

ORDINANCE NO. 2008-04-038

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE COUNCIL WARDS OF THE CITY, PROVIDING FOR THE REDISTRICTING OF SUCH WARDS AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 1.05 OF THE BELLINGHAM CITY CHARTER, AND AMENDING CHAPTER 1.16 OF THE BELLINGHAM MUNICIPAL CODE IN CONFORMITY THERETO.

WHEREAS, Bellingham City Charter, Section 1.05 provides that the City shall be divided into six wards as nearly equal in population as possible and that every four years the number of registered voters shall be determined; and

WHEREAS, whenever, during the specified period of the redivision, the number of registered voters in any one ward exceeds the number of registered voters in any other ward by more than fifteen percent, the Finance Director shall notify the City Council and the City Council shall, by ordinance, cause the imbalance to be rectified; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the number of registered voters in City wards is not in conformity with the requirements of the City Charter and an imbalance needs to be rectified; and

WHEREAS, Bellingham Municipal Code Chapter 1.16 is the provision that establishes the boundaries of the wards of the City and thus needs to be amended to conform to the new ward boundaries;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM DOES ORDAIN:

Section 1. Sections 1.16.020, 1.16.030, 1.16.050, 1.16.070, 1.16.090, 1.16.110, and 1.16.130 of the Bellingham Municipal Code are hereby amended as follows:

1.16.020 – Ward Boundaries

The boundaries of the six City wards shall be as depicted upon the map which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

Section 2. The current Section 1.16.030 – First Ward Precincts is hereby amended as follows:

The precincts of the First Ward are as follows: 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, and 206. The description of the boundaries of these precincts are as set forth in the amended and updated files of the Whatcom county Election Department.

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Section 3. The current Section 1.16.050 – Second Ward Precincts is hereby amended as follows:

The precincts of the Second Ward are as follows: 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, and 214. The description of the boundaries of these precincts are as set forth in the amended and updated files of the Whatcom county Election Department.

Section 4. The current Section 1.16.070 – Third Ward Precincts is hereby amended as follows:

The precincts of the Third Ward are as follows: 207, 213, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 222 and 231. The description of the boundaries of these precincts are as set forth in the amended and updated files of the Whatcom county Election Department.

Section 5. The current Section 1.16.030 – Fourth Ward Precincts is hereby amended as follows:

The precincts of the Fourth Ward are as follows: 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, and 229. The description of the boundaries of these precincts are as set forth in the amended and updated files of the Whatcom county Election Department.

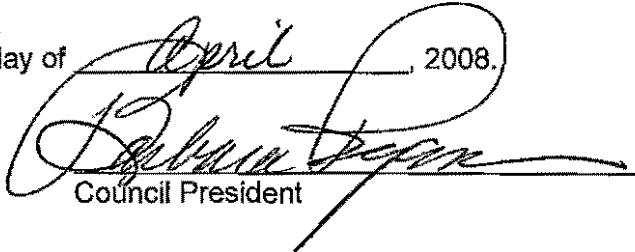
Section 6. The current Section 1.16.030 – Fifth Ward Precincts is hereby amended as follows:

The precincts of the Fifth Ward are as follows: 221, 230, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, and 239. The description of the boundaries of these precincts are as set forth in the amended and updated files of the Whatcom county Election Department.

Section 7. The current Section 1.16.030 – Sixth Ward Precincts is hereby amended as follows:

The precincts of the Sixth Ward are as follows: 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, and 247. The description of the boundaries of these precincts are as set forth in the amended and updated files of the Whatcom county Election Department.

PASSED by the Council this 28th day of April, 2008.


Council President

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APPROVED by me this 28th day of April, 2008.

