

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

DATE ACTION REQUESTED: November 21, 2011

Order ___ No.	Ordinance ___ No.	Resolution <u>XX</u> No. 2011-2980	Motion ___	Information ___
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SUBJECT: Council Redistricting

Contact Person (Preparer) for this
Motion: Barton Brierley, AICP
Dept.: Planning and Building
File No.: G-11-007

RECOMMENDATION:

Move to adopt **Resolution No. 2011-2980** and move to include either Scenario 5 or Scenario 6 in the resolution. Make one of the following motions:

Adopting Scenario 5: "I move to adopt Resolution No. 2011-2980, including the map labeled as Scenario 5 as Exhibit 'A', and referencing Scenario 5 in the first resolves."

Adopting Scenario 6: "I move to adopt Resolution No. 2011-2980, including the map labeled as Scenario 6 as Exhibit 'A', referencing Scenario 6 in the first resolves, and adopting the third resolves clarifying terms of office."

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Newberg Charter requires that the six City Council district be reapportioned whenever the United States Census is taken and within a reasonable time after the data is available. The Charter states, "The city shall be divided into six geographical areas representing as near as practical, the same number of electors."

At the October 17 City Council meeting, staff presented six different redistricting scenarios. The Council voted to advance two options for further consideration: Scenario 5 and Scenario 6. In general, Scenario 5 is the closest to the existing council district boundaries. Scenario 6 follows readily recognizable boundaries. Either option meets charter requirements for redistricting.

For Scenario 6, the Council district numbers were adjusted according to the Council's discussion. Under this scenario, some sitting councilors would live in different numbered districts. This would not affect any sitting Councilor's term. The resolution includes language that clarifies which seats would be elected when terms expire.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT:

Redistricting guidelines allow a 10 percent deviation between the population of the largest and smallest district. Both scenarios follow this guideline.

At the September 19, 2011 work session, the Council discussed the following guidelines for establishing districts:

(1) *Each district, as nearly as practicable, shall:*

(a) *Be contiguous and compact;*

(b) *Follow readily recognizable geographic boundaries, such as major roads, rail lines, or creeks.*

(c) Follow existing political boundaries. Note that the city is currently only in one state and federal election district, so the only political boundary is the existing council districts.

(d) Include recognizable neighborhoods in the same district, and not divide communities of common interest; and

(e) Be connected by transportation links.

(f) Allow for growth so that districts will retain roughly equal numbers of electors until the next census.

(2) No district shall be drawn for the purpose of favoring any political party, incumbent councilor or other person.

(3) No district shall be drawn for the purpose of diluting the voting strength of any language or ethnic minority group.



RESOLUTION No. 2011-2980

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING REVISED CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES FOLLOWING THE 2010 CENSUS

RECITALS:

1. The Newberg Charter states, “The city shall be divided into six geographical areas representing as near as practical, the same number of electors.”
2. The charter requires that the six city council districts be reapportioned whenever the United States Census is taken and within a reasonable time after the data is available.
3. 2010 Census information is now available, and shows a disparity in the number of electors in each council district.
4. The redistricting scenario attached in Exhibit “A” provides, as close as practical, the same number of electors in each district. Exhibit "A" is hereby attached and by this reference incorporated.

THE CITY OF NEWBERG RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Council hereby adopts the Council districts known as Scenario {5 or 6}, as shown in Exhibit “A”. Exhibit "A" is hereby attached and by this reference incorporated.
2. When territory is annexed to the city, that territory will be appended to the Council district which abuts the territory. If the territory annexed abuts more than one Council district, the Council shall determine to which district or districts the territory will be appended.
3. *[NOTE: Include the following if Scenario 6 is adopted]:* {The term for the council seat for the former District 2, currently held by Wade Witherspoon, shall expire December 31, 2012. An election shall be held for the new District 5 seat for a term commencing January 1, 2013 and expiring December 31, 2016. An election shall be held for the new District 2 seat for a term commencing January 1, 2015, which is after the expiration of the former District 5 seat currently held by Stephen McKinney.}

➤ **EFFECTIVE DATE** of this resolution is the day after the adoption date, which is: November 22, 2011.

