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

The Common Council serves as the legislative branch of Albany's government. Each Common Council Member represents a ward and is authorized to introduce, adopt, amend or repeal local laws, ordinances, resolutions, and regulations pertaining to property and governmental 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 interest, based on information from the 2010 Census survey.

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