1 C3	Public Safety Building	22 Grand St	505-7418
W1 C4	Public Safety Building	22 Grand St	505-7418
W1 C5	Public Safety Building	22 Grand St	505-7418
W1 C6	Public Safety Building	22 Grand St	505-7418
W1 C7	Public Safety Building	22 Grand St	505-7418
W1 C8	Public Safety Building	22 Grand St	505-7418
W1 C9	Public Safety Building	22 Grand St	505-7418
W1 C10	Public Safety Building	22 Grand St	505-7418
W1 C11	Public Safety Building	22 Grand St	505-7418
W1 C12	Public Safety Building	22 Grand St	505-7418
W1 C13	Public Safety Building	22 Grand St	505-7418
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W1 C17	Public Safety Building	22 Grand St	505-7418
W1 C18	Public Safety Building	22 Grand St	505-7418
W1 C19	Public Safety Building	22 Grand St	505-7418
W1 C20	Public Safety Building	22 Grand St	505-7418



NORTH

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ELECTION WARDS & DISTRICTS

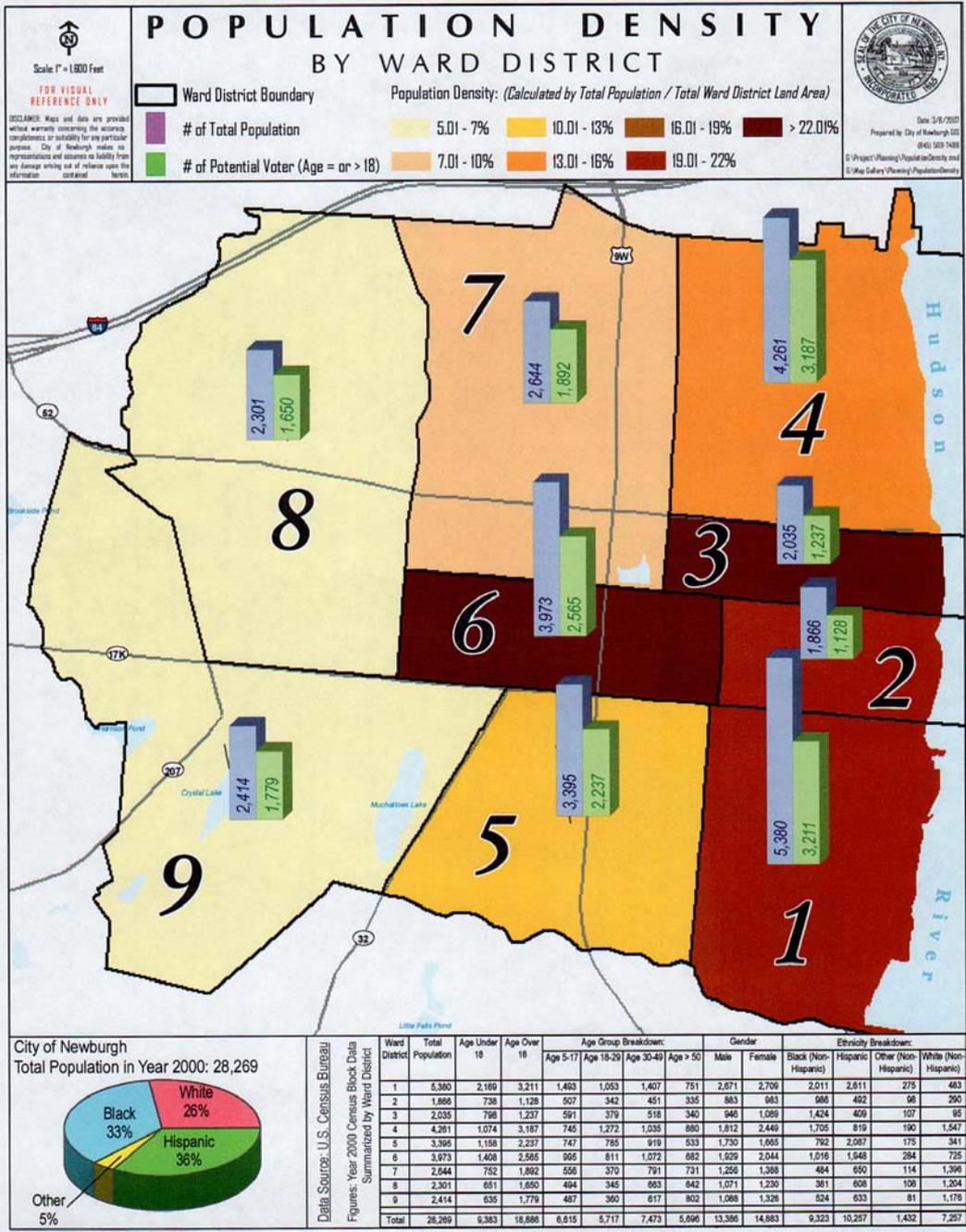
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LEGEND:

Polling Site	Ward District:	2	4	6	8	
Election District		1	3	5	7	9

- Current Election Wards and Districts



- 2000 Census Population by Current Wards



Not To Scale

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REDISTRICITING WARDS

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LEGEND:

Existing Ward District

Proposed Redistricting Boundary

Population (2000):

