



Precinct/Ward Redistricting 2022
January 11, 2022

What is Redistricting?

Redistricting is the process of redrawing the boundaries of election districts, done in the United States after the completion of the decennial Census.



The purpose of redistricting is to ensure that the people of each district are equally represented.



Timeline for Redistricting:

February 15, 2022	Congressional and legislative plans completed
March 29, 2022	*Precinct & City redistricting deadline
April 26, 2022	County commissioner and other redistricting deadline
August 9, 2022	State Primary
November 8, 2022	State General Election

* Ordinance must be passed

Basic Redistricting Principles:

By Statute, most election districts must be:

- Compact
- Contiguous
- Equal in population (to some degree)
- Composed of Census blocks

Considerations for City Redistricting:

- Meeting legal requirements for city wards
- Consider impacts of precinct boundaries on ward and county commissioner district boundaries
- Achieve strategic goals for election administration
 - Balance voter population
 - Assess desirable number and distribution of precincts
 - Address trends in voter participation and behavior
 - Ballot content/management

Census Data by Ward:

Ward/Precinct	Population	Percentage
W1	5,223	25.1%
W2	5,398	26.0%
W3	4,939	23.7%
W4	5,240	25.2%
Total	20,800	
Average	5,200	

Census Data by Ward indicating Variance:

Ward	Population	Variance	% Variance
W1	5,223	23	0.4%
W2	5,398	198	3.8%
W3	4,939	(261)	-5.0%
W4	5,240	40	0.8%
Total	20,800		
Average	5,200		

Census Data by Precinct:

Ward/Precinct	Population
W1P1	2,144
W1P2	3,109
W2P1	2,618
W2P2	2,780
W3P1	3,678
W3P2 (Dakota County)	1,261
W4P1	2,481
W4P2	2,759
Total	20,800

Current Ward/Precinct Map

Shows Polling Place and Population by Precinct

Ward & Precinct Map City of Northfield



1:10,200
1 inch equals 0.16 miles
1 inch = 850 feet



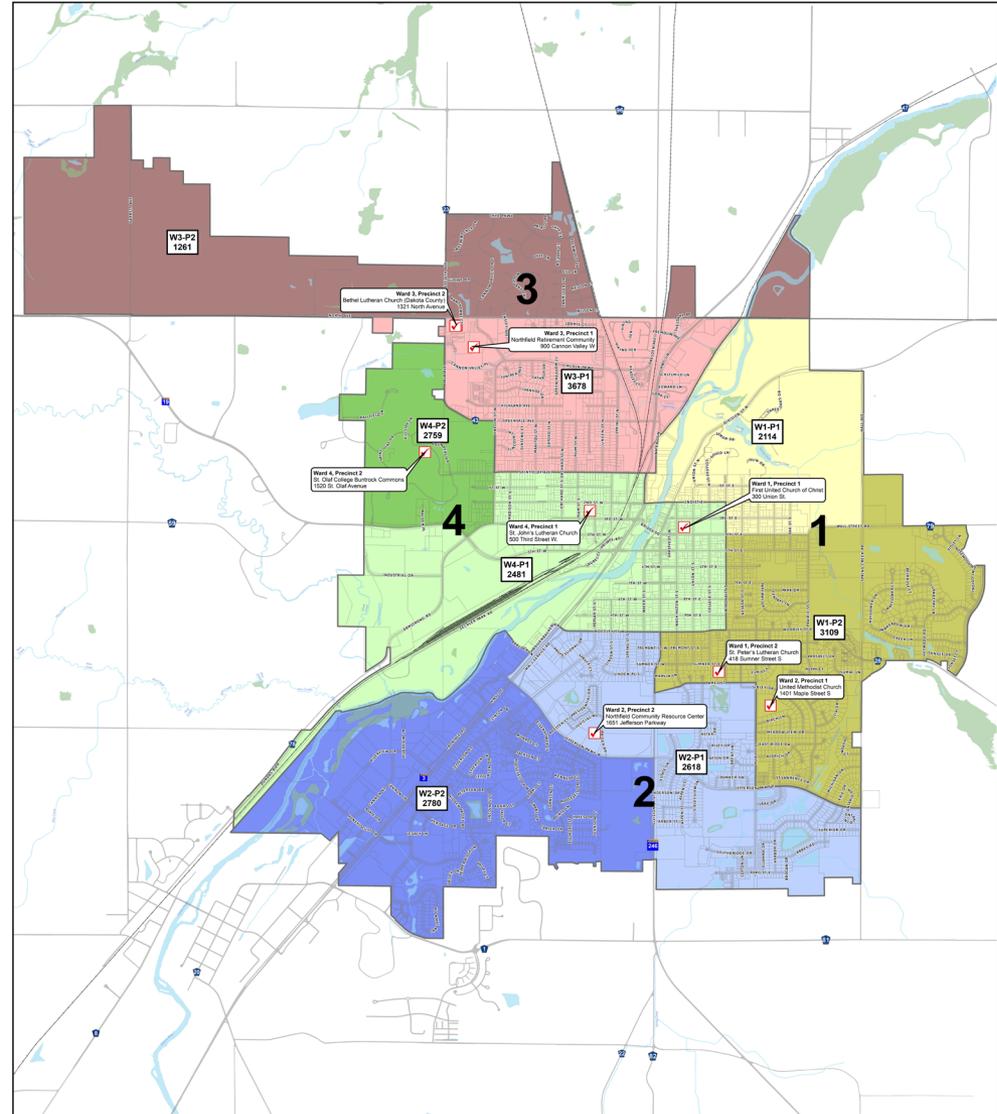
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- ☑ Polling Locations
- Council Wards

