

## Status of City Ward Line Revision Process

Updated June 28, 2021

The 13 New Hampshire cities fall into one of three categories:

A. Ward lines revised by session law (1) – Portsmouth

last revised Ch. 9:4, 2012, included in bill that established the state representative districts; effective March 28, 2012

B. Ward lines revised by ballot to amend city charter (7) - Claremont, Dover, Franklin, Keene, Laconia, Manchester, Somersworth

The next municipal election is planned for November, 2021 in most of these cities. Franklin's municipal election will be held in October, 2021.

C. Ward lines revised by vote of city council or board of aldermen, or no ward lines (5) – Berlin, Concord, Lebanon, Nashua, Rochester

### Summary of Responses to June 2021 Request for Timeline for Ward Revision

	<b>Respondent; Date of Response</b>	<b>Plans for Ward Revision</b>
<b>Berlin</b>	Shelli Fortin City Clerk 6/15/21	Wards were eliminated by referendum vote, January 2012.
<b>Claremont</b>		
<b>Concord</b>		
<b>Dover</b>		
<b>Franklin</b>		
<b>Keene</b>		
<b>Laconia</b>		

	<b>Respondent; Date of Response</b>	<b>Plans for Ward Revision</b>
<b>Lebanon</b>		
<b>Manchester</b>		
<b>Nashua</b>	Susan Lovering City Clerk 6/24/21	9 wards; wards revised by ordinance adopted by Board of Alderman process in city charter will be followed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• upon receipt of census data – aldermen review ward lines and revise, if necessary</li> <li>• not more than 30 days prior to adoption of changes – public hearing</li> <li>• at least 30 days prior to hearing – notice published</li> <li>• not more than 30 days before vote – informational meetings held in all wards for which boundary changes are proposed</li> </ul>
<b>Portsmouth</b>		
<b>Rochester</b>		
<b>Somersworth</b>		