

## Nicollet County Board of Commissioners Special Meeting



**April 19, 2022**

Nicollet County Government Center - 501 South Minnesota Avenue, St. Peter, MN 56082

Commissioners: Marie Dranttel- Board Chair; Jack Kolars- Vice Chair; John Luepke; Terry Morrow

- 8:45 a.m.** Swearing-In of Commissioner Elect David Haack
- 9:00 a.m.** Call Board of Commissioners Meeting to Order: Chair Dranttel
1. Flag Pledge
  2. Silence Your Cell Phones
  3. Approval of Agenda
- 9:00 a.m.** Public Services
1. Public Hearing for Nicollet County Commissioner Districts - Redistricting Plan & Adoption of Redistricting Plan
- 9:30 a.m.** Adjourn Board of Commissioners Special Meeting

### **Notice of Scheduled Meetings**

The following is a notice of scheduled meetings. Pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.04, this notice of meetings also serves as notice of regular and special meetings of the Nicollet County Board of Commissioners. Meetings with a quorum of Nicollet County Board of Commissioners expected to attend is noted with an asterisk (\*).

**Questions or comments regarding any Nicollet County meeting and requests to participate in any meeting can be directed to Mandy Landkamer, Nicollet County Administrator, at 507-934-7074 or [mandy.landkamer@co.nicollet.mn.us](mailto:mandy.landkamer@co.nicollet.mn.us).**

April 19 – Special Board Meeting, 8:45 a.m.; Nicollet County Board Room, St. Peter\*

April 19 – County Board Workshop, 9:30 a.m.; Nicollet County Board Room, St. Peter\*

April 21 – Nicollet County Personnel Committee Meeting, 3:00 p.m.; Nicollet County Board Room, St. Peter

April 22 – BNCH Executive Committee Meeting, 8:15 a.m.; 1900 Franklin St, New Ulm, MN\*

April 26 – Board of Commissioners Meeting, 9 a.m.; Nicollet County Board Room, St. Peter \*

April 26 – Drainage Authority Meeting, 9 a.m.; Nicollet County Board Room, St. Peter \*

April 26 – Individual Department Head Meeting - Community Corrections, 10:00 a.m.; Nicollet County Board Room, St. Peter \*

May 10 – Board of Commissioners Meeting, 9 a.m.; Nicollet County Board Room, St. Peter \*

May 10 – Drainage Authority Meeting, 9 a.m.; Nicollet County Board Room, St. Peter \*

May 16 – Board of Adjustment and Appeals/Planning & Zoning Advisory Commission Meeting, 7 p.m.; Nicollet County Board Room, St. Peter \*

May 17 – Individual Department Head Meeting - Sheriff, 8:15 a.m.; Nicollet County Board Room, St. Peter \*

May 17 – County Board Workshop, 9:30 a.m.; Nicollet County Board Room, St. Peter\*

May 24 – Board of Commissioners Meeting, 9 a.m.; Nicollet County Board Room, St. Peter \*

May 24 – Drainage Authority Meeting, 9 a.m.; Nicollet County Board Room, St. Peter \*

May 26 – BNCH Executive Committee Meeting, 8:15 a.m.; 1900 Franklin St, New Ulm, MN\*

### **Vision Statement**

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### **Mission Statement**

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Jaci Kopet, Property & Public Services Director

## Memo

**TO:** Nicollet County Board of Commissioners  
**From:** Jaci Kopet, Property & Public Services Director  
**Date:** 4/13/2022  
**Re:** Nicollet County Redistricting Public Hearing & Adoption of Redistricting Plan

### Background

Nicollet County is in the process of completing its redistricting plan as a result of the 2020 Census. The County Board is required by Minnesota Statutes 375.025 to conduct a public hearing before acting on the plan to redistrict. The purpose of this public hearing is to consider the plan for redistricting of county commissioner districts.

The board set April 19, 2022 as the date of the public hearing as well as the date to take action on the County's redistricting plan. The County's redistricting plan must be adopted no later than April 26.

