



Redistricting Providence

Providence Ward Boundaries
Committee



What is Redistricting

- Redistricting is the process used by governments to redraw political district boundaries.
 - Examples of political boundaries are city Wards, State Senate or House districts, Federal districts
- We just participated in the 2020 Census. The population numbers collected by the census determines the population in a community.
 - Every ten years we redraw the political lines based on the new population numbers.
- Redistricting applies to all levels of government where district elections are held, including the U.S. House of Representatives, state legislatures, city councils and more.

Providence Ward Boundary Committee Basics

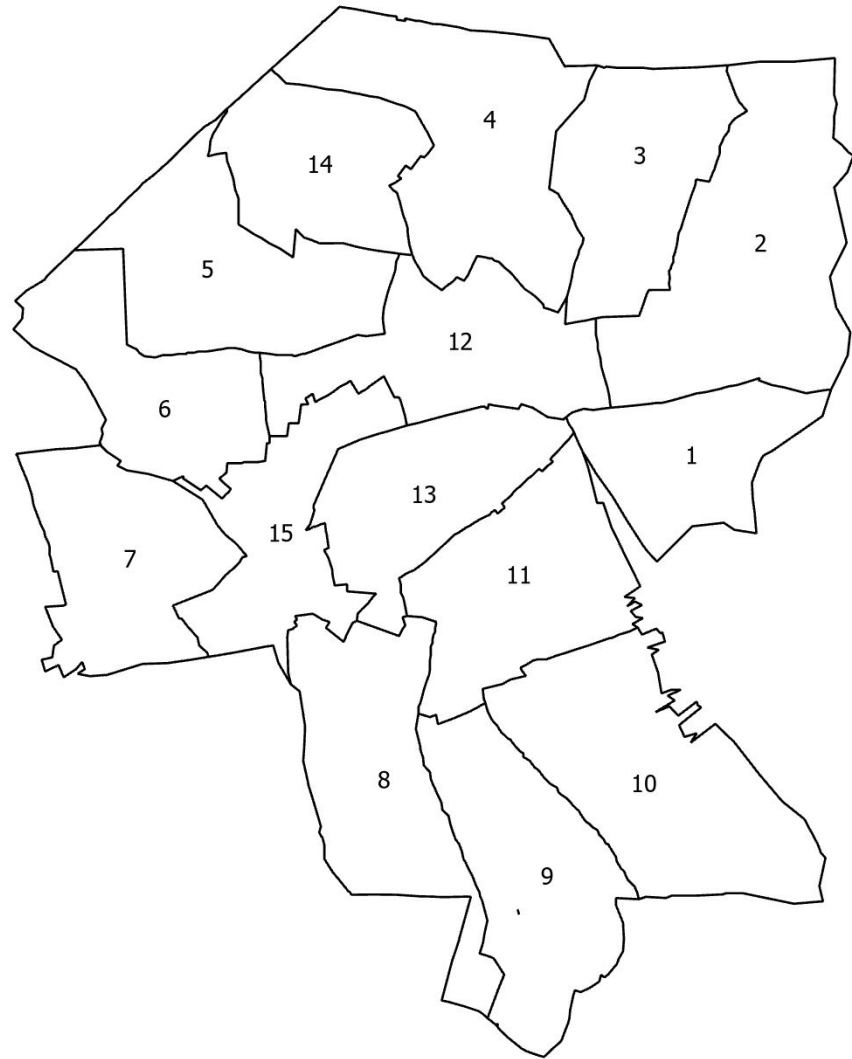
- Home Charter [Rule Part 1, Article II, Section 204](#) outlines Redistricting in Providence
 - 15 Wards are specified
 - To be redrawn using the most recent decennial Census Data
 - Led by a 5-member committee of Providence residents appointed by the Providence City Council
- Requirements
 - At least 4 public meetings prior to submitting the maps to the City Council
 - Committee must submit a report that includes notation of criteria employed and analysis of decisions made by the committee
 - Committee must abide by Open Meeting Act

