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MINUTES MEETING REYNOLDSBURG WARD BOUNDARY COMMISSION April 20, 2022

Les Davies called the meeting to order at 6:09 PM

PRESENT: Benner, Boggs, Castro, Davies, Missick

ABSENT:

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Benner moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Second by Vice Chair Castro. Motion carries.

Approval of Minutes

1. Ward Boundary Commission – Meeting – March 16, 2022

Mr. Benner moved to approve the March 16, 2022 minutes as submitted. Second by Vice Chair Castro. Motion carried.

RESULT:	ACCEPTED
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Ward Boundary Process

PROPOSED NEW WARD BOUNDARY MAPS

Derek Maier of EMH&T presented a series of maps to the Commission showing a variety of scenarios with all of the most current data. There was a map showing the existing wards that currently stay within the 5% margin.

A large map showed the current Ward boundaries.

One map, not included in the packet and requested by Attorney Shook, shows all of Licking County in Ward 3. The Commission liked the overall look of this map, but the percentages were above 5%. Attorney Shook explained that a 1993 Supreme Court decision of Voinovich vs. Quilter. That decision stated that boundaries could exceed that 5% compliance limit, but be more than 10%. This map was at the limit of the 10% compliance limit.

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Another map that was compliant, showed Ward 3 in three counties. Attorney Shook suggested that a three county scenario was not optimum and would difficult for any candidate that would need to register in all three counties.

A third map showed a slight variation of the boundary between Wards 2 and 3.

The Commission discussed possible options in shifting various areas of the map. They indicated that their goal was to maintain a final map within the 5% compliance that would last 10 years. After much discussion, the Commission surmised that with the projected growth in Ward 3, maintaining the 5% compliance would be difficult or another Ward Boundary Commission would need to be convened within three to five years to revise boundary lines again. That Commission would not have benefit of current census block numbers.

Mr. Castro suggested that the Commission might consider maintaining the current Ward boundary lines as they meet the 5% compliance limit. If a mid-decade Commission was likely, it might be just as well to maintain the current map and if a mid-census Commission would need to be called, they would have a better idea of the progress of development.

The Commission requested that Mr. Maier email Clerk Prasher pdf copies of the large maps with the census block numbers to allow the Commission to individually look at trying revise the map. The Commission would convene in May and review any possible new scenarios, decide on one of the new maps, or maintain the existing map.

Other Matters

Chair Davies advised that he might be in Atlanta in May and miss the next meeting unless he could attend virtually.

Clerk Prasher advised that Council Chambers could accommodate a virtual meeting.

Chair Davies advised that he would make a best effort to attend in person, but would advise Clerk Prasher the week prior if that would not be possible.

Adjourn

Mr. Benner moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by Vice Chair Castro. Motion carried.

Mollie Prasher, Clerk of Council

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Les Davies called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM

PRESENT: Benner, Castro, Davies, Missick

ABSENT: Boggs

Additional attendees included Attorney Shook, Auditor Cicak, Derek Mair (EMH&T) and Clerk Prasher

Approval of Agenda

Ms. Missick moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Second by Mr. Benner. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

1. Ward Boundary Commission – Meeting – February 16, 2022

Mr. Benner moved to approve the February 16, 2022 meeting minutes as submitted. Second by Vice Chair Castro. Motion carried.

RESULT:	ACCEPTED
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Ward Boundary Process

EMH&T Updated Boundary Map

INITIAL CENSUS DATA BY WARD, UPDATE OF CITY LIMITS AND DEVELOPMENT NUMBERS

Mr. Mair took the information regarding annexations and projected development projects numbers to the existing map. Mr. Mair worked with the Commission to identify those new areas and what Ward they should be assigned.

Vice Chair Castro asked if Mr. Mair could separate the addition of units by units shown on the census versus projected units. He also asked if there will be additional annexations further east into Licking County. Attorney Shook replied at any discussion of annexations would be speculative.

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Following the placement and identification of all of these new areas, final numbers were provided by Ward. Chair Davies reiterated that the Commission would try to keep all of the Wards within a 5% variation of the current census.

The next step would be for Mr. Mair to shift the boundaries to more evenly balance the census units in each. He will bring that information back to the Commission. He will also provide a copy of the current numbers and a map representing such to the Clerk to distribute to the members.

Vice Chair Castro asked if the Commission could see a map of the exact census numbers and one with the 5% projections.

Chair Davies agreed with that request. He also commented that Wards 1 and 4 would likely be slightly overpopulated with Ward 2 and 3 being underpopulated, still remaining within 5% or less of the census unit numbers.

Vice Chair Castro commented that the Commission would also need to remember to maintain any ward divisions following the Charter based on streams, county lines, roadways, etc. He would like to work to compact each ward as much as possible.