Nicollet County Public Services conducted an Open House April 4, 2022 for the public to learn more about redistricting, review three redistricting options, and provide input on the county commissioner district plan. Additionally, the redistricting plan was available in the Public Services office for the public to review. No additional plans were submitted by the public and no public comments were received.

### Recommended Board Action

At today's meeting, the County Board is recommended to complete a series of items:

- Conduct a Public Hearing to consider the plan for redistricting of county commissioner districts
- Approve a redistricting plan of county commissioner districts as a result of the 2020 Census.
- Establish an election cycle to comply with the term staggering requirements for county commissioner districts.

Following the County Board's actions, the Public Services Department will complete the steps necessary to record the board approved 2022 Nicollet County Commissioners Redistricting Plan with the Office of the Secretary of State and will complete any additional notification and administrative responsibilities.

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### Attachments

Several documents are attached to this memorandum for the County Board's review and consideration.

- Informational document related to redistricting including County Commissioner District Requirements.
- 2022 County Redistricting Draft Option 1 map.
- 2022 County Redistricting Draft Option 2 map.
- 2022 County Redistricting Draft Option 3 map.
- City of North Mankato & City of St Peter Precinct Maps. This is the approved ward and precinct map for the City of North Mankato & City of St. Peter and is provided for informational purposes as the county commissioner districts must align with established precinct lines.
- Board of Commissioners Resolution Adopting Redistricting Plan 1. This draft resolution would be approved if the County board chooses to adopt Draft Option 1.
- Board of Commissioners Resolution Adopting Redistricting Plan 2. This draft resolution would be approved if the County board chooses to adopt Draft Option 2.
- Board of Commissioners Resolution Adopting Redistricting Plan 3. This draft resolution would be approved if the County board chooses to adopt Draft Option 3.

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# REDISTRICTING NICOLLET COUNTY

## 2022 REDISTRICTING PLAN



### Overview

Redistricting...

- Is the process of redrawing boundaries of election districts
- Is done every 10 years in conjunction with completion of the Census
- Starts at the federal level and works down to precincts (and then to polling places)
- Ensures people are equally represented: one person, one vote

Who is Involved...

- Legislature: congressional and legislative districts
- County board: commissioner districts
- City council: (wards) and precincts
- Township board: precincts
- School board: school election districts (if utilized)

### County Commissioner District Requirements

County commissioner districts must be drawn to meet statutory requirements. These requirements influence the geography of the area the county commissioner districts cover. These requirements include:

- Each county is divided into as many districts as there are members of the board of commissioners,
- Commissioner districts are bounded by precinct lines (which may also correspond with town, municipal, and ward boundaries),
- Commissioner districts are composed of contiguous territory,
- Commissioner districts are to be as regular and compact in form as practicable, and
- District populations cannot vary more than ten percent from the average. (M.S. 375.025, subd. 1)

### Nicollet County's Responsibilities

- Determine number of Commissioner Districts AND ensure that they meet the requirement of the goal population and within the 10%.
- Determine which districts will have to run for re-election and vary the terms for 2 year or 4 year.
  - District 2 & 4 up for 4 year election on regular schedule
- No plan will allow gerrymandering

### Key Dates

- **Public Open House will be held April 4, 2022 at the Nicollet County Board Government Center Board Room from 4:00 pm-6:00pm**
- Public Hearing and County Board adopts redistricting plan at a Special Board Meeting April 19, 2022 at 9:00am.
- Send commissioner district maps and resolution to Secretary of State immediately following County Board adoption.
- May 3, 2022 – Last day to publish new commissioner district lines
- May 10, 2022 – Last day to appeal redistricting plan
- May 17, 2022 – May 31, 2022 – Early filing period for federal, state, and county positions

