



Agenda Item: Original Ordinance, Second Reading

Title: Original Ordinance No, 2042, Amending Laramie Municipal Code Chapter 2.04 to Adjust Ward Boundaries to have Nearly Equal Proportions after the 2020 Census

Second Reading. (Introduced by O’Doherty)

Recommended Council MOTION:

I move to approve Original Ordinance No, 2042 on second reading, amending Laramie Municipal Code Chapter 2.04 to adjust Ward Boundaries to have nearly equal proportions after the 2020 Census.

Possible Amendments:

Councilor Summerville has indicated that she will likely make a motion to amend by substitution, I move to amend by substitution Map “Prop 1b” replacing Map 2.1 as the ordinance reference for ward boundaries.

Administrative or Policy Goal:

To remain in compliance with Wyoming State Statutes.

Background:

After the results of the 2020 Census came in it became clear that our current ward boundaries were no longer dividing the city into nearly equal proportions. The City Council held a Work Session on December 28th and held a discussion at the Regular Meeting on March 1, 2022 to begin and continue planning for the ward boundary changes. The legislature is currently in session and additional changes to the proposed redistricting may warrant further changes to the ward boundaries. This ordinance will help the get the process started and prepare us to finalize ward boundaries. Upon passage and publication of an ordinance to rebalance the ward boundaries the ordinance will be forwarded to the Albany County Clerk’s Office for further inclusion in the election processes.

Legal/Statutory Authority:

W.S. 22-23-103(a) A city may be divided into wards by ordinance of the governing body of the city. The wards shall be compact in form and as nearly equal in population as possible.

Responsible Staff:

Nancy Bartholomew, City Clerk
Janine Jordan, City Manager
Robert Southard, City Attorney

Future dates are subject to change

Work Session	December 28, 2021
Public Hearing (PH) Held	March 15, 2022
PH Advertised	March 11, 2022
Introduction/1 st Reading	March 8, 2022
2 nd Reading	March 15, 2022
3 rd Reading	March 22, 2022

Attachments: Original Ordinance No. 2042