In accordance with the City Charter, Albany is divided into (15) Wards. Each Ward is represented by an elected Common Council Member.

The Common Council serves as the legislative branch of the City government. Each Common Council Member is elected to represent the interests of residents within their Ward, and to introduce, adopt, amend or repeal local laws, ordinances, resolutions and regulations pertaining to property and government affairs within the City.

Ward boundaries are reviewed every ten years, in coordination with demographic information from the latest U.S. Decennial Census. Redistricting represents one of the most important undertakings of our democracy. Currently, these Ward boundaries have been adjusted to best represent protected groups, and a community of interests, based on information from the 2010 Census survey.

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