# NICOLLET COUNTY

## JUST THE FACTS



### Nicollet County Population

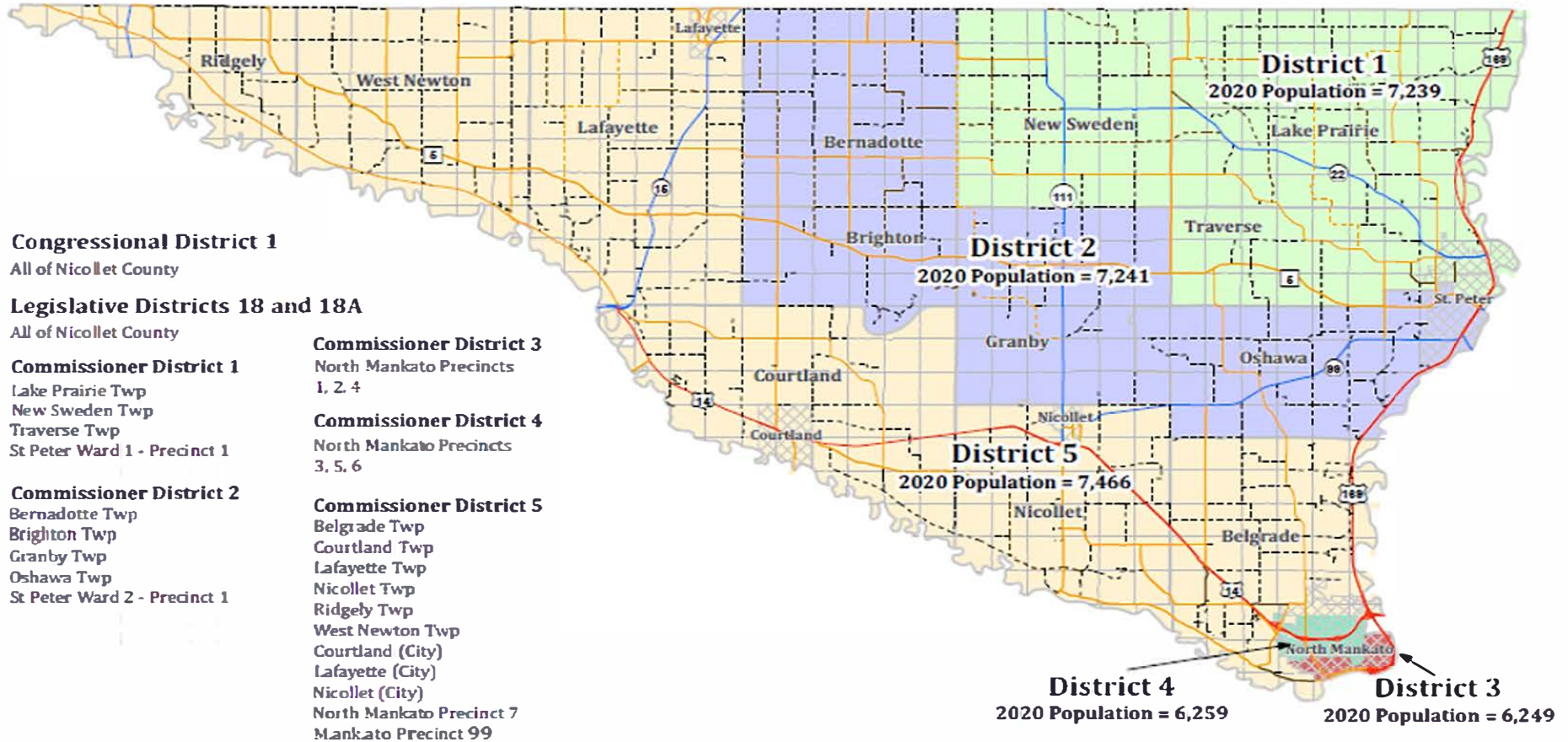
- 2010 Nicollet County Population 32,720
- 2020 Nicollet County Population 34,434
- Nicollet County growth rate 5.24%
  - City of St Peter growth rate 6.5%
  - City of North Mankato growth rate 6.85%
  - City of Nicollet growth rate 2.28%
  - City of Courtland growth rate 6.55%
  - City of Lafayette growth rate -.41%
  - Townships growth rate .16%

### Ideal Commissioner District Population

- Goal Commissioner District Population = 6,887
- Commissioner Districts can be within 10% of goal population
- Additional Resources
  - More information available on the Minnesota Secretary of State's website.
  - [Minnesota Secretary Of State - Redistricting](#)

