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 and serves as the representative of a specific Ward. The Common Council has the authority to introduce, adopt, amend or repeal local laws, ordinances, resolutions and regulations pertaining to property and governmental affairs within the City.

In accordance with the City Charter, 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.

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