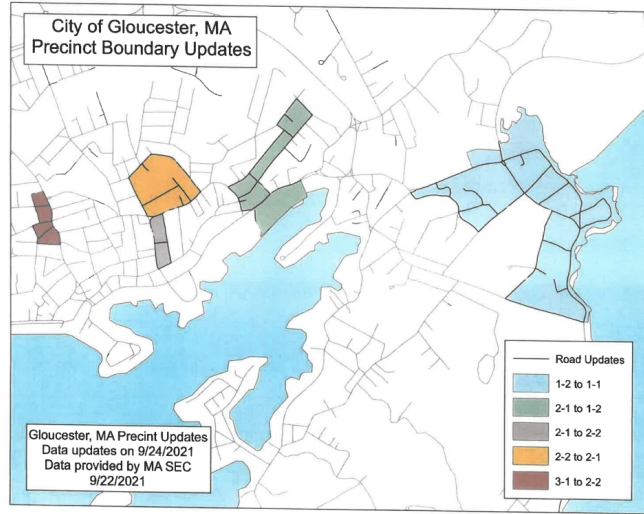


The **City Clerk** explained that this map was of the City and the darker black lines differentiated the wards. She stated in 2010 the population of the City, according to the Federal Census, was 28,789 and after the 2020 Federal Census the population increased to 29,729, which reflected an increase of 940 residents.



The **City Clerk** stated that GIS Consultants created a map showing the affected wards and precincts. She explained the color-coded legend on the map and added most of the ward lines had changed within the inner city and stated that there were no changes in either ward 4 or ward 5.

NameFull	New District	Old District	PROSPECT ST	2-1	2-2	LINNETT PL	1-2	2-1
MAIN ST	1-2	2-1	BASS AVE	1-1	1-2	BASS AVE	1-1	1-2
ARCADIA CT	2-2	3-1	ATLANTIC RD	1-1	1-2	ATLANTIC RD	1-1	1-2
FRIEND ST	1-2	2-1	SHEPHERD ST	2-1	2-2	MULLIGAN DR	1-1	1-2
TAYLOR ST	1-2	2-1	HERRICK CT	1-2	2-1	FEDERAL ST	2-2	2-1
THATCHER RD	1-1	1-2	PLEASANT ST	2-2	2-1	BRIER RD	1-1	1-2
SUMMER ST	2-2	3-1	BRIGHTSIDE AVE	1-1	1-2	FEARS CT	1-2	2-1
ELM ST	2-2	2-1	PLEASANT ST	2-1	2-2	FOSTER ST	2-2	3-1
MAIN ST	1-2	2-1	WEBSTER ST	1-2	2-1	BASS AVE	1-1	1-2
MAIN ST	1-2	2-1	ELWELL ST	1-2	2-1	WINDERMERE RD	1-1	1-2
SUMMER ST	2-2	3-1	NAUTILUS RD	1-1	1-2	ELWELL ST	1-2	2-1
BEACON ST	2-2	3-1	HINCKLEY RD	1-1	1-2			
WELLS ST	2-2	3-1	PROSPECT CT	2-1	2-2			
MOORLAND RD	1-1	1-2	ATLANTIC RD	1-1	1-2			
MAIN ST	2-2	2-1	FRIEND ST	1-2	2-1			
MAIN ST	1-2	2-1	THATCHER RD	1-1	1-2			
THATCHER RD	1-1	1-2	ATLANTIC RD	1-1	1-2			
WARNER ST	2-1	2-2	DECATUR ST	1-1	1-2			
SOUTHER RD	1-1	1-2	MAIN ST	1-2	2-1			
ROWE SQ	1-2	2-1	BEACON ST	2-2	3-1			
WASHINGTON ST	2-2	3-1	BASS ROCKS RD	1-1	1-2			
WASHINGTON ST	2-2	3-1	BENT ST	1-2	2-1			
SADLER ST	1-2	2-1	COMMONWEALTH AVE	2-2	3-1			
BEACH RD	1-1	1-2	WARNER ST	2-1	2-2			
HERRICK CT	1-2	2-1	MALLARD WY	1-1	1-2			
PROSPECT ST	2-2	2-1	SHAPLEY RD	1-1	1-2			
BASS AVE	1-1	1-2	HARBOR RD	1-1	1-2			
BURNHAM ST	2-1	2-2	LIBERTY ST	2-1	2-2			
PROSPECT ST	2-1	2-2	SARGENT ST EXT	2-1	2-2			
PROSPECT ST	1-2	2-1	BEACH RD	1-1	1-2			
ORCHARD ST	2-2	3-1	BASS ROCKS RD	1-1	1-2			
PROSPECT ST	2-1	2-2	PROSPECT ST	2-2	2-1			
WASHINGTON ST	2-2	3-1	PROSPECT ST	2-1	2-2			
PLEASANT ST	2-2	2-1	TRAGABIGZANDA RD	1-1	1-2			
PROSPECT ST	1-2	2-1	ALLEN ST	2-1	2-2			

The **City Clerk** shared a list of the streets that were affected by the re-precincting.

