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

The Common Council serves as the legislative branch of Albany’s government. Each Common Council Member strives to legislate and plan the services of supplies within their Ward, and is authorized to introduce, consider, or report upon laws, rules, regulations, and amendments to the same as are presented or referred to 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 adopted to best represent protected groups and a community of interest, based on information from the 2010 Census counts.

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