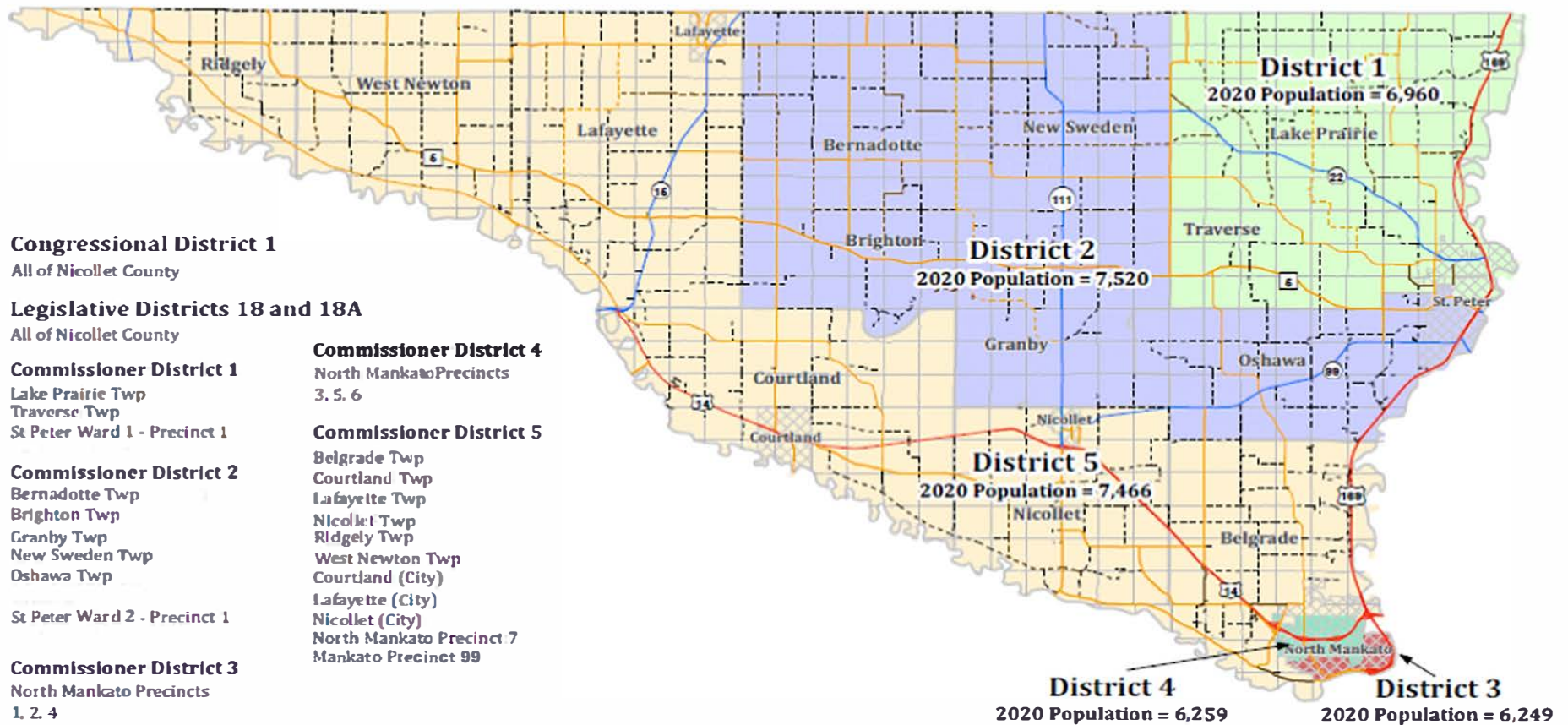


# Nicollet County 2020 Census Populations - Option 1



DISTRICT	OPTION 1 POPULATION	Difference From Ideal	Percent From Ideal
1	7,239	352	5.1%
2	7,241	354	5.1%
3	6,249	-638	-9.3%
4	6,259	-628	-9.1%
5	7,466	579	8.4%

