



Department Source: Community Development - Planning

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: March 21, 2022

Re: Amending Chapter 8 of the City Code to establish new ward boundaries – supplemental information (Trial B)

Executive Summary

Staff has prepared an amendment sheet for the text descriptions of the ward boundaries that would be established by the adoption of Trial A. This amendment corrects a number of inconsistencies in the references to streets and also improves consistency in the directional references in the descriptive text. These amendment sheets are technical in nature and do not make substantive changes to the Trial B map.

Discussion

Chapter 8 of the City Code describes each of the city wards depicted on the ward map in text. From a point of beginning, each ward boundary follows a series of pathways in a defined direction, with references to streets and intersections, and occasionally other features such as streams and trails, before returning to the point of beginning.

After preparation of the ordinances amending chapter 8 for each of the trial maps, staff determined that boundaries generally followed the centerline of streets, however this was not consistently expressed in the ordinance. Also, the terms indicating direction at times indicated a specific direction, such as north, and at other times a general direction, such as northward. Therefore these amendments adopt a consistent usage, stating that boundaries proceed northward, eastward, etc. along the centerline of streets and intersect with the centerline of streets.

The amendments also clarify the existing boundaries of the Third Ward and the Sixth Ward where they are joined in east Columbia. Sections 8-34 (Third Ward) and 8-37 (Sixth Ward) now include a reference to a section centerline which is the boundary between the two wards.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact:

Long-Term Impact:

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

[Strategic Plan Impacts:](#)

Primary Impact: Inclusive Community, Secondary Impact: Organizational Excellence, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable



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[Comprehensive Plan Impacts:](#)

Primary Impact: Inter-Governmental Cooperation, Secondary Impact: Not applicable,
Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Legislative History

Date	Action
November 1, 2022	R176-21A: A resolution establishing a ward reapportionment committee

Suggested Council Action

Council should approve the amendment sheet. The amendments are technical in nature and do not change the trial map.