- W1-P1, St. Johns Lutheran Church, 500 3rd St W
- W1-P2, St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 418 Summer Street S
- W2-P1, United Methodist Church, 1401 Maple Street S
- W2-P2, Northfield Community Resource Center, 1651 Jefferson Pkwy
- W3-P1, Bethel Lutheran Church, 1321 North Ave
- W3-P2, Bethel Lutheran Church, 1321 North Ave
- W4-P1, St. Johns Lutheran Church, 500 3rd St W
- W4-P2, St. Olaf College Burdock Commons, 1320 St. Olaf Avenue



Ordinance 932 - Establishing Wards and Precincts for Redistricting
Passed March 29, 2012



Current Ward/Precinct Map

Includes potential boundary adjustment between W1-P1 and W1-P2

- W1-P1 – 2,114
- W1-P2 – 3,109

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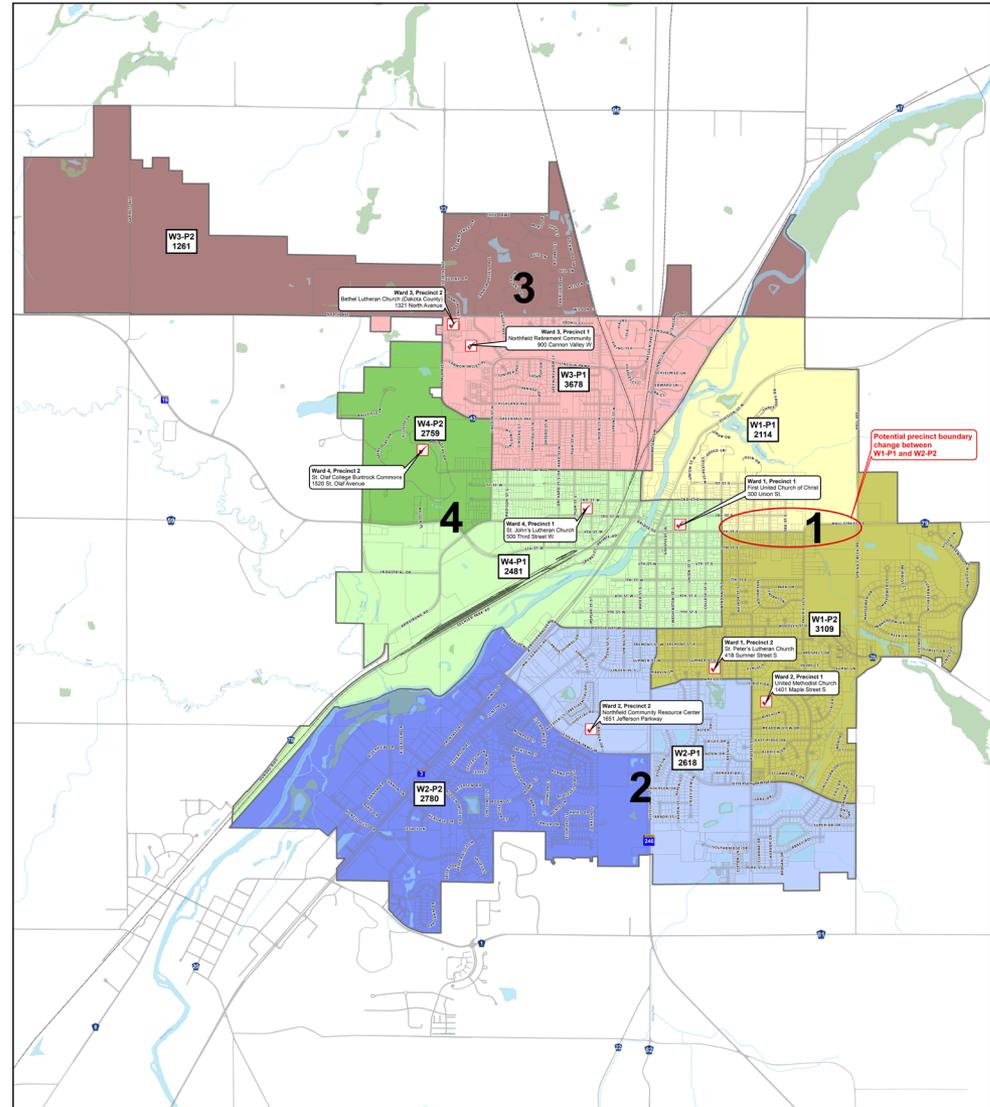
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Ordinance 932 - Establishing Wards and Resolution #2012-022 - Establishing Precincts for Redistricting Passed March 20, 2012



