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**INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** City Council  
**FROM:** Kelly Harrington, Assistant City Manager  
**SUBJECT:** Ward Redistricting Follow-up  
**DATE:** December 5, 2018

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In response to questions posed at the November 8 City Council meeting, staff has revisited redistricting options and offers an “interim” option. This interim option allows for the districts to become better balanced today and to easily transition into needed future redistricting.

If no changes are made to Council wards at this time, the household population per ward at the November 2019 election would be as follows:

Ward 1	1376
Ward 2	1028
Ward 3 <sup>1</sup>	1155
Ward 4	805
Ward 5	1113
<b>Average</b>	<b>1095</b>

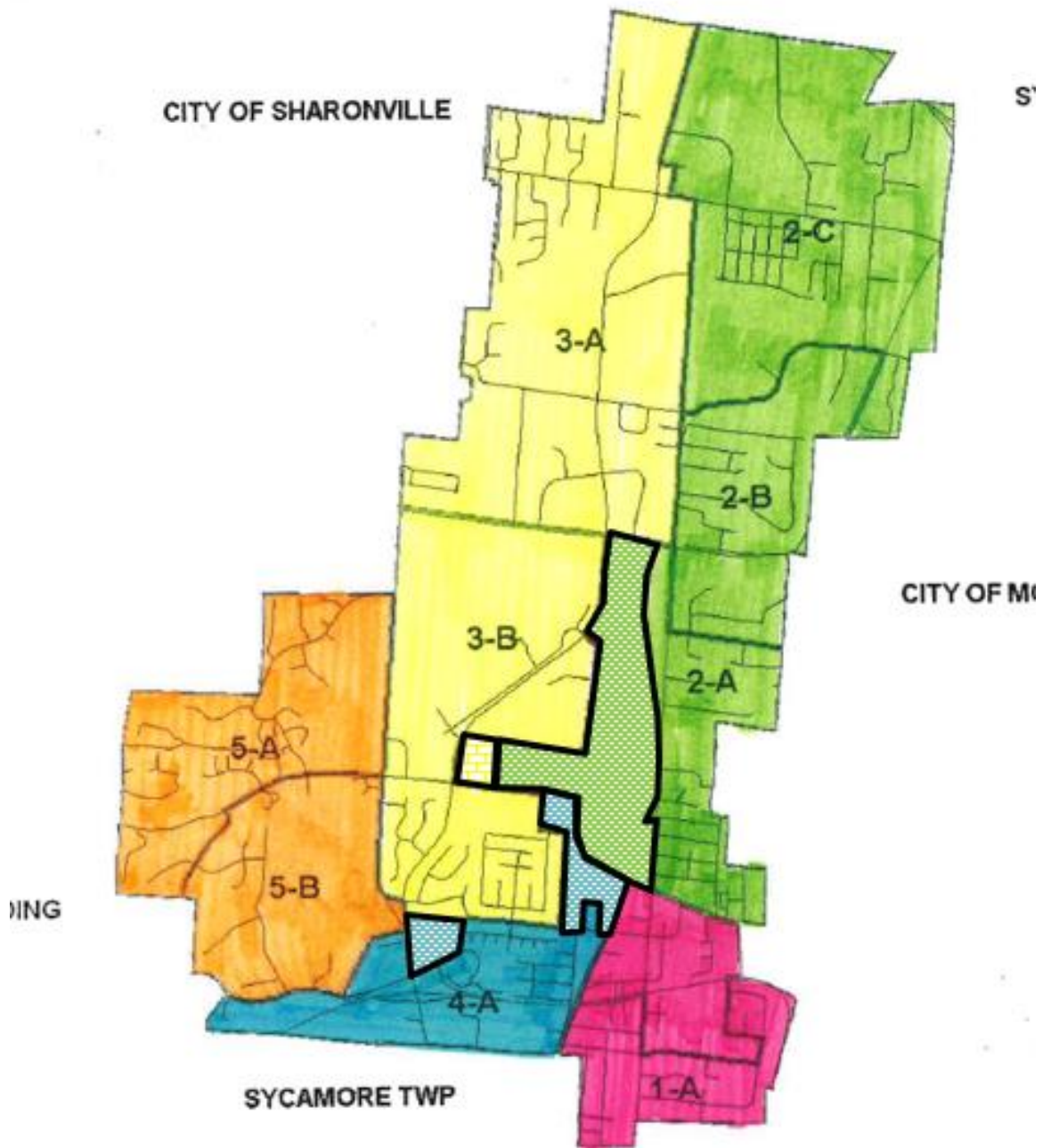
Should Council choose to approach this in a two-step process, staff recommends the following adjustments now (from original Option A as it ultimately provides the most balance):

Option A Phase 1

Phase 1 of Option A includes moving a portion of Ward 1 to Ward 4, Ward 1 to Ward 2, and Ward 3 to Ward 4 as shown below. (Note: There is no residential population between Reed Hartman Highway and Watson Way, but in order to provide a roadway barrier, staff recommends adjusting this boundary.)

