

Minority Ordinance on Division of Wards
11207

Be it ordained, by the City Council of the City of Cambridge, as follows;—

Sec. 1. From and after the passage of this ordinance the City shall be divided into five ^{wards} in the following manner:— viz; The ward now known as Ward No. One shall be divided into two wards by a line drawn as follows;— beginning at the Somerville line and running through the middle of Sacriments Street to North Avenue, through the middle of North Avenue to Shepard Street, through the middle of Shepard Street to Garden Street, through ^{the middle of} Garden Street to the Street next west of the house of Elias S. Dixwell, through the middle of said last mentioned street to Concord Avenue, and through the middle of Concord Avenue, westerly, to the City bounds; and all that part of the present Ward No. One, situated southerly of said line, shall continue to be known as Ward No. One, and all that part situated northerly of said line shall hereafter be known as Ward No. Five.

The ward now known as Ward No. Two shall be divided into two wards by a line drawn as follows:— viz beginning at the present dividing line between Wards No. One and No. Two— to wit;— a line drawn through Dana Street and produced North easterly to Somerville and South westerly to Charles River— and running through the

Middle of Harvard Street to Inman Street, through
the middle of Inman Street to Austin Street, through
the middle of Austin Street to Main Street, through
the middle of Main Street, easterly, to its junction
with Harvard Street, and thence by a line at right
angle with Main Street to Charles River; and all
that part of the present Ward No. Two situated north-
-erly and easterly of said line shall continue to be
known as Ward No. Two, and all that part situated
southerly and westerly of said line shall hereafter
be known as Ward No. Four. The Ward now known
as Ward No. Three, to wit, all that part of the City
lying northeasterly of Broad Canal, and southeasterly
of North Canal and a line produced therefrom to
Miller's Creek or River, shall continue to be known
as Ward No. Three.

Sect. 2^d Ward No. One shall elect four
members of the Common Council; Ward No. Two
shall elect five members of the Common Council;
Ward No. Three shall elect six members of the Common
Council; Ward No. Four shall elect three members
of the Common Council; and Ward No. Five shall
elect two members of the Common Council.

Sect. 3^d All ordinances, or parts of
ordinances, inconsistent with the foregoing, are
hereby repealed.

In Board of Aldermen, Oct. 14, 1857 -

Read and sent down. -

Justin A. Jacobs, City Clerk.

Ordinance.

Revision of Wards, &c

(prepared by minority.)

Oct. 14. 1857.

Report of Minority of Committee on
Division of Wards &c

The subscribers, a minority of the Committee appointed by the City Council to take into consideration and report upon the subject of increasing the number of wards in the City and of reapportioning Common Councilmen, being unable to agree with the majority on all ^{points} of their decision, have felt it their duty to present a minority report. The Committee were unanimous in the opinion that the interests of the City required it to be divided into five wards — They were unanimous in the opinion that the two additional wards should be gained by dividing the two present wards No. One and No. Two into two each — They were unanimous in regard to the line of division of ward No. One and were unanimous also in regard to the division line of ward No. Two. But as to the proposition to remove ^{a part of} the old dividing line between wards one & two up into ward one, the subscribers could not agree. They believe the old line running through the middle of Dana street and extended to the limits of the City on either hand is the natural dividing line between the wards in question, as they now stand, and that any alteration either way, east or west, will be a serious inconvenience, to say the least, to many

of the inhabitants on either side of that line.

Besides, it will be seen that this decision of the Committee will work detrimentally to the citizens of Ward One in the apportionment of Common Council Men by depriving them of 264 inhabitants hitherto belonging to their ward; a ward which has never been fully represented since the organization of the City Government in consequence of a fraction less than that of Ward Two, while the latter ward has been overrepresented during that whole period in consequence of a fraction larger than that of Ward One. It seems to the subscribers particularly hard at the present time when there was a prospect of arranging an equilibrium ~~between~~ between these wards, that it should be attempted to push the line of division from an overrepresented ward into one in an opposite condition.

In accordance with these views the undersigned beg leave to offer the accompanying Ordinance to be considered by the City Council in connection with that reported by the majority.

Both are based alike upon the recently authorized census, the only difference being the result of the contemplated removal of the line of division between Wards One & Two from Jana to Putnam Street south of Main St.

Minority of
Committee

Sam Sawyer

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