

Chapter 94

WARD SYSTEM

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Chester 12-12-2018 by L.L. No. 6-2018. Amendments noted where applicable.]

§ 94-1. Creation of wards.

- A. Whenever a proposition shall have been adopted in the Town for the establishment of the ward system and the election thereafter of one Councilman from each ward, the Town Board shall divide the Town into four wards and fix the boundaries thereof, unless a proposition shall have been adopted to increase the number of councilmen from four to six, in which instance, the Town Board shall divide the Town into six wards and fix the boundaries thereof.
- B. The division of the ward districts shall be made so that the number of inhabitants of each ward, based upon the last regular federal census, shall be substantially equal, with the wards composed of convenient and contiguous territory in as compact form as practicable. No election district heretofore or hereinafter created under the Election Law shall contain parts of two or more wards.
- C. The Town Board shall make appropriate revisions of the boundaries of the wards so that they shall contain a substantially equal number of inhabitants not later than six months after the publication of the results of a regular federal census which indicated that the districts do not contain a substantially equal number of inhabitants.
- D. When the Town Board shall have finally determined the boundaries of the wards, it shall cause a map of the Town to be prepared, which shows, in detail, the location of each ward and the boundaries thereof. The original map so made shall be filed in the office of the Town Clerk, and copies thereof shall be filed in the offices of the County Clerk and the Board of Elections of Orange County. The ward system shall be deemed established after such filing is complete.
- E. After the initial establishment of the ward district boundaries, the Town Board shall have the authority to modify those boundaries in accordance with the provisions of applicable law.

