

EUGENE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY



Action: Adoption of Resolution 5044 Realigning City Ward Boundaries and Repealing Resolution No. 4693

Meeting Date: October 24, 2011

Agenda Item Number: 3

Department: Central Services/Planning & Development

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ISSUE STATEMENT

The council is asked to adopt new ward boundaries for the Eugene City Council and Eugene Water & Electric Board.

BACKGROUND

The Eugene City Council adjusts council ward boundaries every 10 years to accommodate population changes and shifts – thereby helping ensure equal protection under the laws for Eugene’s residents. Based on available 2010 U.S. Census data, Eugene’s population totaled 156,222 – which means that each of the eight wards should have approximately 19,528 residents.

The City Council has discussed ward redistricting issues in a number of work sessions and held a September 19 public hearing. In an October 10 work session, council selected one scenario, which has been known as “1e”, and directed the City Manager to prepare a resolution adopting these new ward boundaries. The proposed resolution describes realigned boundaries and lays out the treatment of properties that could come into the city limits in coming years. The resolution and proposed ward boundaries map are provided in Attachment A.

Earlier this year, the council adopted the following criteria for redrawing boundaries:

1. Maintain a population difference of no more than three percent between wards.
2. Work with 2010 U.S. Census data and do *not* assume potential growth.
3. Develop scenarios that consider geographic and neighborhood features, and strive for relative compactness and contiguity, without rigid adherence to these characteristics.

RELATED CITY POLICIES

The Eugene Charter provision related to redistricting is general and states:

Section 33. Wards. The council shall divide the city into wards and redefine the boundaries thereof as necessary to accord persons in the city the equal protection of the laws. No person may vote at a city election in a ward other than that in which he or she resides.

The Eugene City Code includes the following:

2.692 Elections – Wards. The City Council shall by resolution divide the city into eight wards, but neither this requirement nor any action pursuant to it disqualifies, or shortens the term of office of, a member of the council or the Eugene Water & Electric Board.

Adopted Council Goals and Outcomes include: *Effective, Accountable Municipal Government* - A government that works openly, collaboratively, and fairly with the community to achieve measurable and positive outcomes and provide effective, efficient services.

COUNCIL OPTIONS

1. Adopt the proposed resolution and new ward boundaries map.
2. Propose changes to the resolution and/or map.
3. Defer action and request additional information and opportunity for deliberations.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

The City Manager recommends the council adopt the proposed resolution.

SUGGESTED MOTION

Move to adopt Resolution 5044, realigning City ward boundaries and repealing Resolution 4693.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Proposed Council Resolution Adopting New City Ward Boundaries
- B. Map of Existing City Ward Boundaries
- C. Demographic Information

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION REALIGNING CITY WARD BOUNDARIES AND
REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 4693.**

The City Council of the City of Eugene finds that:

A. Section 6 of the Eugene Charter of 2002 (“the Charter”) provides that City Councilors shall be elected by wards. Section 33 of the Charter requires the City Council to divide the City into wards and to redefine the ward boundaries when necessary to accord persons within the City the equal protection of the laws.

B. Section 2.962 of the Eugene Code, 1971 (“EC”) requires that the City Council shall, by resolution, divide the City into eight wards. EC 2.966(3) requires that four of the five members of the Eugene Water & Electric Board (“EWEB”) be elected by wards.

C. In accordance with EC 2.962, on November 26, 2001, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 4693, establishing eight wards within the City of Eugene for purposes of City elections as reflected on the map attached as Exhibit A to that Resolution.

D. Since the establishment and realignment of the ward boundaries in 2001, shifts in population within the wards have occurred. Therefore, it is necessary to realign the ward boundaries of the City. On June 27, 2011, the City Council, by motion, adopted criteria for developing ward scenario options.

E. Prompt realignment of the ward boundaries is necessary in order to ensure that wards are properly identified and candidates for City Council and EWEB offices are aware of the correct boundaries.

NOW, THEREFORE,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EUGENE, a
Municipal Corporation of the State of Oregon, as follows:**

Section 1. Based on the above findings, which are adopted, the City Council adopts division of the eight wards as detailed on the map attached as Exhibit A to this Resolution. Except where wards are divided by the Willamette River, the centerline of a street constitutes the ward boundary.

