

WARD BOUNDARIES.

At a Town Council of the town of Newport, holden at Newport, May 23, 1853:

Whereas, By the 12th section of the City Charter, passed by the General Assembly of this State, at their May session, 1853, entitled "An Act for Incorporating the City of Newport," it makes it the duty of the

Town Council of the Town of Newport, as soon as may be after the passage of said act, and the acceptance by the legally qualified voters therein, to divide said town into five wards, as in said section mentioned. And whereas, the said charter has been adopted as so provided, within the time named in said act, and in conformity thereto; therefore, be it ordained that—

The **FIRST WARD** shall be bounded by a line drawn from Gravelly Point along the south side of the Long Wharf, until it comes to the first house on the south side of said wharf; thence up the centre of the wharf to the centre of Thames street; thence north through the centre of Thames to Farewell street; thence through the centre of Farewell street to Long Lane, so-called; thence through the centre of said lane in a straight line to the shore; thence continuing around the northern and western extremities of the town back to Gravelly Point, the place of beginning, including docks and wharves.

The **SECOND WARD** shall be bounded by a line from the shore along the line of the First Ward, running through the centre of Long Lane and Farewell street, and Thames street to the foot of the Parade; thence to the State House; thence around the south end of the State House to Broad street; through the centre of Broad street to Bull street; up through the centre of Bull street to Brinley street; through the centre of Catherine street eastward in a straight line to the pond north of Easton's beach.

The **THIRD WARD** shall comprise all that part of the town, wharves and docks southward of the aforesaid wards, and northward of a line from the dock, coming up on the south side of the Ferry Wharf Market, through the centre of Market square; thence across Thames street, through centre of Mill street, to East Touro street, formerly Bellevue street; across said East Touro street to the old Beach road; thence along the centre of said road to Cottage street; thence north, along the easterly side of said Cottage street to the northwest corner of All Saints' Chapel; thence east, thence south to said old Beach road to Buena Vista street; thence through the centre of Buena Vista street straight to the pond north of the beach.

The **FOURTH WARD** shall comprise all that part of the town south of the Third Ward, to a line drawn from the harbor through the centre of Gidley street to Spring street; thence across Spring to the centre of William street; thence through the centre of William to East Touro street; thence through the centre of East Touro street to Bath road; through the centre of Bath road to Easton's beach (since altered to include All Saints' Chapel).

The **FIFTH WARD** shall comprise all the southern part of the town, wharves and docks, not contained in the other wards.

AS SOON AS MAY BE AFTER THE PASSAGE OF SAID ACT, AND THE ACCEPTANCE OF IT BY THE LEGALLY QUALIFIED VOTERS THEREIN, TO DIVIDE SAID TOWN INTO FIVE WARDS, AS IN SAID SECTION MENTIONED. AND WHEREAS THE SAID CHARTER HAS BEEN ADOPTED AS SO PROVIDED, WITHIN THE TIME NAMED IN SAID ACT, AND IN CONFORMITY THERETO; THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED THAT

THE **FIRST WARD** shall be bounded by a line drawn from Gravelly Point along the south side of the Long Wharf, until it comes to the first house on the south side of said wharf; thence up the centre of the wharf to the centre of Thames street; thence north through the centre of Thames to Farewell street; thence through the centre of Farewell street to Long Lane, so-called; thence through the centre of said lane in a straight line to the shore; thence continuing around the northern and western extremities of the town back to Gravelly Point, the place of beginning, including docks and wharves.

THE **SECOND WARD** shall be bounded by a line from the shore along the line of the First Ward, running through the centre of Long Lane and Farewell street, and Thames street to the foot of the Parade; thence to the State House; thence around the south end of the State House to Broad street; through the centre of Broad street to Bull street; up through the centre of Bull street to Brinley street; through the centre of Brinley street to Catherine street; through the centre of Catherine street eastward in a straight line to the Pond north of Easton's beach.

THE **THIRD WARD** shall comprise all that part of the town, wharves and docks southward of the aforesaid wards, and northward of a line from the dock, coming up on the south side of the Ferry Wharf Market; through the centre of Market Square; thence across Thames street, through the centre of Mill street, to East Touro street, formerly Bellevue street; across said East Touro street to the old Beach road; thence along the centre of said road to Buena Vista street; thence through the centre of Buena Vista street straight to the Pond north of the beach.

THE **FOURTH WARD** shall comprise all that part of the town south of the Third Ward, to a line drawn from the harbor through the centre of Gidley street to Spring street; thence across Spring to the centre of William street; thence through the centre of William street to East Touro street; thence through the centre of East Touro street to Bath road; through the centre of Bath road to Easton's beach.

THE **FIFTH WARD** shall comprise all the southern part of the town, wharves and docks, not contained in the other wards.

A true copy, attested.

BENJAMIN B. HOWLAND, Council Clerk.

