



TO: City Council Members
FROM: Mayor Max Mickelson
DATE: December 16, 2025
RE: Ward Boundary Update

A new business item on this week's City Council agenda will propose moving forward with updating the boundaries of our four wards. This effort is intended to rebalance population across the wards so that each resident's representation is as equal and fair as possible. As the community grows and shifts, periodic realignment is both normal and necessary to maintain representative integrity.

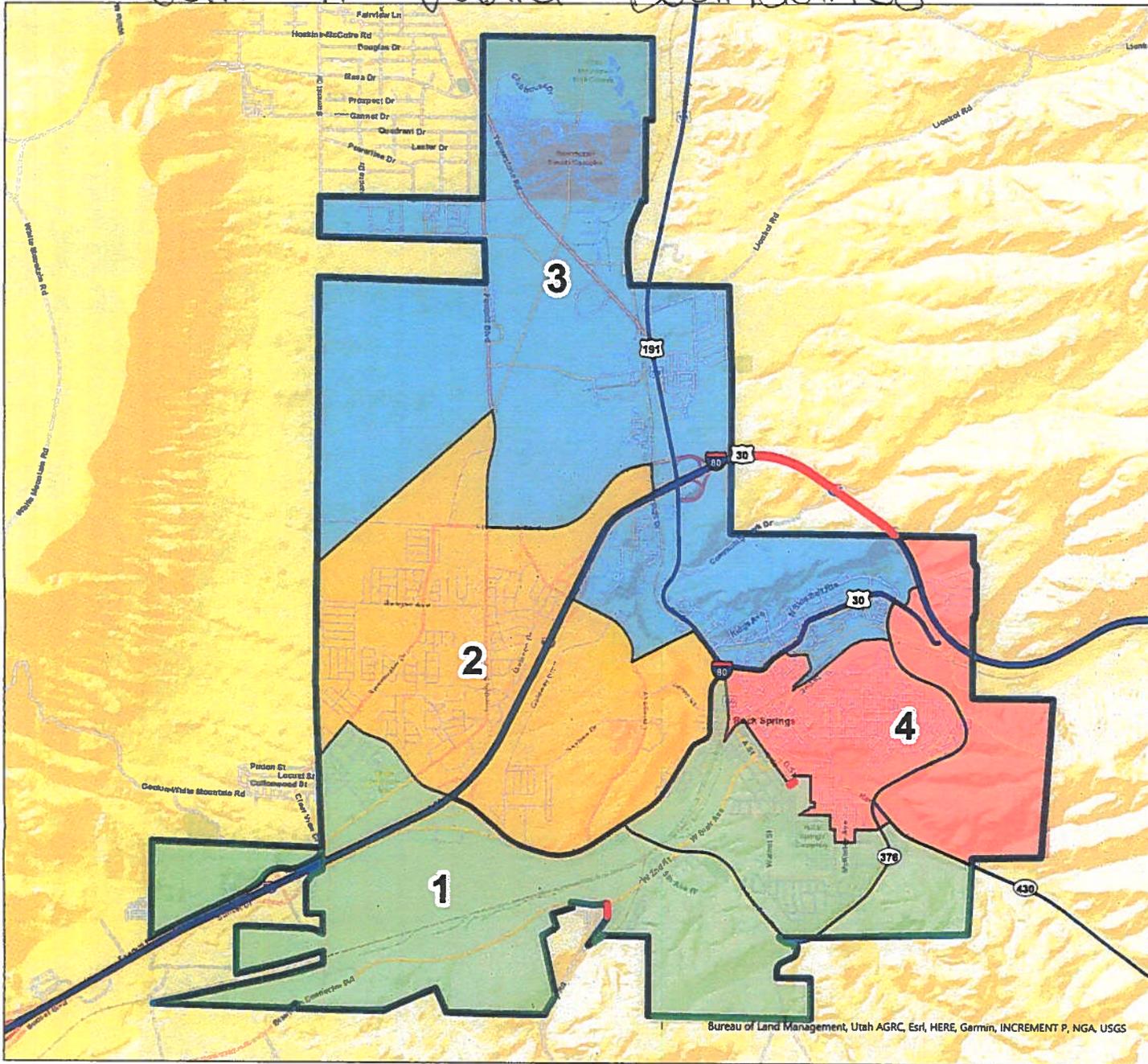
While Ward Three is slightly underpopulated with current residents in the unofficial proposal for addressing the overall imbalance, the new housing projects there will meaningfully increase Ward Three's resident count in the next few years. Proceeding with boundaries based on incomplete population projections would risk underrepresenting Ward Three and create another imbalance in short order.

The proposal before Council seeks to address current disparities while setting us up for a more durable and accurate balance as Rock Springs continues to grow. I am asking the Council to decide if they want to move forward or wait until the 2030 Census to make ward boundary adjustments. My suggestion is to move forward to ensure every resident of Rock Springs has equal representation. Please note that no current City Council member's ward will change as a result of this process.