Criteria for redrawing Ward Boundaries

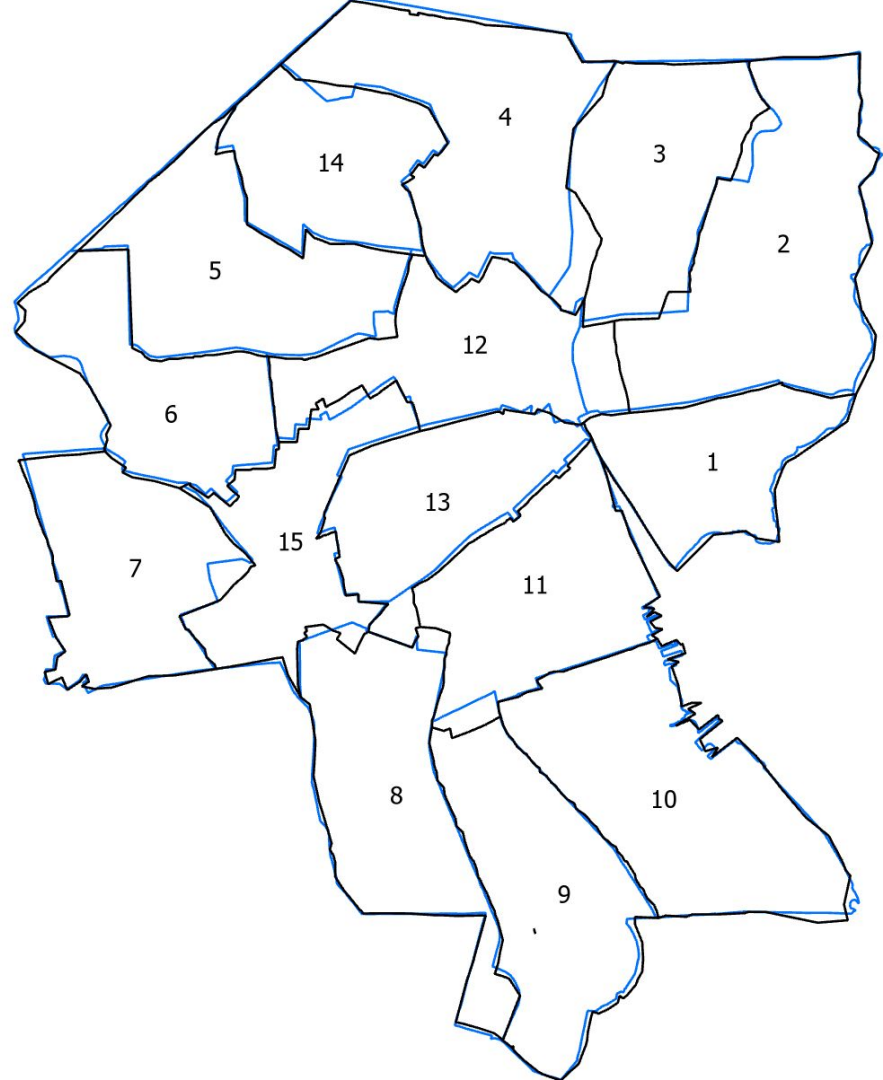
The City Charter also outlines the criteria that should be implemented when redrawing the Ward Boundaries:

- **Equality of Population**
 - Population is mostly the same in each Ward
- **Contiguous**
 - A district is considered contiguous if all parts of the district are in physical contact with some other part of the district.
- **Comply with the Voting Rights Act**
- **Communities of Interest**
 - Geographic integrity respected so as to minimize division of neighborhoods or other areas of interest
 - Next slide goes into detail of communities of interest
- **Geographical Compactness**
 - A district is generally considered compact if it has a fairly regular shape, with constituents all living relatively near to each other
- **Place of residence of any incumbent or political candidate shall not be considered**