Section 2. In the event property is annexed to the City of Eugene in the area south of 30th Avenue and east of Chambers Street if extended, electors residing within the annexed area shall be assigned to Ward 2.

Section 3. In the event property is annexed to the City of Eugene in the area north of 30th Avenue, east of Hilyard, and south of the Willamette River, electors residing within the annexed area shall be assigned to Ward 3.

Section 4. In the event property is annexed to the City of Eugene in the area north and east of the Willamette River and east of County Farm Road, electors residing in the annexed area shall be assigned to Ward 4.

Section 5. In the event property is annexed to the City of Eugene in the area north and east of the Willamette River and west of County Farm Road, or north of Beltline and east of River Road, electors residing within the annexed area shall be assigned to Ward 5.

Section 6. In the event property is annexed to the City of Eugene in the area north of Royal Avenue and west of Highway 99, electors residing within the annexed area shall be assigned to Ward 6.

Section 7. Except as provided in Sections 5 and 6, in the event property is annexed to the City of Eugene in area north of Roosevelt (including along an imaginary line extending east to the Willamette River), west of Willamette River, and east of Highway 99, electors residing within the annexed area shall be assigned to Ward 7.

Section 8. In the event property is annexed to the City of Eugene in the area south of Royal Avenue and west of Chambers Street, electors residing within the annexed area shall be assigned to Ward 8.

Section 9. At such time that property is annexed to the City of Eugene and the electors residing in the newly annexed property are assigned to City wards, the City Manager or designee shall review the new ward assignments in order to determine whether redistricting is necessary as a result of an increase in the number of electors in those wards.

Section 10. Resolution No. 4693 is repealed.

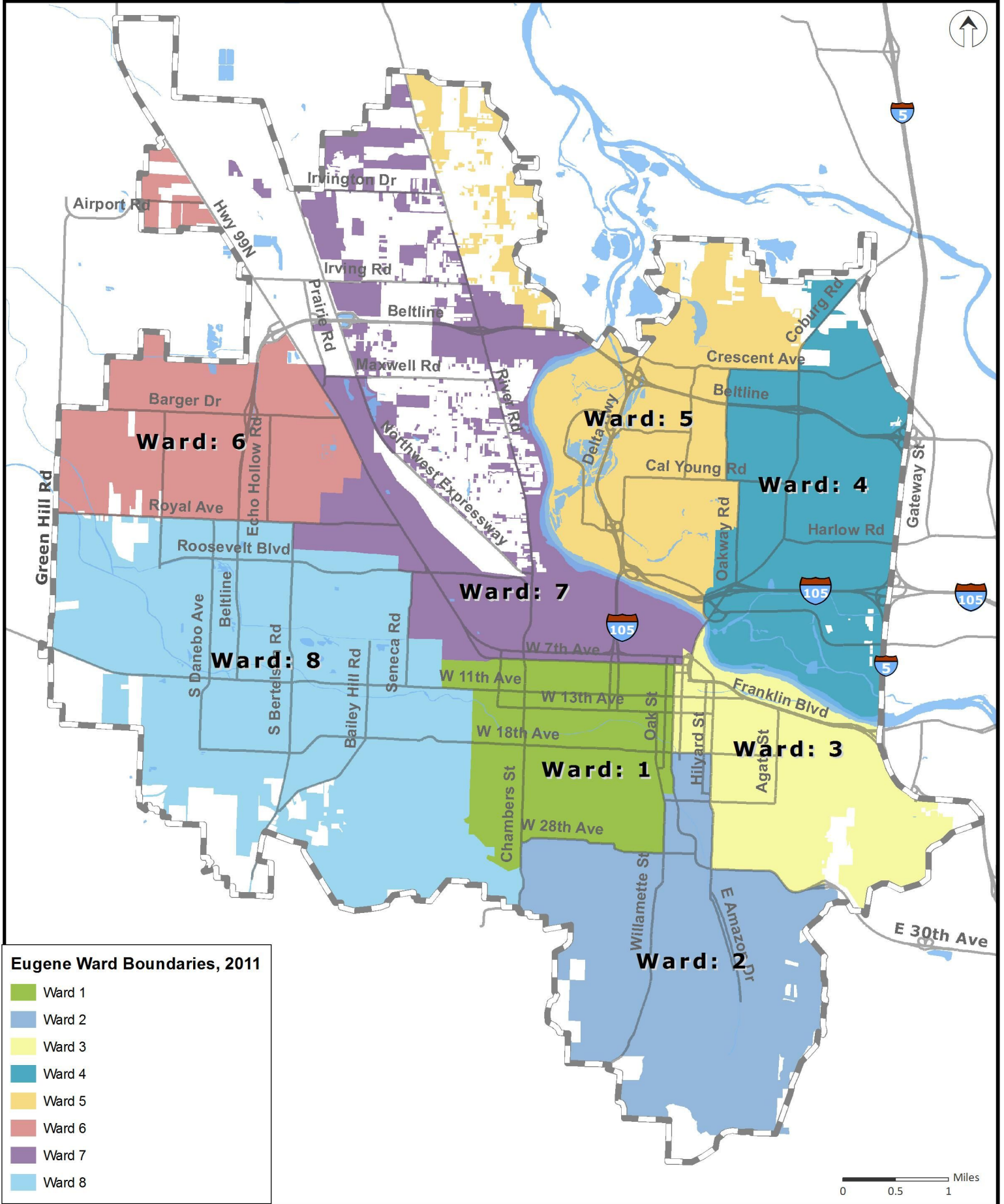
Section 11. The City Recorder is requested to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the Chief Elections Officer of the Lane County Records & Elections Department.