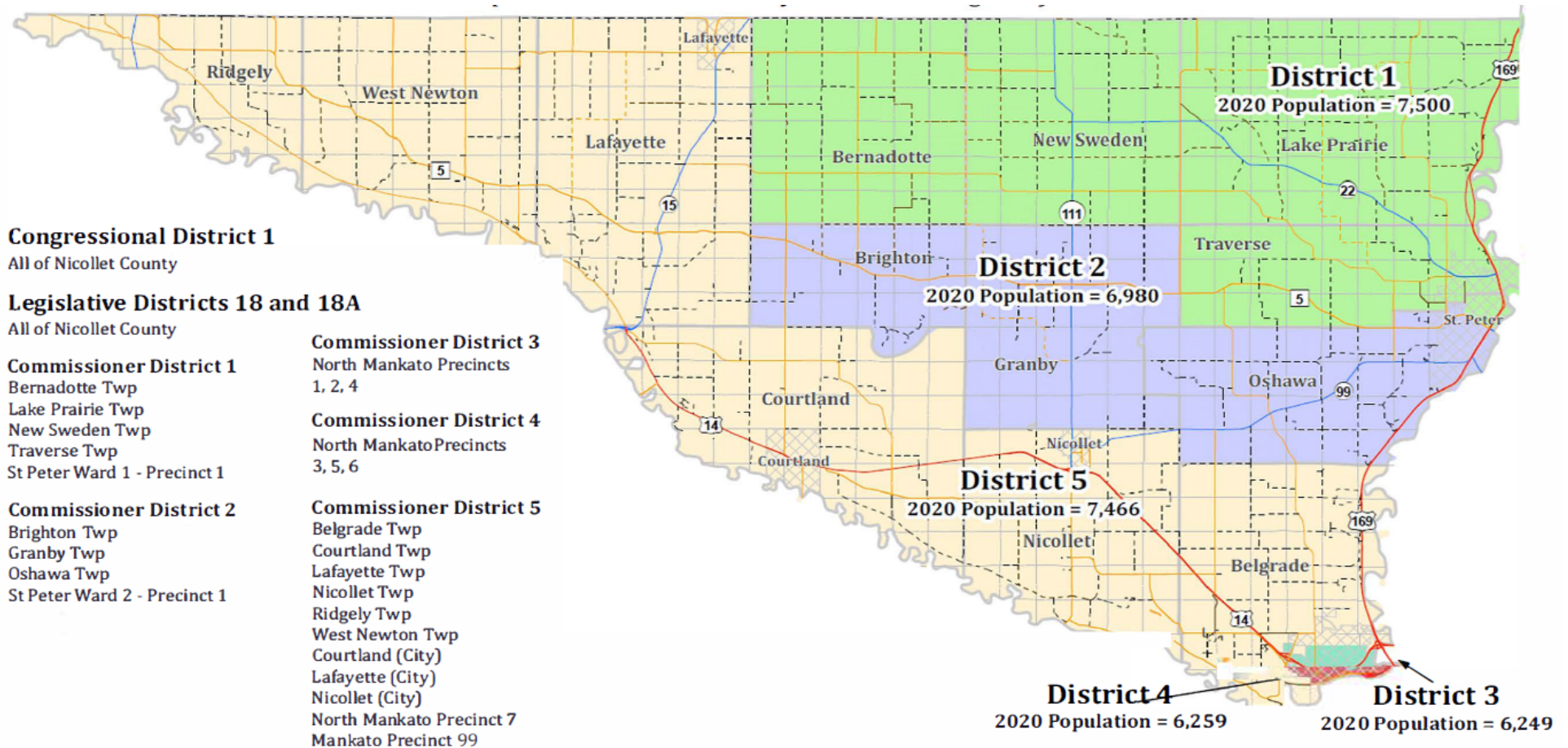
# Nicollet County 2020 Census Populations - Option 2



DISTRICT	OPTION 2 POPULATION	Difference From Ideal	Percent From Ideal
1	6,960	73	1.1%
2	7,520	633	9.2%
3	6,249	-638	-9.3%
4	6,259	-628	-9.1%
5	7,466	579	8.4%