As there was no further business, Mr. Benner moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by Ms. Missick. Motion carried.

Other Matters

Adjourn

Mollie Prasher

Mollie Prasher, Clerk of Council

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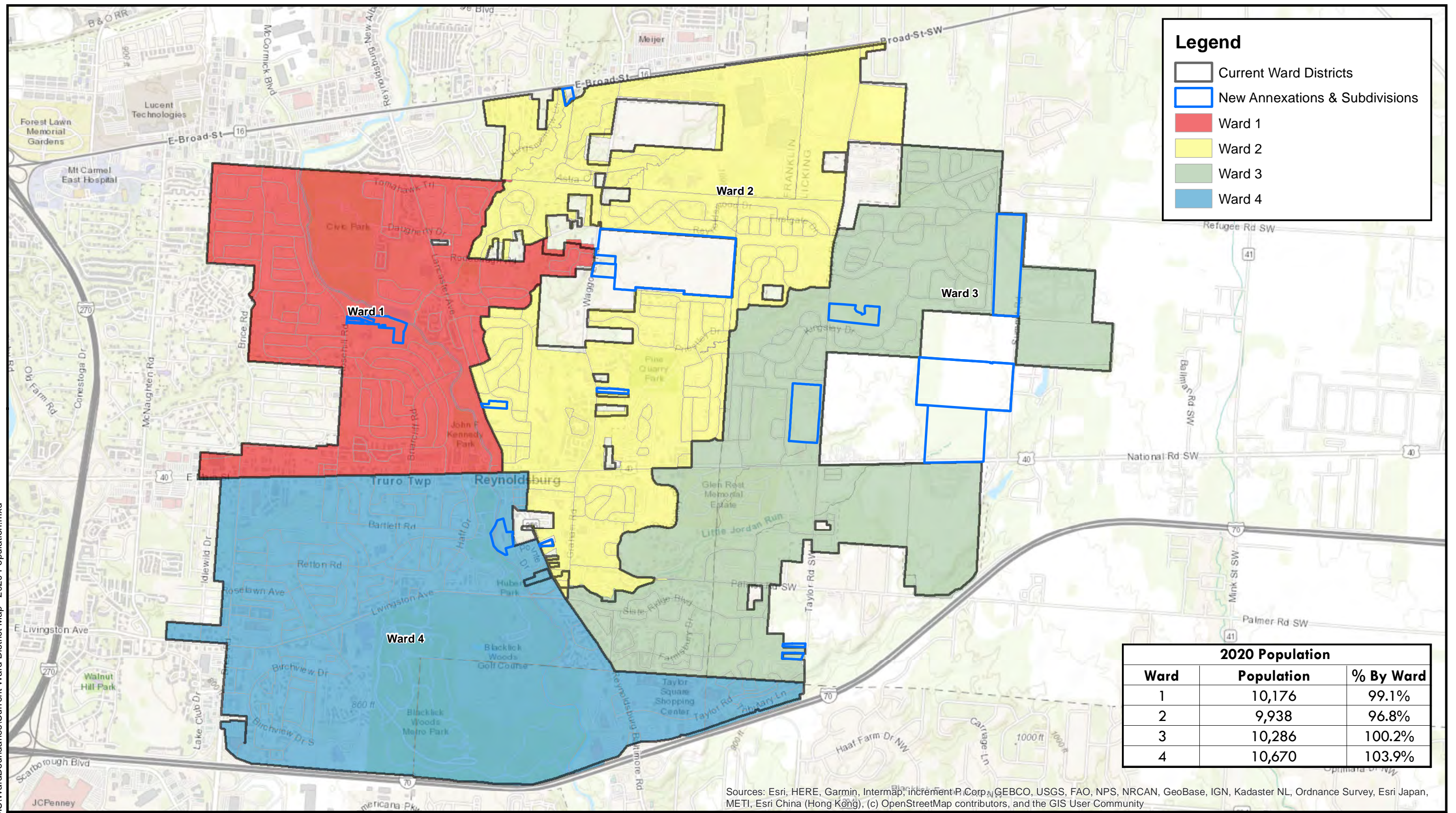
Memo

DATE: April 20, 2022
TO:
CC:
RE: Proposed New Ward Boundary Maps

Attached is a multi-page PDF of the ward maps.

There are three sheets.

- The first one is the current ward district map with the 2020 population totals
- The second one is the proposed ward district map with tables indicating the 2020 & 2030 population totals for projected updates
- The third one is the same as the second map, just shows graphically a little more detail on what block groups move to what ward (where they are currently and where we're proposing they move to).