Section 12. This Resolution is effective immediately upon its passage by the City Council.

The foregoing Resolution adopted the _____ day of October, 2011.

Deputy City Recorder

Eugene Ward Boundaries, 2011

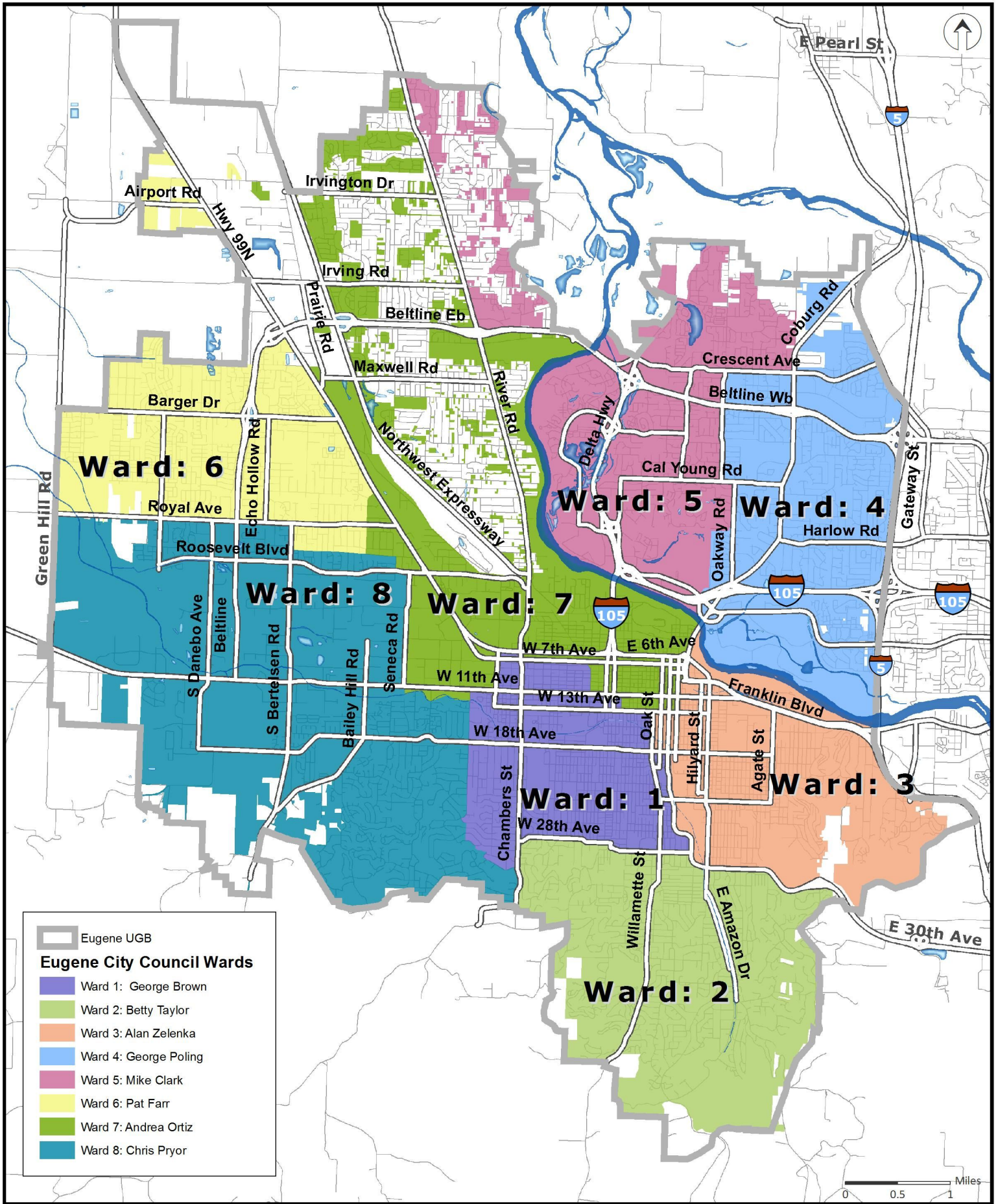


Data Sources: City of Eugene and Regional GIS data.

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Eugene City Council Wards



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Current Wards

Eugene Council Ward	Total Population	Target Population	Percent change from equal population by ward	Hispanic or Latino	Not Hispanic or Latino	White alone	Black or African American alone	American Indian and Alaska Native alone	Asian alone	Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander alone	Other race alone	Two or more races	Total population age 18 and over
Ward 1	17,597	19,528	-9.9%	1,393	16,204	14,584	255	144	487	23	59	652	14,840
Ward 2	17,705	19,528	-9.3%	841	16,864	15,304	164	112	561	22	48	653	14,341
Ward 3	21,003	19,528	7.6%	1,027	19,976	16,722	267	89	1,931	48	34	885	19,593
Ward 4	19,215	19,528	-1.6%	1,072	18,143	15,839	333	131	1,026	49	39	726	15,661
Ward 5	20,047	19,528	2.7%	1,166	18,881	17,068	226	130	787	35	35	600	15,951
Ward 6	21,603	19,528	10.6%	2,176	19,427	17,678	210	235	470	66	26	742	16,404