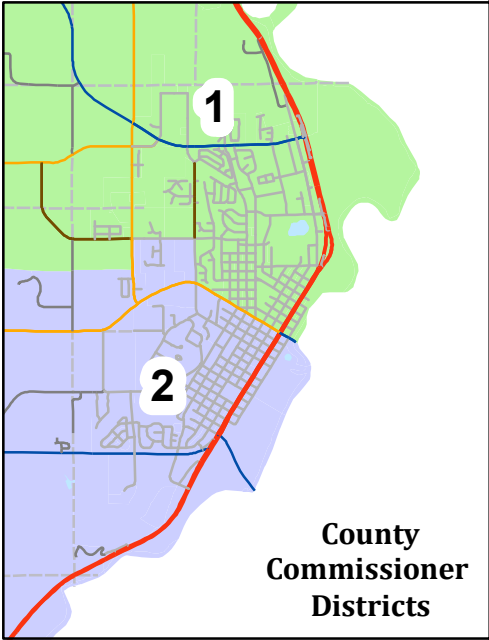
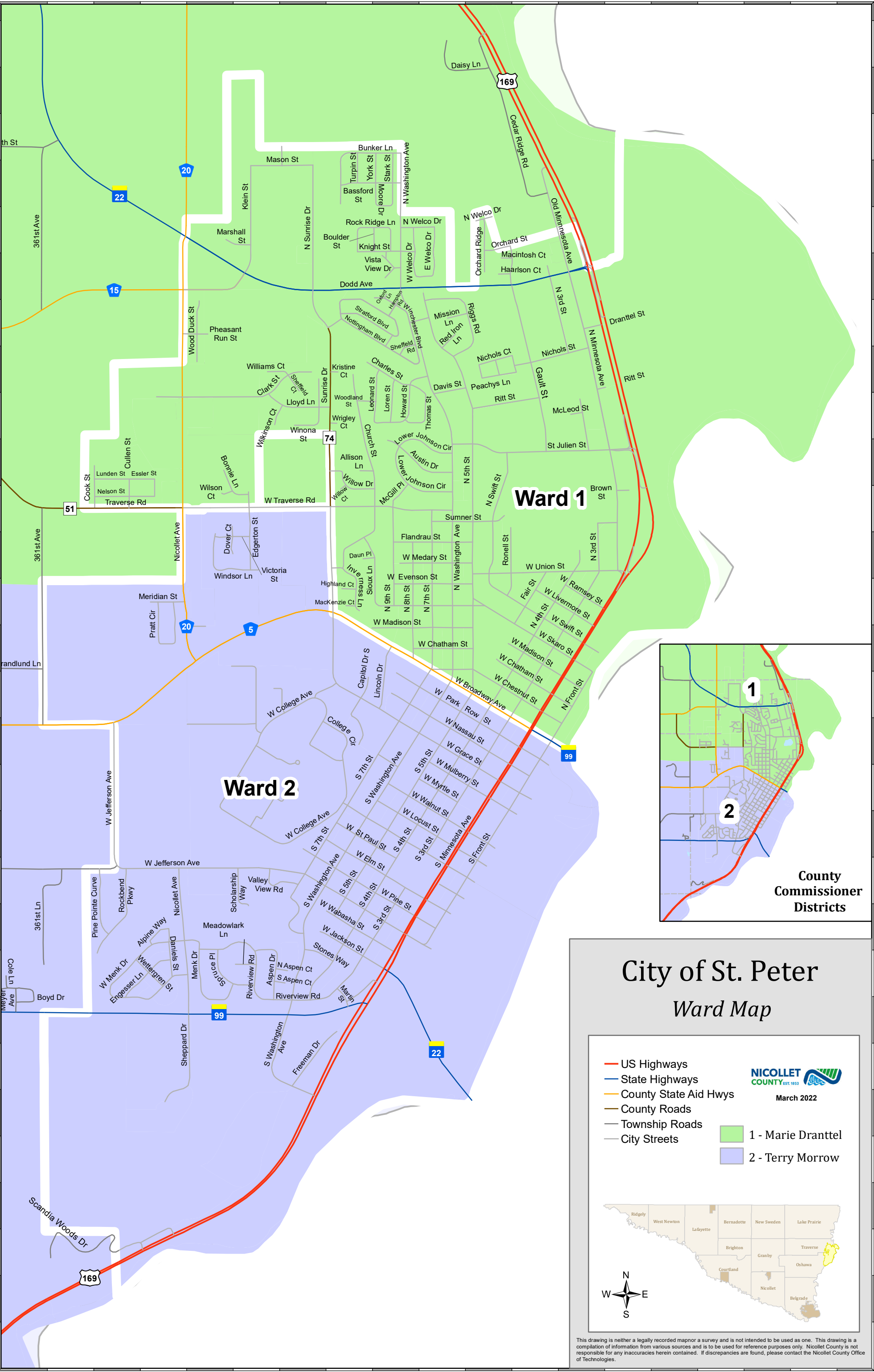