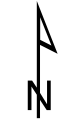
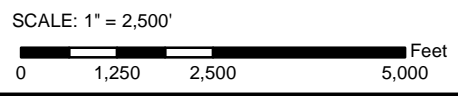
2020 Population		
Ward	Population	% By Ward
1	10,176	99.1%
2	9,938	96.8%
3	10,286	100.2%
4	10,670	103.9%

Sources: Esri, HERE, Garmin, Intermap, increment P Corp., GEBCO, USGS, FAO, NPS, NRCAN, GeoBase, IGN, Kadaster NL, Ordnance Survey, Esri Japan, METI, Esri China (Hong Kong), (c) OpenStreetMap contributors, and the GIS User Community

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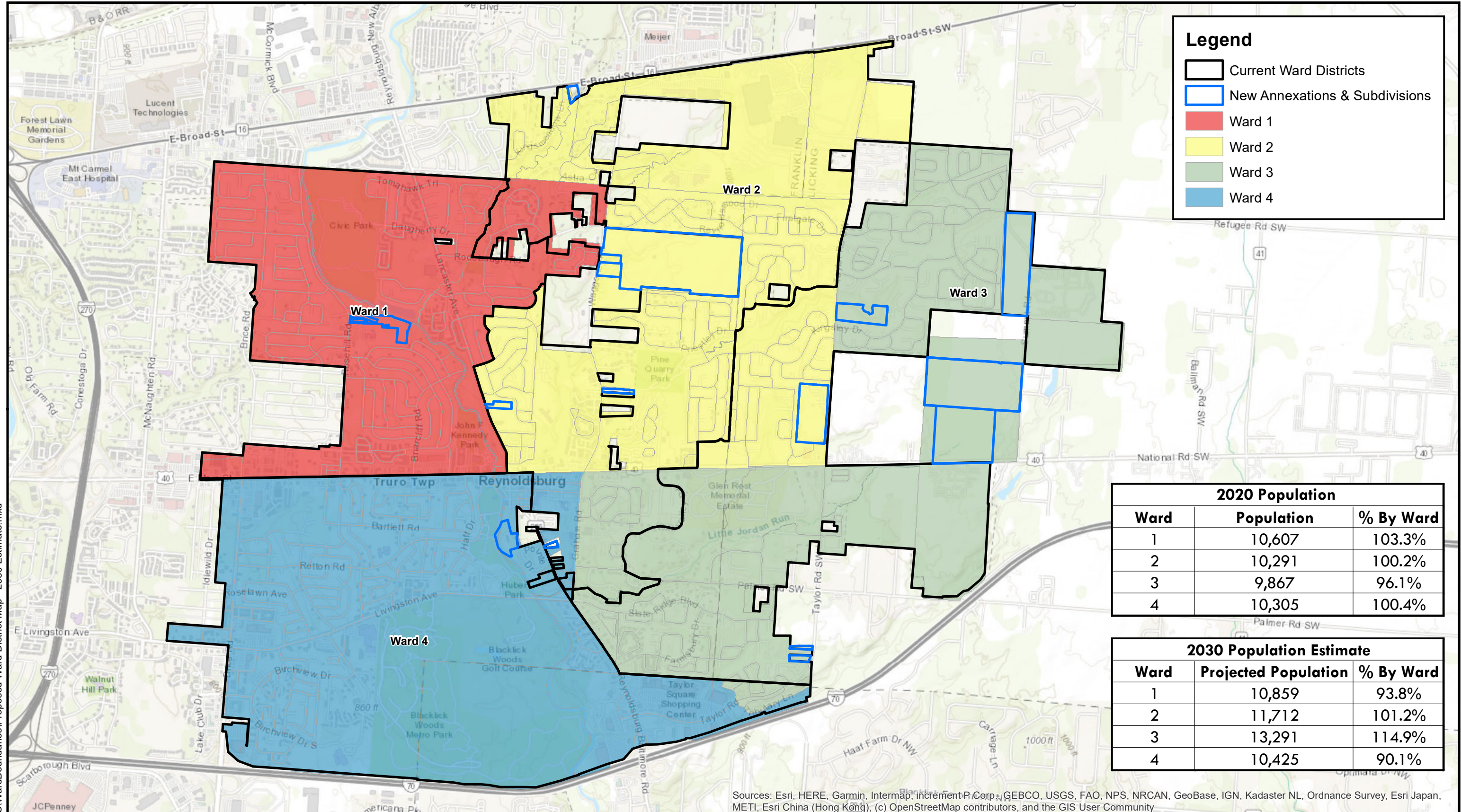
**CURRENT WARD DISTRICT MAP
2020 POPULATION**

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Attachment: Ward District Maps - 2020 & 2030 (Proposed New Ward Boundary Maps)