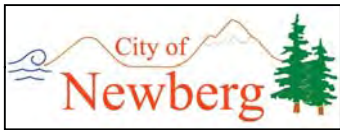
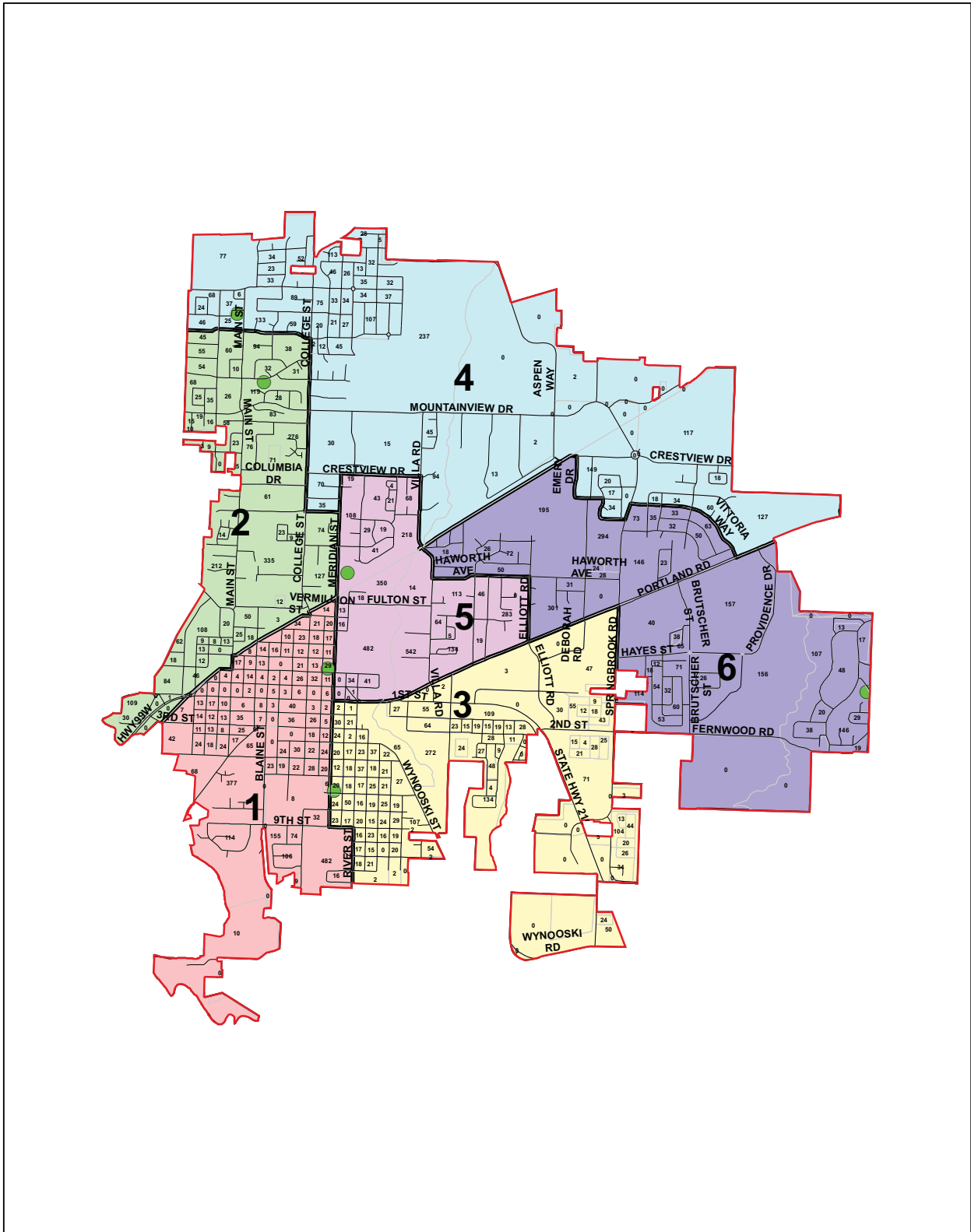
ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Newberg, Oregon, this 21st day of November, 2011.

Norma I. Alley, City Recorder

ATTEST by the Mayor this 23rd day of November, 2011.