# Nicollet County 2020 Census Populations - Option 3



	OPTION 3	Difference	Percent
DISTRICT	POPULATION	From Ideal	From Ideal
1	7,500	613	8.9%
2	6,980	93	1.4%
3	6,249	-638	-9.3%
4	6,259	-628	-9.1%
5	7,466	579	8.4%






# City of St. Peter

## Ward Map

- US Highways
- State Highways
- County State Aid Hwys
- County Roads
- Township Roads
- City Streets


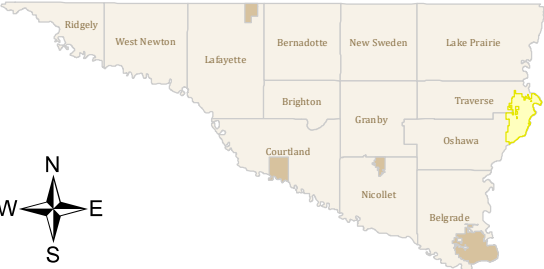


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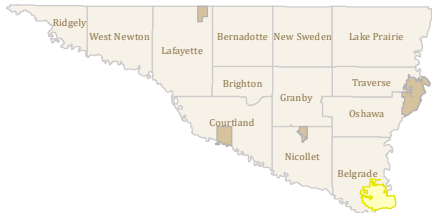
# City of North Mankato

