



### PROPOSAL TO RENAME MUNICIPAL WARDS TO MUNICIPAL DISTRICTS

*Action:* Adopt/Not Adopt Ordinance

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*Executive Summary* The City Council has requested to consider an ordinance change to rename Ogden’s current Municipal Wards to Municipal Districts.

*Background* The City Council is composed of seven members, four Council members represent municipal wards and three are elected at-large and represent all Ogden residents.

There have been various inquiries about using the term municipal ward to define the various areas of representation for Council members. The discussion includes that use of the term “municipal ward” can be confusing at times, and that the term “municipal district” might more appropriately and clearly reflect the designated areas of Council representation. Other communities also tend to use the term district.

Names for Municipal Area Designations	
<b>Ogden (current)</b>	<b>Ward</b>
<b>Ogden (proposed)</b>	<b>District</b>
Salt Lake City	District
Provo	District
Sandy	District
Murray	District
West Valley	District

This change is consistent with terminology used in state law which references municipal districts.

Utah Code § 10-3-205.5 – Election of Governing Body
The governing body of a city may by ordinance provide for the election of some or all commissioners or council members, as the case may be, <b>by district</b> equal in number to the number of commissioners or council members elected by district. Each district shall be of substantially equal population as the other districts.



# Ogden City Council Meeting

## *Council Staff Review*

### *Proposal*

An ordinance has been prepared to modify Ogden City Code to rename Municipal Wards to Municipal Districts. The ordinance modifies existing code references to municipal wards and replaces each of these with municipal districts.

### *Attachments*

1. Proposed Ordinance

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ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**AN ORDINANCE OF OGDEN CITY, UTAH, AMENDING THE OGDEN MUNICIPAL CODE BY AMENDING SECTIONS 1-7-2, 2-3-1, 2-3-2, AND 2-3-3 TO RENAME MUNICIPAL WARDS AS MUNICIPAL DISTRICTS; AND BY PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON POSTING AFTER FINAL PASSAGE.**

**WHEREAS**, members of the Council of Ogden City include three individuals who are elected by the voters of the city at large and four individuals who are elected by the voters within specific geographic boundaries of the city;

**WHEREAS**, the municipal code of Ogden City identifies the council seats chosen by geographic boundaries by the name of “wards”;

**WHEREAS**, the Utah Code identifies council seats chosen by geographic boundaries by the name of “districts”;

**WHEREAS**, the Council has determined that the municipal code should be amended to align with state code in the naming of council seats chosen by geographic boundaries.

**Now therefore, the Council of Ogden City hereby ordains:**

**SECTION 1.** Section amended. Section 1-7-2 of the Ogden Municipal Code is hereby amended to read and provide as follows:

**1-7-2: [MUNICIPAL [WARDS] DISTRICTS:]**

A. **[Established:]** The boundaries of the municipal [~~wards~~] districts within the city, as said [~~wards~~] districts have heretofore been changed by ordinances 73-5, 81-33, 91-39, 92-41, 93-19, and 97-13 and as last amended under ordinance 2002-56, are hereby established using voting precinct boundaries as established and determined by Weber County, so that the city is divided into four (4) municipal [~~wards~~] districts for the purpose of election of city council members:

1. Municipal [~~Ward~~] District No. 1: Municipal [~~ward~~] district no. 1 includes the following present voting precincts in the city: 15, 20, 21, 27, 30, 31, 32, 34.
2. Municipal [~~Ward~~] District No. 2: Municipal [~~ward~~] district no. 2 includes the following present voting precincts in the city: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 18, 19.
3. Municipal [~~Ward~~] District No. 3: Municipal [~~ward~~] district no. 3 includes the following present voting precincts in the city: 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24, 26.

4. Municipal [~~Ward~~] District No. 4: Municipal [~~ward~~] district no. 4 includes the following present voting precincts in the city: 25, 28, 29, 33, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45.

B. **[Map Adopted:]** The official [~~municipal ward boundary~~] map of municipal district boundaries for the city of Ogden, Weber County, Utah, attached to ordinance 2012-47 and incorporated by reference, shall be adopted as part of this section.

**SECTION 2.** Section amended. Section 2-3-1 of the Ogden Municipal Code is hereby amended to read and provide as follows:

**2-3-1: [LEGISLATIVE BODY:]**

The legislative body of the city is the city council. The city council shall consist of seven (7) members. Of those, one shall be elected from each of four (4) municipal [~~wards~~] districts and three (3) shall be elected from the city at large.

**SECTION 3.** Section amended. Section 2-3-2 of the Ogden Municipal Code is hereby amended to read and provide as follows:

**2-3-2: [COUNCIL MEMBER QUALIFICATIONS:]**

Each member of the city council shall be a registered voter and shall have resided within the city for a period of twelve (12) consecutive months immediately preceding the date of election and remain a resident during the term of office. The members elected from each of the municipal [~~wards~~] districts shall have been an actual and bona fide resident of the [~~ward~~] district from which the council member is elected at least sixty (60) days prior to the election and shall continue as such resident during the term of office. If a council member shall cease to possess any of these qualifications, his office shall immediately become vacant. Council members while in office shall hold no other compensated employment with the city.

**SECTION 4.** Section amended. Section 2-3-3 of the Ogden Municipal Code is hereby amended to read and provide as follows:

**2-3-3: [MEMBERSHIP; TERMS:]**

A. **[Municipal [~~Wards~~] Districts; At Large Election:]** The city council shall consist of seven (7) members. Of these, one shall be elected from each of the four (4) municipal [~~wards~~] districts, as provided in title 1, chapter 7 of this code, and three (3)

shall be elected from the city at large. Each council member shall be elected for a term of four (4) years with the term commencing at twelve o'clock (12:00) noon on the first Monday of January following the election of officers. Council members shall hold office for the term for which elected, unless sooner removed as provided by law, and until a successor is elected and has qualified.

- B. **[Nomination; Election By Petition:]** The nomination and election of the three (3) at large offices shall be by citywide petition and election. The nomination and election of each municipal [ward] district council member shall be by [wardwide] districtwide petition and election, with only the qualified electors of each municipal [ward] district authorized to sign the nominating petitions and to vote in the election of the council member from that [ward] district.
- C. **[Two Vacant Offices:]**
  - 1. Whenever two (2) at large city council offices are vacant in a municipal election, the positions shall be designated "council member at large A" and "council member at large B" and all candidates for such at large offices shall designate candidacy for only one of the positions.
  - 2. No persons may file a declaration of candidacy for, be a candidate for, or be elected to two (2) council offices in any election.
- D. **[Induction Into Office:]** The first meeting of each newly elected council, for induction into office, shall be held at twelve o'clock (12:00) noon on the first Monday of January following the election of officers, unless such Monday shall be a legal holiday.

**SECTION 5. Effective date.** This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon posting after final passage.

**PASSED, ADOPTED AND ORDERED POSTED** by the Council of Ogden City, Utah this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

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CHAIR

**ATTEST:**

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CITY RECORDER