Bob Andrews, Mayor

Exhibit "A" to Resolution 2011-2980



2011 City Council District Realignment Scenario 5

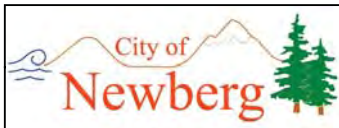
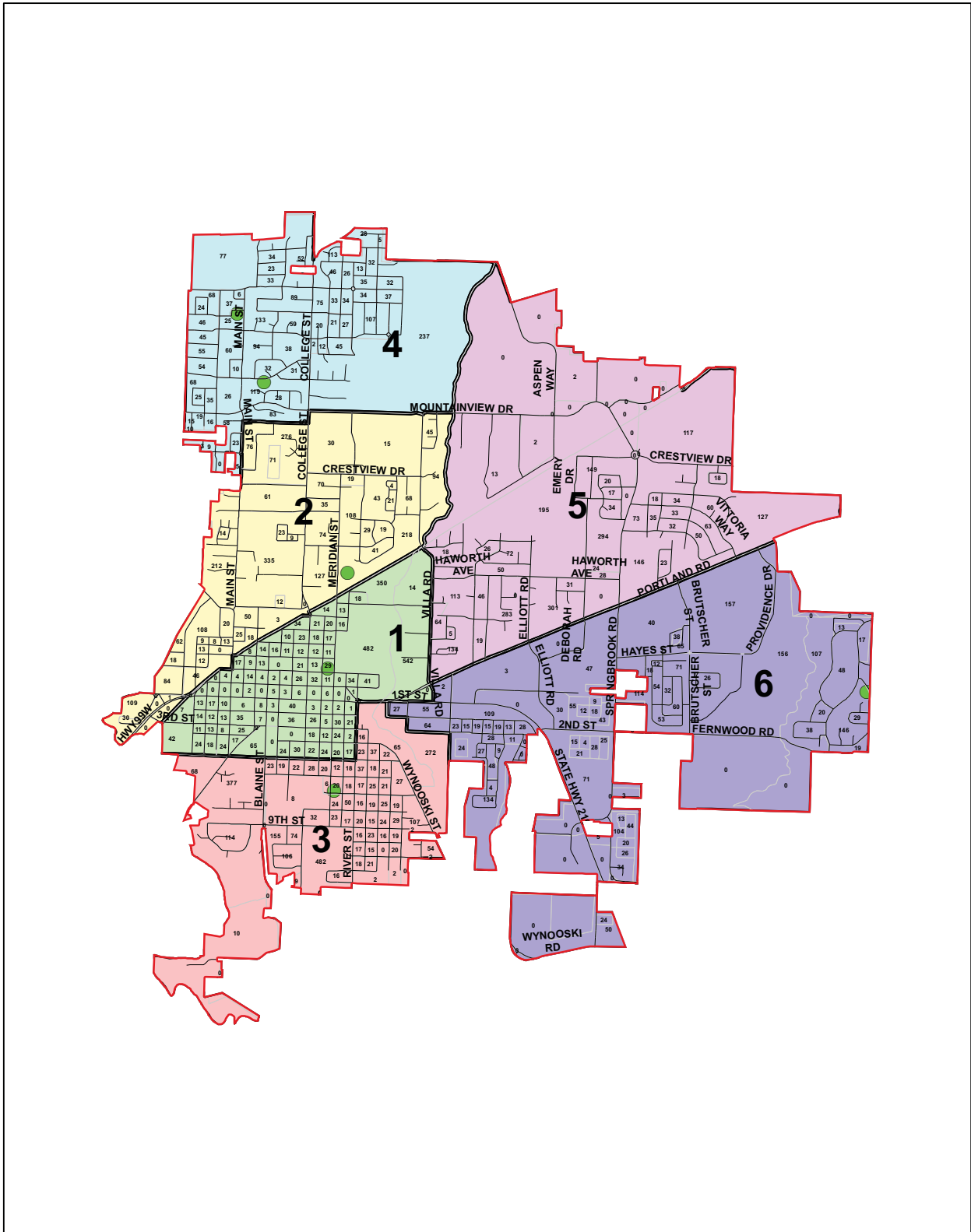
Legend

- City Limits of Newberg
- Council member homes
- Purposed Scenario 5 District**
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6

District	Population over 18	Deviation from optimal	Percentage deviation from optimal
1	2678	-75	-2.33
2	2870	117	4.67
3	2777	24	1.28
4	2620	-133	-4.45
5	2745	-8	0.11
6	2827	74	3.10
2753 is optimal 18 years and older population distribution			

Numbers derived from 2010 Census block data.

Exhibit "A" to Resolution 2011-2980



2011 City Council District Realignment Scenario 6

Legend

- City Limits of Newberg
- Council member homes
- Purposed Scenario 6 District**
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6

District	Population over 18	Deviation from optimal	Percentage deviation from optimal
1	2737	-16	-0.18
2	2778	25	1.31
3	2851	98	3.98
4	2671	-82	-2.59
5	2769	16	0.98
6	2711	-42	-1.13
2753 is optimal 18 years and older population distribution			