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<sup>1</sup> This number assumes 74 of 86 Retreat at Summit Park homes are occupied, 40 of 104 Daventry homes are occupied, and does not include any households at the Neighborhoods at Summit Park apartments nor senior-living facility.

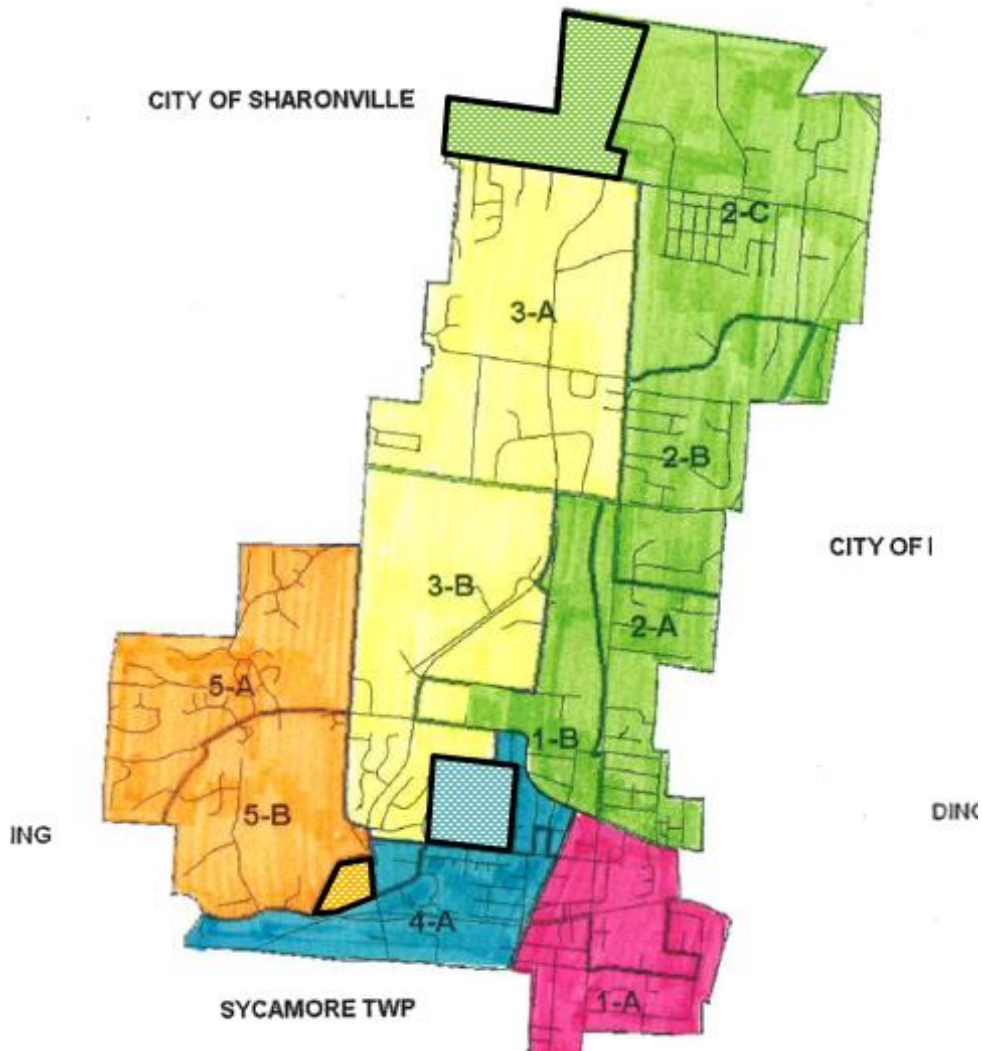


With these changes, the November 2019 population would be as follows:

Ward 1	1134
Ward 2	1131
Ward 3	1052
Ward 4	1047
Ward 5	1113
<b>Average</b>	<b>1095</b>

## Option A Phase 2

At a future date, once the residential components of the Neighborhoods at Summit Park are complete, further adjustments should be made. This consists of moving a portion of Ward 3 to Ward 2, Ward 3 to Ward 4, and Ward 4 to Ward 5 and would complete the original Option A:



With these additional changes, the population would be as follows:

Ward 1	1134
Ward 2	1234
Ward 3	1245
Ward 4	1243
Ward 5	1196
<b>Average</b>	<b>1210</b>

City Council also requested that this information be advertised to the public. The topic has appeared in the following:

BlueAsh.com

Cincinnati.com

The Enquirer

The Northeast Suburban Life

Blue Ash December eblast

Blue Ash winter newsletter (arriving in mailboxes this week)

Blue Ash social media accounts

Nextdoor.com

The only comments received by staff include a question about redistricting's impact on a residential tax abatement and a question for clarification regarding the images.