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The city of Newport is hereby divided into five representative districts, bounded and described as follows—

(1) The First Representative District shall consist of all that part of said city bounded by a line beginning at a point at the eastern end of the bridge connecting the Island of Rhode Island with Coaster's Harbor Island, extending easterly through the center of the highway leading from said bridge to Third street; southerly through the center of Third street to Dyre street; easterly through the center of Dyre street to Farewell street; southerly through the center of Farewell street to the line of Rutgers street; easterly through the line of and the center of Rutgers street to Halsey street; southerly through the center of Halsey street to VanZandt avenue; easterly through the center of VanZandt avenue to Tilley avenue, southerly through the center of Tilley avenue to Gould street; southeasterly through the center of Gould street to Warner street; southwesterly through the center of Warner street to Thames street, southerly through the center of Thames street to Bridge street, westerly through the center of Bridge street and the line of Bridge street to the harbor line; northerly along the harbor line to the place of beginning. This district shall also include the No. 2 engine house, on the south side of Bridge street, and Coaster's Harbor Island.

(2) The Second Representative District shall consist of all that part of said city beginning at a point in the shore line of Coddington Cove where the Middletown-Newport boundary line intersects said shore line, extending southeasterly along the Middletown-Newport boundary line to the line of the road to the water works; westerly in the line of and through the center of the road leading to the water works to Prairie avenue; northwesterly through the center of Prairie avenue to Kay street; southwesterly through the center of Kay street to Cranston avenue; northwesterly through the center of Cranston avenue to Broadway; southwesterly through the center of Broadway to Oak street, northwesterly through the center of Oak street to

West Broadway; southwesterly through the center of West Broadway to Edward street; northwesterly through the center of Edward street to Covell street; southeasterly through the center of Covell street to Sanford street; westerly through the center of Sanford street to Thames street; northerly through the center of Thames street to Warner street; northeasterly through the center of Warner street to Gould street; northwesterly through the center of Gould street to Tilley avenue; northerly through the center of Tilley avenue to VanZandt avenue; westerly through the center of VanZandt avenue to Halsey street; northerly through the center of Halsey street to Rutgers street; westerly through the center of Rutgers street and the line hereof to Farewell street; northerly through the center of Farewell street to Dyre street; westerly through the center of Dyre street to Third street; northerly through the center of Third street to the highway leading to Coaster's Harbor Island; westerly along said highway to the bridge leading to Coaster's Harbor Island; thence along the shores of Narragansett Bay and Coddington Cove in a general northerly, westerly and easterly direction to the place of beginning.

(3) The Third Representative District shall consist of all that part of said city bounded by a line beginning at a point in the intersection of the Middletown-Newport boundary line and the line of the road to water works, extending southeasterly along the Middletown-Newport boundary line to the line of Old Beach Road; southwesterly in the line of and through the center of Old Beach Road to Mill street; westerly through the center of Mill street to Market Square; westerly through the center of Market Square to Newman's wharf; westerly through the center of Newman's wharf and the line thereof to the harbor line; northerly along said harbor line to a point in the harbor line in the line of Bridge street; easterly in the line of and through the center of Bridge street to Thames street; northerly through the center of Thames street to Sanford street; easterly through the center of Sanford street to Covell street; northeasterly through the center of Covell street to Edwards street; southeasterly through the center of Edwards street to West Broadway; northwesterly through the center of West Broadway to Oak street; southeasterly through the center of Oak street to Broadway; northeasterly through the center of Broadway to Cranston avenue; southeasterly through the center of Cranston avenue to Kay street; northeasterly through the center of Kay street to Prairie avenue; southeasterly through the center of Prairie avenue to the road to water works; southeasterly and northeasterly through the center of the road to the water works and the line thereof to the place of beginning. This district shall also include No. 1 engine house on the south side of Mill street, and Goat Island. The No. 2 engine house on the south side of Bridge street shall be excluded from this district.

(4) The Fourth Representative District shall consist of all that part of said city bounded by a line beginning at a point where the line of Old Beach Road extended intersects the Middletown-Newport boundary line, extending southeasterly along the Middletown-Newport boundary line to the Atlantic Ocean; thence by said Atlantic Ocean in a general southerly, easterly and westerly direction to a point on said Atlantic Ocean in the line of Bellevue avenue; easterly and northerly in the line of and through the center of Bellevue avenue to Perry street; westerly through the center of Perry street to Spring street; northerly through the center of Spring street to Pope street; westerly through the center of and in the line of Pope street to the harbor line; northerly along said harbor line to a point in the harbor line in the line of the center line of Newman's wharf; easterly in the line of and through the center of Newman's wharf to Market Square; easterly through the center of Market Square to line of Mill street; easterly in the line of and through the center of Mill street to Old Beach Road; easterly through the center of Old Beach Road and the line thereof to the place of beginning. This district shall exclude the No. 1 engine house, on the south side of Mill street.

(5) The Fifth Representative District shall consist of all that part of said city bounded by a line beginning at a point at the intersection of Pope street and Spring street, extending southerly through the center of Spring street to Perry street; easterly through the center of Perry street to Bellevue avenue; southerly through the center of Bellevue avenue to the Atlantic Ocean; thence along said Atlantic Ocean, Narragansett Bay, and the Newport harbor line in a general westerly, northerly, and easterly direction to the intersection of the Newport harbor line with the line of Pope street; easterly in the line of and through the center of Pope street to the place of beginning.