DATE: 10/20

Draft Ward/ Precinct Map

Includes potential boundary adjustment between W1-P1 and W1-P2 to even out precincts

- W1-P1 – 2,703 (adjusted)
- W1-P2 – 2,520 (adjusted)

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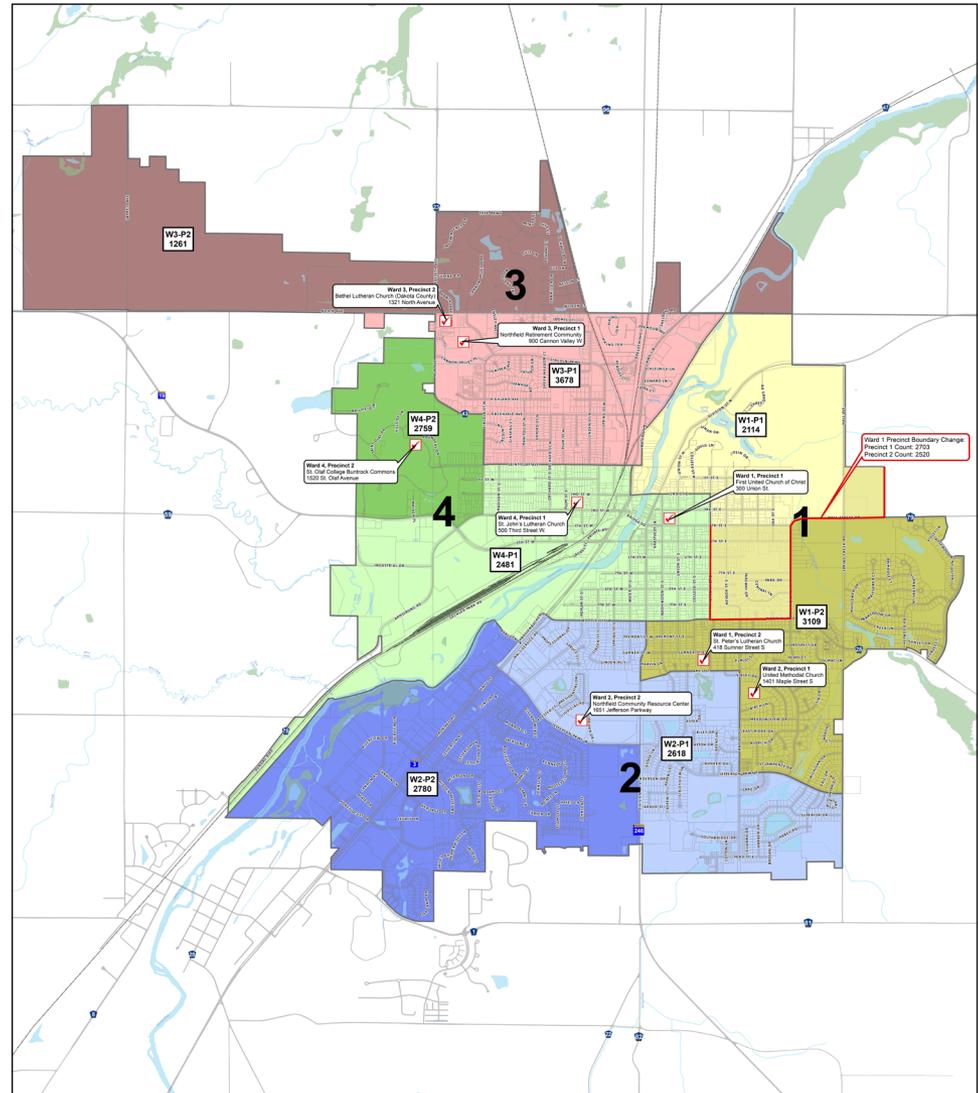


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- W4-P2, St. Olaf College Business Commons, 1520 St. Olaf Avenue



Ordinance 532 - Establishing Wards and Resolution #2012-022 - Establishing Precincts for Redistricting - Passed March 20, 2012



Preliminary Recommendations

- Adjust precinct 1 boundary
- Existing Ward boundaries meets criteria and likely viable option to just remain as-is
- Future population growth could occur in all wards so there is no obvious future adjustments with population forecasting
 - Ward 4 likely to be least growth except in density increases



Next Steps:

Date	Action
January 2022	Council provides input on redistricting process
January/February 2022	Staff prepares maps of any potential scenarios as per Council direction
January/February 2022	Council reviews and public input on possible scenarios and plans
February/March 2022	Council approves proposed redistricting plan and provides preliminary approval until legislative action is taken