Legend

- Current Ward Districts
- New Annexations & Subdivisions
- Ward 1
- Ward 2
- Ward 3
- Ward 4

2020 Population		
Ward	Population	% By Ward
1	10,607	103.3%
2	10,291	100.2%
3	9,867	96.1%
4	10,305	100.4%

2030 Population Estimate		
Ward	Projected Population	% By Ward
1	10,859	93.8%
2	11,712	101.2%
3	13,291	114.9%
4	10,425	90.1%

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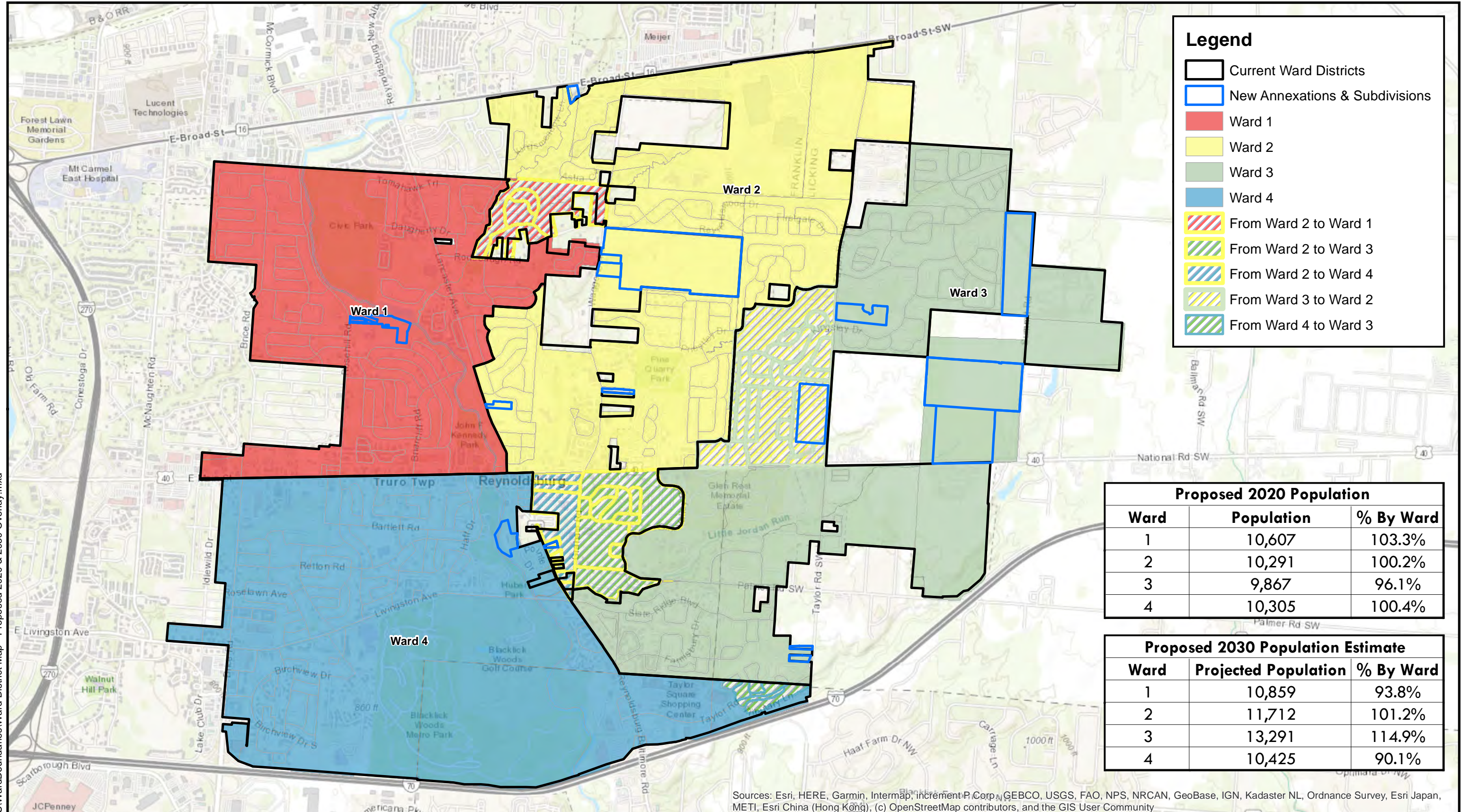
PROPOSED WARD DISTRICT MAP

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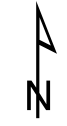
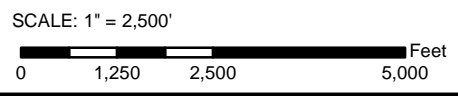
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**WARD DISTRICT MAP
PROPOSED 2020 to 2030 OVERLAY**

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