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

The Common Council serves as the legislative branch of Albany's government. Each Common Council Member is elected and sworn to regulate and protect the interests of residents within their Ward, and is authorized to introduce, enact, ammend or repeal local laws and ordinances pertaining to property or 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 communities of interest, based on information from the 2010 Census counts.

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