



City of Grand Forks

Staff Report

Committee of the Whole – December 8, 2025

City Council – December 15, 2025

APPROVED & ACCEPTED

by City Council

12/15/2025

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City Auditor

Agenda Item: Set precinct boundaries for 2026 Elections

Submitted by: Sherie Lundmark, City Clerk
Maureen Storstad, Director of Finance

Staff Recommended Action: Review and Approve the Precinct Boundaries for 2026

Committee Recommended Action: Motion by Osowski, second by Berg to move staff recommendation to City Council with a recommendation to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Action:

Motion by Vein, second by Fridolfs to approve on consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

BACKGROUND:

ND Century Code 16.1-04-01 assigns the duties and responsibilities for setting precinct boundaries within an incorporated city to the governing body of the city. For 2026 elections, the designation of precinct boundaries must be completed prior to December 31, 2025.

Precinct Boundaries were last adjusted for the 2022 elections following the 2020 census and redistricting process. Once established the City has maintained those precinct boundaries until the next census, with the only change being to add any newly annexed land into the appropriate precinct. Staff is recommending approving the same precinct boundaries as adopted for 2022 and 2024 elections.

The City is also required to seek input from the representatives of the political parties prior to establishing the precinct boundaries. A letter and map of the existing precinct boundaries has been mailed and emailed to the district chair for each party, informing them of the existing precinct boundaries, advising them of the recommended action to not make any changes for 2026, and informing them of the Committee of the Whole and city Council dates at which this item will be discussed and providing them information on submitting comments. No comments have been received.

ANALYSIS AND FINDINGS OF FACT:

- ND Century Code assigns the responsibility for setting precinct boundaries within an incorporated city to the governing body of the city.
- The governing body is required to set the precinct boundaries prior to December 31 of

the year preceding the election.

- The governing body is required to seek input from the political parties prior to taking action on the precinct boundaries.
- District Committee Chairs have been sent correspondence consisting of a map of the precincts and information relating to providing input on this item, which included the Committee of the Whole and City Council meeting dates. No comments have been received.

SUPPORT MATERIALS:

- Precinct Map
- Copy of letter sent to District Chairs

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FINANCE AND
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
(701) 746-2620

November 26, 2025

TO: District Chairs

FROM: Maureen Storstad, Finance Director
Sherie Lundmark, City Clerk

RE: City of Grand Forks Designation of Precincts for 2026 Elections

North Dakota Century Code §16.1-04-01 requires the governing body of the city to divide the City into precincts and establish their boundaries no later than December 31 of the year immediately preceding an election cycle.

As part of this process the city shall consult with and seek input regarding the size, number, and proposed boundaries of the precincts from the representatives of the political parties organized within the city.

Enclosed is a proposed ward and precinct map for the City of Grand Forks, with legislative districts overlaid for reference. This map reflects wards and precincts as approved following redistricting and used for the 2022 and 2024 election cycle. **No changes are proposed to these boundaries for 2026 election cycle.**

Grand Forks City Council, meeting as Committee of the Whole, will discuss this map at their December 8, 2025 meeting. Oral comments and final action on the designation of precincts boundaries will occur at the City Council meeting on December 15, 2025. Both meetings will take place at 5:30 p.m. on their respective dates in City Council Chambers, City Hall, 255 N 4th St, Grand Forks, ND 58203.