John O'K
Mayor

ATTEST: [Signature]
Finance Director

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
[Signature]
Office of the City Attorney

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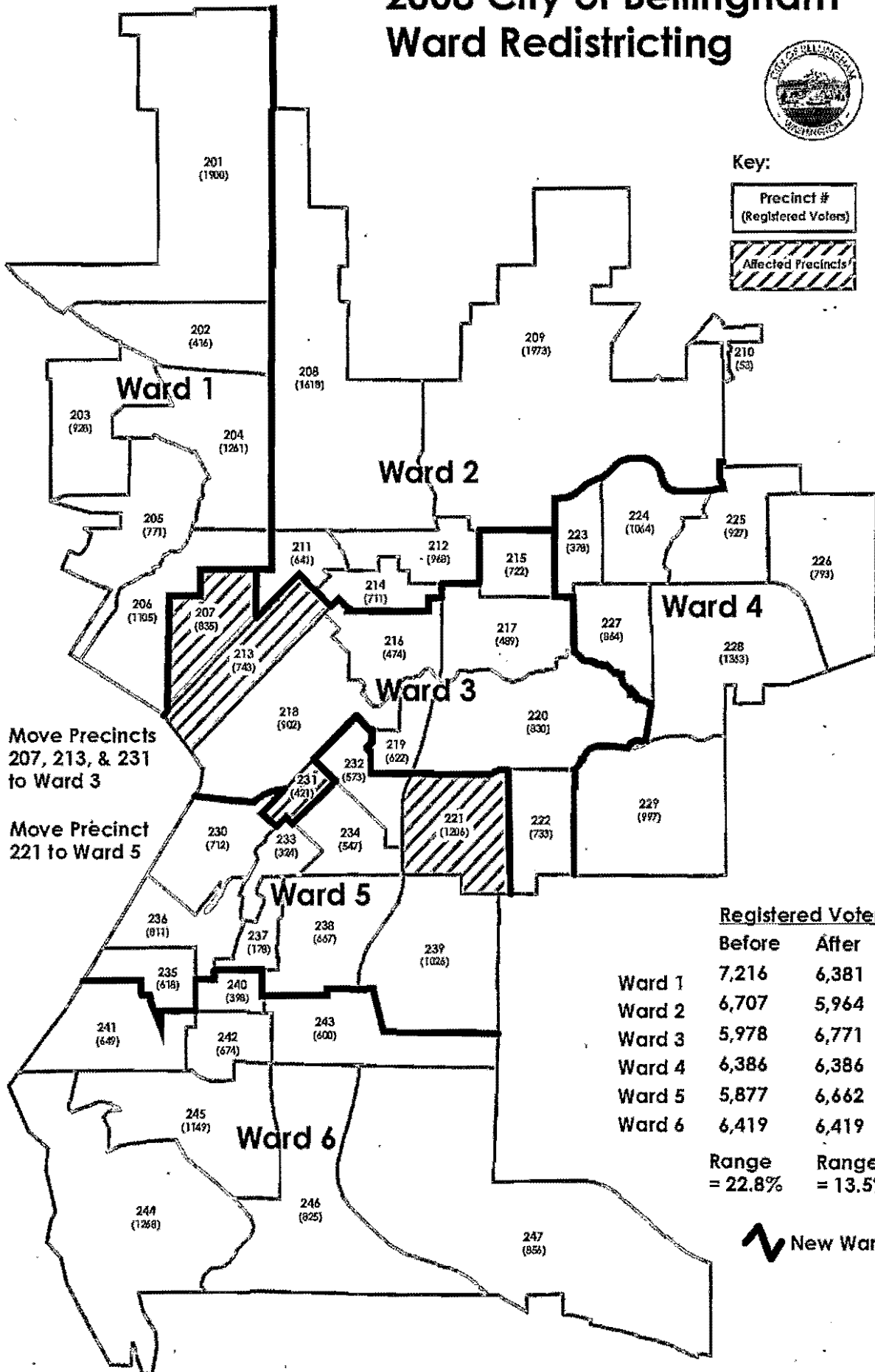
2008 City of Bellingham Ward Redistricting



Key:

Precinct #
(Registered Voters)

Affected Precincts



Move Precincts
207, 213, & 231
to Ward 3

Move Precinct
221 to Ward 5

Registered Voters

	Before	After
Ward 1	7,216	6,381
Ward 2	6,707	5,964
Ward 3	5,978	6,771
Ward 4	6,386	6,386
Ward 5	5,877	6,662
Ward 6	6,419	6,419
Range	= 22.8%	= 13.5%

New Wards

April 2008