Respectfully yours,

Max Mickelson, Mayor
Rock Springs, WY

Current Ward Boundaries

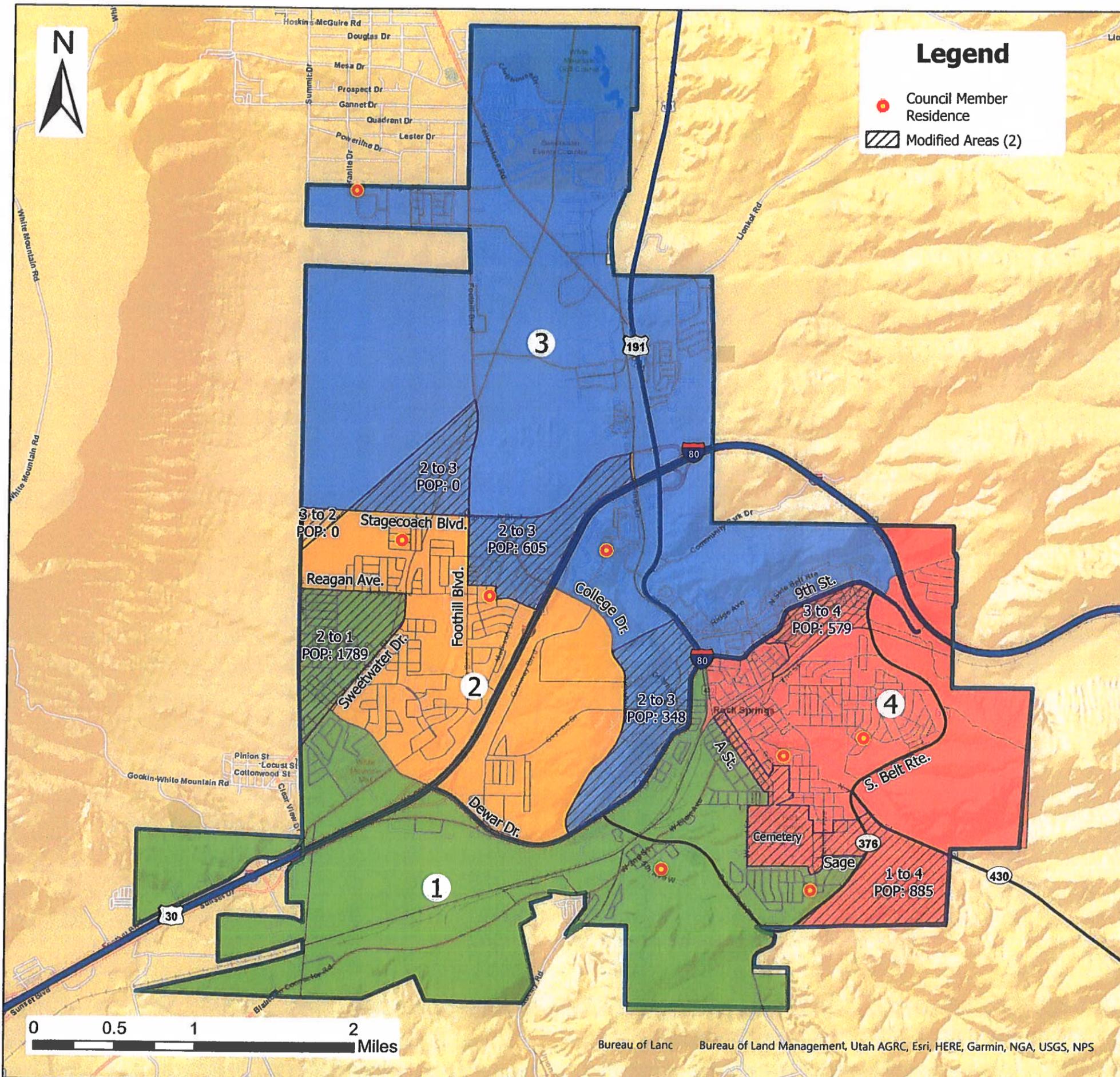


Bureau of Land Management, Utah AGRC, Esri, HERE, Garmin, INCREMENT P, NGA, USGS

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|---|-----|---------|
| 1 | 21% | (5,043) |
| 2 | 37% | (8,720) |
| 3 | 22% | (5,149) |
| 4 | 20% | (4,609) |

2025 CITY WARD REDISTRICIT

| CITY WARD | 2020 POPULATIONS | 2020 PERCENTAGE | OVER/UNDER |
|-------------|------------------|-----------------|------------|
| 1 | 5043 | 21.4% | -839 |
| 2 | 8720 | 37.1% | 2838 |
| 3 | 5149 | 21.9% | -733 |
| 4 | 4609 | 19.6% | -1273 |
| AP | 5 | 0.0% | -5877 |
| | | | |
| TOTAL CITY | 23526 | | |
| IDEAL POP | 5882 | | |
| IDEAL RANGE | 5587 TO 6175 | 5% = +-294 | |



Legend

- Council Member Residence
- Modified Areas (2)



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Total City Population:..... 23526
 Balanced Ward Population:..... 5881
 (25% of Total)
 Ideal Deviation (5%):.....±294
Balanced Range:.....5587 to 6175
 Maximum Deviation (10%):.....±588
Maximum Range:.....5293 to 6469

| WARD | 2020 POP | 2025 POP | Pop Change | % of Total |
|------|----------|----------|------------|------------|
| | 5043 | 5947 | 904 | 25.3 |
| | 8720 | 5978 | 2742 | 25.4 |
| | 5154 | 5528 | 374 | 23.5 |
| | 4609 | 6073 | 1464 | 25.8 |

CITY OF ROCK SPRINGS, WY 2025 WARD REDISTRICTING OPTION 2 PROPOSAL - GROWTH

2020 populations were derived from the official US Census Data. 2025 Statistics are based on census block population values. Option 2 considers anticipated population growth in Ward 3. Option 2 adjusted along A St.