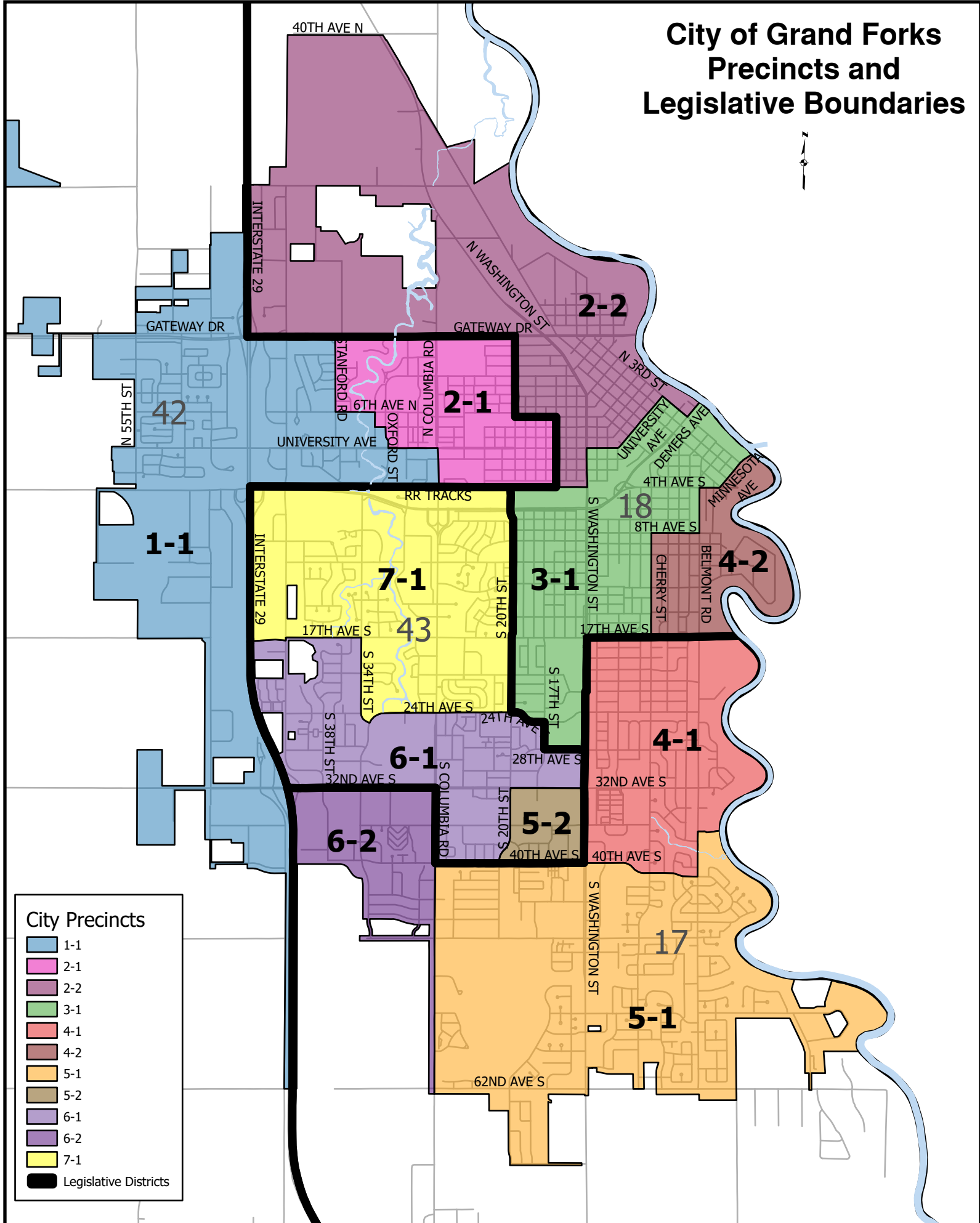
Comments can also be submitted to our office in advance of the meetings by emailing Maureen: mstorstad@grandforksgov.com and Sherie: slundmark@grandforksgov.com, or by mail: Finance Department, PO Box 5200, Grand Forks, ND 58206-5200. All comments received via email or mail will be distributed to City Council Members and included with other meeting information on the website.

If you have questions, please contact Sherie at (701) 746-2664.

Thank you.

(A copy of this memo and the map have also been emailed to you)

City of Grand Forks Precincts and Legislative Boundaries



City Precincts	
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	2-1
	2-2
	3-1
	4-1
	4-2
	5-1
	5-2
	6-1
	6-2
	7-1
	Legislative Districts