

Local Law No. of 2022

**A LOCAL LAW TO CHANGE THE DATE
IN WHICH THE BOUNDARIES
OF THE WARDS OF THE CITY OF HUDSON MUST BE REVISED**

Section 1. Title This Local Law shall be known as Local Law No. ____ of 2022.

Section 2. Legislative Findings, Intent and Purpose. Pursuant to Section 1-4(c) of the City Charter of the City of Hudson, the Common Council must reapportion the wards boundaries of the City of Hudson no later than July 1 of each year ending in “2” in order to cause their respective populations to be in conformance the requirements of the City Charter and the United State Constitution. New York State Election Law § 4-100 which requires that all revisions to election districts must be completed by February 15th of year and take effect on April 1st. The Election Districts for the City of Hudson are determined based on the boundaries of the City wards. As a July 1st reapportionment would affect the Election Districts for that year’s elections, the Common Council finds that the July 1st deadline does not conform with New York State’s Election Law §4-100. The purpose of this local law is to remedy the inconsistency between Section 1-4(c) of the City Charter and §4-100 of the New York State Election Law by requiring that the Common Council must reapportion ward boundaries, when required, by December 31st.

Section 3. Statement of Authority. This local law is authorized by the Municipal Home Rule Law (chapter 36-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York) and the General City Law (chapter 21).

Section 4. Amendments. The Common Council hereby enacts this local law amending Article I, Section 1-4 of the Hudson City Charter, enacted February 13, 1973 by Local Law No. 2 of 1973 and as amended by Local Law No. 5 of 2016, as follows:

- A. Article I, Subsection 1-4 (C) shall be deleted and replaced with the following:
 - C. Equal population requirement and reapportionment of wards. The wards shall have substantially equal populations as determined by the United States Census Bureau and New York State Law such that such populations are in conformance with applicable federal and New York State law. If, after any decennial federal census, the population of the wards is not in compliance with the law, the Common Council by not later than December 31 of each year ending in “2” shall reapportion the wards and change their boundaries in order to cause their respective populations to be in conformance with the law.

Section 5. Severability. If any section of this local law shall be declared unconstitutional or otherwise void and ineffective, the validity of the remainder of the provisions hereof and their application shall not be affected thereby.

Section 6. Effective Date. This local law shall not take effect upon its filing in the office of the Secretary of State.

Introduced _____

Seconded _____

Approved _____
Kamal Johnson, Mayor