Ward 7	19,449	19,528	-0.4%	2,265	17,184	15,419	249	243	367	55	45	806	15,911
Ward 8	19,603	19,528	0.4%	2,267	17,336	15,436	252	184	581	43	22	818	15,033
Total	156,222	156,222		12,207	144,015	128,050	1,956	1,268	6,210	341	308	5,882	127,734

Proposed Wards

Eugene Council Ward	Total Population	Target Population	Percent change from equal population by ward	Hispanic or Latino	Not Hispanic or Latino	White alone	Black or African American alone	American Indian and Alaska Native alone	Asian alone	Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander alone	Other race alone	Two or more races	Total population age 18 and over
Ward 1	19,411	19,528	0.6%	1,502	17,909	16,107	293	165	532	33	63	716	16,595
Ward 2	19,661	19,528	-0.7%	1,006	18,655	16,680	199	137	792	24	60	763	16,042
Ward 3	19,658	19,528	-0.7%	900	18,758	15,853	243	78	1,717	47	28	792	18,428
Ward 4	19,215	19,528	1.6%	1,072	18,143	15,839	333	131	1,026	49	39	726	15,661
Ward 5	19,562	19,528	-0.2%	1,112	18,450	16,684	222	123	781	35	35	570	15,578
Ward 6	19,413	19,528	0.6%	2,001	17,412	15,785	198	209	452	64	26	678	14,636
Ward 7	19,640	19,528	-0.6%	2,347	17,293	15,609	216	241	327	46	35	819	15,710
Ward 8	19,662	19,528	-0.7%	2,267	17,395	15,493	252	184	583	43	22	818	15,084
Total	156,222	156,222		12,207	144,015	128,050	1,956	1,268	6,210	341	308	5,882	127,734