The **City Clerk** explained that the City’s GIS Consultant, Peter Lemack, from AppGeo assisted in determining the legal boundaries based on the ward lines that had changed, as new legal boundaries were required for the new wards and precincts. The **City Clerk** also explained that that the data blocks included in the packet also needed the Council’s approval and would be part of the submission to the Secretary of State’s office, along

with the letter to the Local Election Districts Review Commission with all of the Councilor's signatures. She explained that the Local Election Districts Review Commission would then review the changes, including the legal descriptions of the wards and precincts based on the re-precincting map supplied by the Secretary of State's office, and also the data blocks. She stated once the review was completed either an approval would be granted or revisions would be provided. She stated once the approval was received, the changes would take effect December 31, 2021, and would be in place for the next election after approval.

COUNCILOR QUESTIONS:

Q1. (LeBlanc): Asked if re-precincting was mandated by the State.

A1. (Senos): Confirmed that re-precincting was mandated by the State and further stated that the Federal Census was conducted every ten years. She also explained that the housing units at Halyard and the old Cameron's location were not included in these statistics as those developments were not completed by April 1, 2020.

Q2. (Gilman): Asked what would happen if a ward councilor's ward changed as a result of the reprecincting.

A2. (Senos): Stated she would need to contact the Secretary of State's office for the procedure or ask General Counsel to reach out to the Secretary of State.

A2. (McCarthy): Stated he believed Sec. 2-1(b) of the City Charter covered this issue and read: *Eligibility — Any voter shall be eligible to hold the office of councilor. A ward councilor, notwithstanding his removal from one ward in the city to another during the term for which he was elected, may continue to serve and to perform his duties until the expiration of the term for which he was elected.*

A2. (Cox): Stated **Councilor McCarthy** was correct in his interpretation of the City Charter and relayed a personal experience that when she was house hunting in the past as Ward 2 Councilor she had done research on this matter, but further stated that General Counsel should be consulted as the upcoming election was occurring before the actual change went into effect.

Q3. (Gilman): Asked the **City Clerk** to confirm that the reason why the motion did not have an effective date was due to the fact that the re-precincting had not yet been approved by the State.

A3. (Senos): Explained that if the State did not agree with the boundary lines and came back to the City with a revision then the revised plan would automatically take effect December 31, 2021.

Q4. (Gilman): Asked the City Clerk to explain why this matter was happening so late in the year, but added that she realized the delay was probably due to COVID.

A4. (Senos): Stated that in May of 2021 a draft plan was sent to us by the State. She stated the City then had to confirm the ward lines so she worked with the GIS consultant to review the changes and stated once the review was completed an initial meeting was had with the Secretary of State's office. Come July, she stated, there was a question on two of the streets and an answer was not received from the State until September of 2021. She stated that the first map showing the re-precincting that was received from the State was incorrect and explained that the correct map was received on September 30, 2021, and then the City had to once again review the legal boundaries.

Councilor Gilman stated that the City should anticipate that education for the affected residents would be needed as many streets in wards 1, 2 and 3 were affected by these changes. **Councilor LeBlanc** agreed with **Councilor Gilman** and relayed a personal story that when he first ran for ward 3 councilor the legal ward boundaries changed after the election and residents that voted for him in the Stage Fort area were no longer part of his ward. The **City Clerk** stated the City, with assistance from the Secretary of State's office, would need to notify the affected voters of the streets moving to a different ward along with the new polling location and that the information would also be placed on the City's website but that notification could not take place until after January 1, 2022, after the changes were in effect. **Councilor Pett** asked if the other candidate running for Ward 2 Councilor in the upcoming election could be notified of the upcoming changes that affect Ward 2.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Gilman, seconded by Councilor O'Hara, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 9 in favor, 0 opposed, to approve and accept the U.S. 2020 Federal Census result for the City of Gloucester, and approve and accept the 2020 Re-Precincting Plan, which consists of the re-precincting map, legal boundary descriptions and block listings, as presented by the City Clerk at the October 19, 2021, meeting.

MOTION TO RECONSIDER: On a motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 0 in favor, 9 opposed, to reconsider the approval and acceptance of the 2020 Re-Precincting Plan for the City of Gloucester.

Motion to reconsider failed.

The **City Clerk** requested that all members of the City Council come into the City Clerk's office on Wednesday, October 20, 2021, to sign the letter to send to the Local Election Districts Review Commission at the Secretary of State's office.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor Gilman, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 9 in favor, 0 opposed, to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 p.m.

Submitted by: Sherry Karvelas, Clerk of Committees

Items submitted at the meeting: None.