## Commissioner District and Precinct Map

- US Highways
  - State Highways
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  - City Streets
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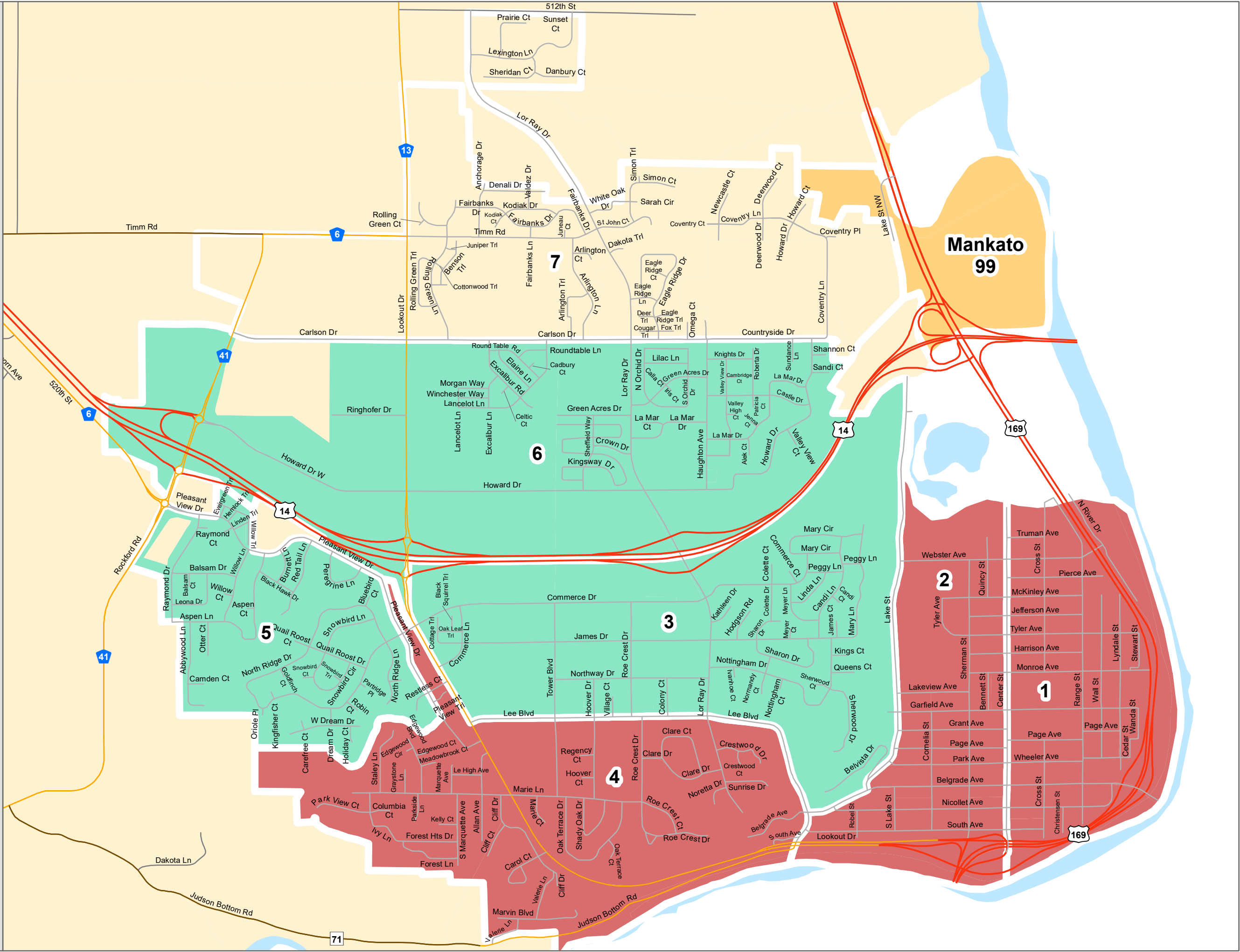
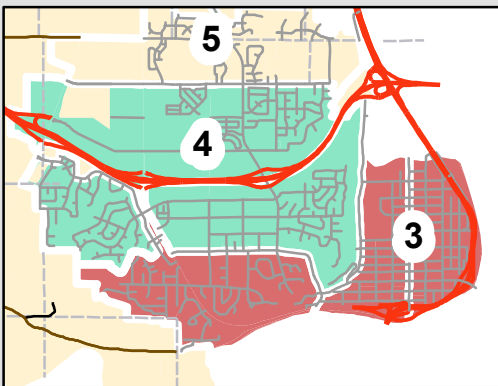


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### County Commissioner Districts





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**RESOLUTION ADOPTING REDISTRICTING COUNTY**  
**COMMISSIONER DISTRICTS**



**WHEREAS**, State and Federal laws require Nicollet County to create new election districts after each decennial census that are as equal in population as practicable; and

**WHEREAS**, Minnesota Statutes Chapter 375 establishes the procedure and requires a process for redistricting County Commissioner districts based on population figures from the Federal Census; and

**WHEREAS**, The Nicollet County Board of Commissioners has done so with due regard for the distribution of population and other relevant redistricting principles;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Nicollet County Board of Commissioners adopts the map referenced “2022 County Redistricting DRAFT Option 1” thereby establishing it as the “2022 County Commissioner Districts”; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the new election district numbers shall stay the same; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the districts shall be divided as listed below:

**Commissioner District 1**

Lake Prairie Twp  
New Sweden Twp  
Traverse Twp  
St Peter Ward 1

**Commissioner District 2**

Bernadotte Twp  
Brighton Twp  
Granby Twp  
Oshawa Twp  
St Peter Ward 2



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**Commissioner District 3**

North Mankato Precincts 1, 2, 4

**Commissioner District 4**

North Mankato Precincts 3, 5, 6

**Commissioner District 5**

Belgrade Twp

Courtland Twp

Lafayette Twp

Nicollet Twp

Ridgely Twp

West Newton Twp

Courtland (City)

Lafayette (City)

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North Mankato Precinct 7

Mankato Precinct 99

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Approved the 19th day of April, 2022.

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