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 Ward Council serves as the legislative branch of municipal government. Ward Council Members are elected to represent residents within their Ward, and are authorized to introduce, adopt or amend laws, rules, local regulations and ordinances governing property or governmental functions for the City.

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

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