0 - 50

51 - 100

101 - 200

201 - 300

301 - 400

401 - 500

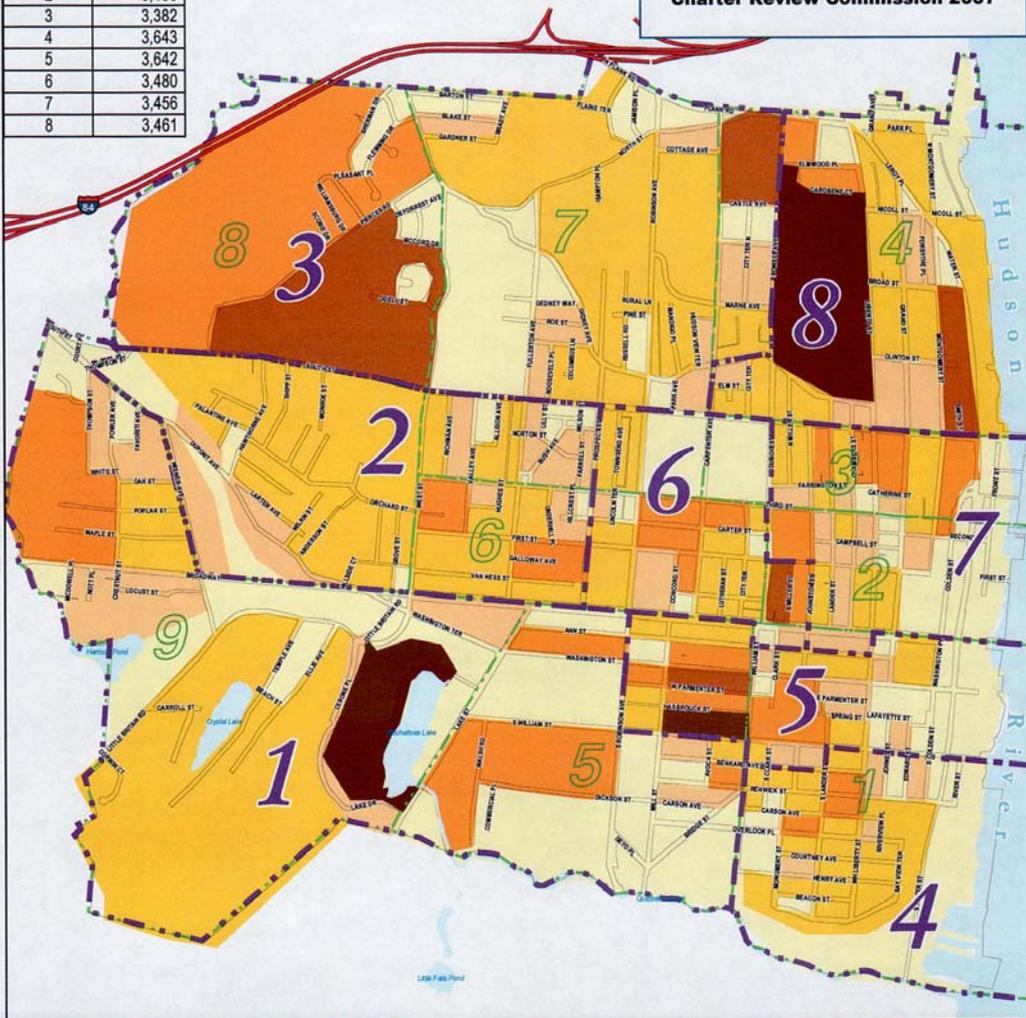
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Proposed Ward District	2000 Population
1	3,709
2	3,486
3	3,382
4	3,643
5	3,642
6	3,480
7	3,456
8	3,461

Ideal Ward Population: 3,532 +/- 5%

Ward Population Limits: Plus or Minus 177 (3,709 - 3,355)

Possible future Wards as proposed by Charter Review Commission 2007



- Charter Review Commission Ward re-alignment possibility based on 2000 Census

Summary – Government Structure

Article 3.00 A

- Council/Manager
- 8 Council Members;
one per Ward
- Mayor elected at large



Summary – Terms of Office

Article 3.10

- Mayor and Council will serve four year terms consecutively. City Manager will serve at the discretion of the Council.
- Salaries will be the prevailing wage at the time of implementation.

Transition Plan:

- ✓ Full implementation by January 2012.
- ✓ Election 2007 – Mayor/Two Council persons – To serve full four year terms.
- ✓ Election of 2009 – Two Council persons - Those elected will serve a two year term.
- ✓ Election of 2011 – All Council members elected by their respective Ward to serve a four year term. Mayor elected at large for a term of four years.



Transition from an At-Large Council to a Ward Representative Council

	01/2008	01/2009	01/2010	01/2011	01/2012	01/2013	01/2014	01/2015
Nov. 2007 Election - Mayor/2 Council 4 yr term								
Nov. 2009 Election - 2 Council 2 yr. Term								
Nov. 2011 election - Mayor/8 Council (Mayor at-Large. Council = one from each ward)								

Terms of Office

- Discussed Term Limits – It was concluded that it would be best to leave this issue up to the voters of the individual Wards to decide.
- Discussed the Term length – Two year vs. four year and even three year terms. It was concluded that a four year term would provide ample service to allow for orientation and familiarization for new councilpersons. In addition, it would give constituents of each ward enough job performance indicators before next election.

What is the next step?

We recommend that the Council put forth an referendum on the November 2007 ballot, of a Yes or No vote question, to Revise the current Charter of the City of Newburgh from an At-Large voting system to a Ward based system.

Timeline of actions by City Council:

- ✓ June 11th – Accept Charter Review Commission recommendation and adopt a resolution to schedule a Public Hearing. (completed)
- ✓ July 16th – Public Hearing Scheduled
- ✓ August 13th – Adoption of resolution to place referendum on November ballot.
- ✓ September 7th – Referendum to Orange County Board of Elections for placement on November ballot.

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