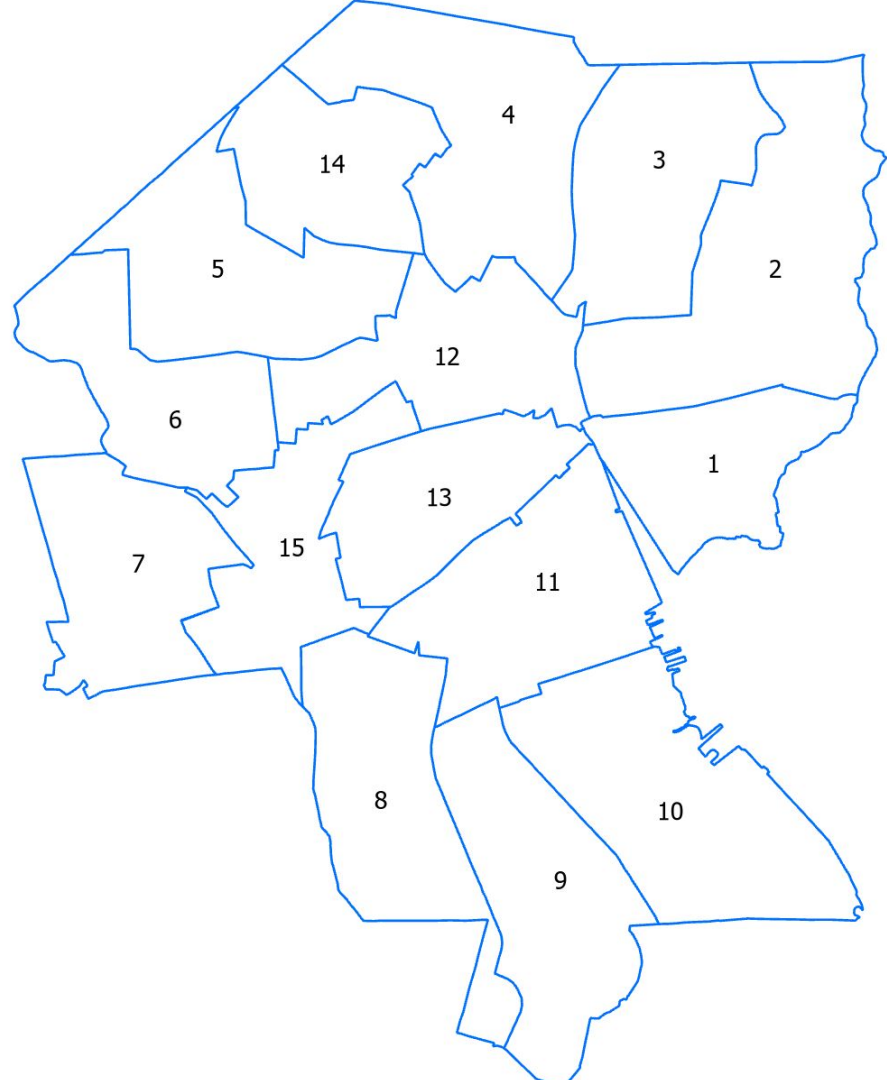
1992 Boundaries

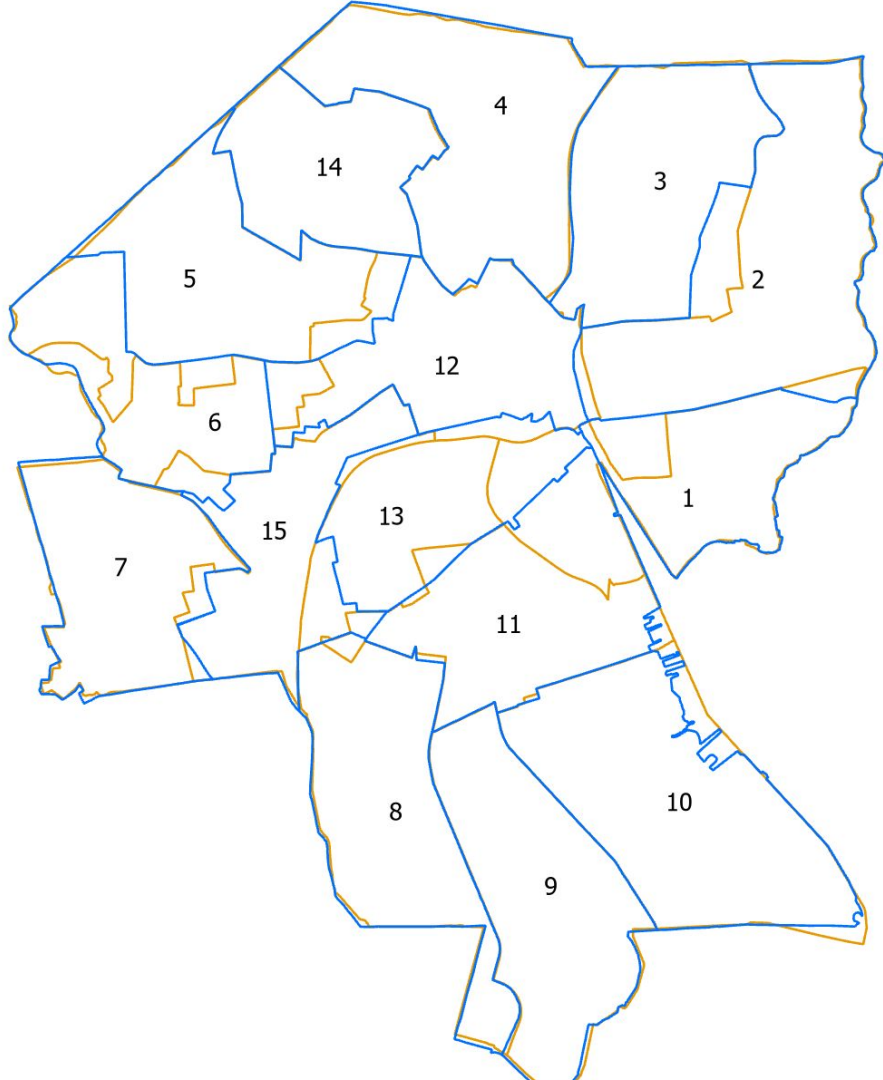


1992 Boundaries - Black
2002 Boundaries - Blue

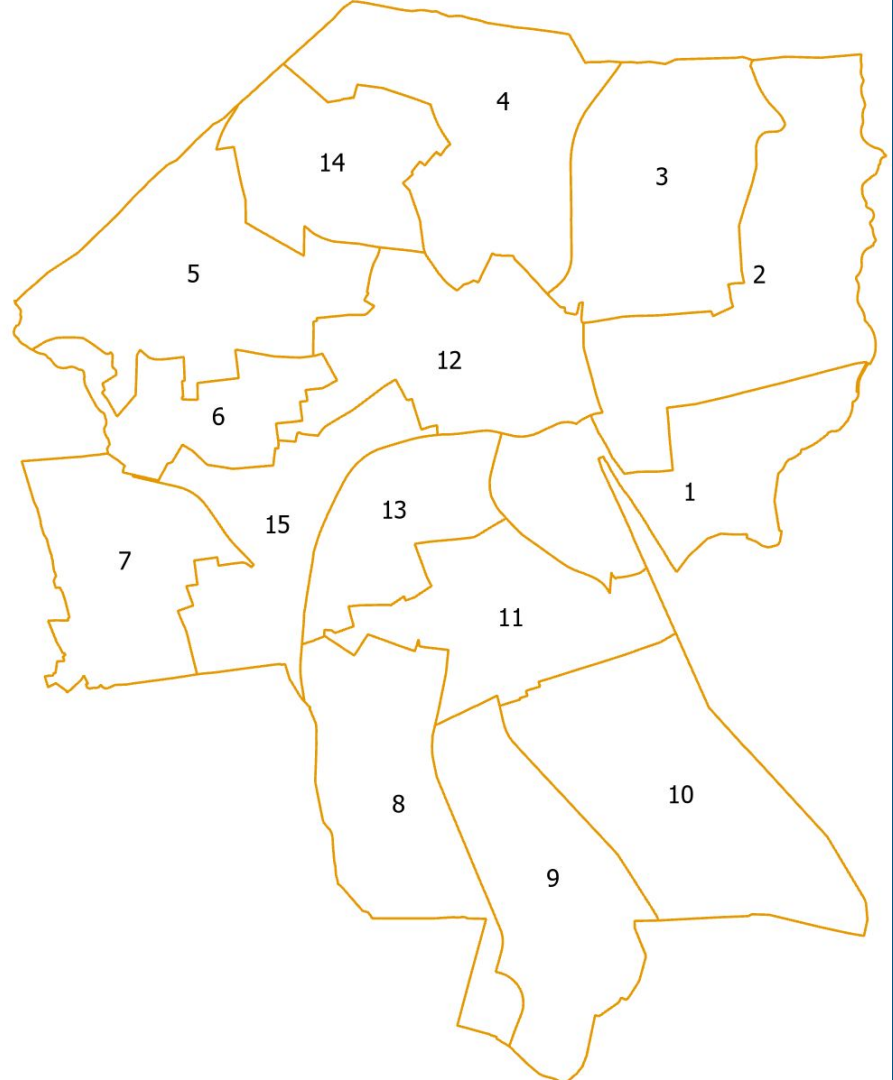


2002 Boundaries





2002 Boundaries - Blue
2012 Boundaries - Orange



2012 Boundaries - Current

Dates and Locations of Public Hearings

All hearings begin at 6:00 pm. Both oral and/or written testimony is welcomed from members of the public at any or all of the hearings. Hearings will follow COVID Protocols.

1. **Monday February 7** at Providence Career and Technical Academy (PCTA) Auditorium at 41 Fricker St
2. **Monday February 14** at Silver Lake Community Center at 529 Plainfield St
3. **Tuesday February 22** at Nathan Bishop Middle School Auditorium at 101 Sessions St
4. **Monday February 28** at DaVinci Center Community Room at 470 Charles St
5. **Wednesday March 2** Remote Zoom Meeting with link and signup available when agenda is posted

Contact us, learn more, and get involved

- Contact The Providence Ward Boundaries Committee at wardboundaries@providenceri.gov
- Committee Website: <https://council.providenceri.gov/ward-boundaries/>
- City Council YouTube Channel with all meetings/hearings recorded <https://www.youtube.com/c/ProvidenceCityCouncil/videos>