



**CITY OF CONCORD**  
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***Community Development Department***

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**REPORT TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**

**From:** Sam Durfee, Senior Planner  
**Date:** November 30, 2021  
**Subject:** Revision to the Approved Ward Map Following Redistricting

**Recommendation**

Accept this report and authorize the minor revisions to the Ward Map previously approved at the October 12, 2021 City Council Meeting. Please note that this change has no impact on the Ward Lines under City Ordinance, Article 1-3-9, as approved by the City Council at its October 12, 2021 meeting.

**Background**

Following the Council's approval for the Ward Map following the redistricting process with the 2020 census data, Staff submitted the City's new ward data to the State of New Hampshire. Staff received a communication from the State on Tuesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, regarding two issues observed with the approved Ward Map:

- 1) Census Block 310021007, containing 24 people and drawn to be included in Ward 5 is in fact within the Town of Bow. This block is shown in the attached photo "Bow Block".
- 2) The southeastern portion of Ward 10 has an irregular "tail", comprised of census blocks with no population that fall between the east and west-bound lanes of I-393. This "tail" is shown in the attached photo "Ward 10".

Both photos were provided by the State.

**Discussion**

Staff has removed the Town of Bow block from Ward 5. This reduced the overall population in Ward 5 by 24. The new total Ward 5 population of 4,338 is still within the required 5% population tolerances between 4,178 and 4,618 people per ward.

Staff has assigned the zero-population blocks to Ward 9 to ensure a regularly-shaped boundary between Wards 9 and 10.

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No change is needed to City Ordinance, Article 1-3-9 as amended by the City Council at the October Council meeting as these changes reflect what is written in the ordinance.