

# Memo

**To:** City Council  
**From:** Gary R. Tomsic  
**CC:**  
**Date:** December 10, 2007  
**Re:** City Council Ward Changes

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Initially, we thought that the best approach to fixing our Council Ward boundary problem was to simply move the boundary in the East Blaine area from G Street to H Street as part of Ward 1. This would be a temporary solution until the 2010 census. We would then have a more comprehensive redistricting based on the latest population figures.

As we have looked at the existing ward boundaries we have found that there are some inequities within the current wards. For example, the latest figures for voter registration are:

Ward 1 - 829

Ward 2 - 606

Ward 3 - 912

From these numbers, you can see that Ward 2 is substantially smaller than the Wards 1 and 3. This raises the question as to whether we should immediately adjust the boundary lines to make the wards more equal or wait. I have asked Jon Sitkin to advise us as to whether we have this option or are we required to make them equal.

I would ask the Council to consider this question.

ORDINANCE NO. 94-2169

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLAINE, WASHINGTON, REPEALING ALL PRIOR ORDINANCES DEFINING WARDS WITHIN THE CITY AND ADOPTING NEW WARD BOUNDARIES.

WHEREAS, the Revised Code of Washington allows the Council of a noncharter code city to change boundaries of existing wards to be more closely represented by population; and

WHEREAS, ward boundaries were previously established by Ordinance Nos. 77, 1386 and 1683; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 77 and 1386 have been repealed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLAINE, WASHINGTON, AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION 1:** Ordinance No. 1683 is hereby repealed.

**SECTION 2:** The territory situated and comprised within the corporate limits of the City of Blaine, in the County of Whatcom, in the State of Washington, is hereby divided into three (3) Wards to be numbered First, Second and Third Wards, respectively, and bounded and described in the attached map and as follows:

- a) **WARD 1:** All of the area within the existing East and West City Limits lying South of the International Border to the middle of "G" Street.
- b) **WARD 2:** All of the area within the existing East and West City Limits lying South of the middle of "G" Street, to the middle of Cedar Street, including Boundary Ridge, Drayton Cove, Beachwalker and the Marina at Semiahmoo.
- c) **WARD 3:** All of the area within the existing East and West City Limits lying South of the middle of Cedar Street to the Southern City Limits of Blaine and the remainder of the Semiahmoo District not previously described and contained in Ward 2.

**SECTION 3:** A copy of this ordinance shall be forwarded to the Auditory of Whatcom County.

**SECTION 4:** All ordinances, or parts of ordinances, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 5:** If any section, subsection, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The City of Blaine, Whatcom County, State of Washington hereby declares that they would have passed this ordinance and such section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more other sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

**SECTION 6:** This Ordinance is declared to be in full force and effect after its passage by the City Council and approval by the Mayor, if approved, otherwise as provided by law, five (5) days after the date of its publication.

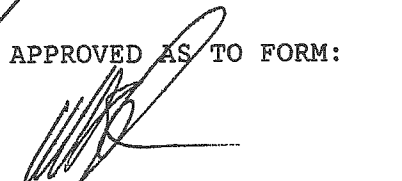
14 **PASSED** BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BLAINE, WASHINGTON on the 14 day of November, 1994, and approved by the Mayor on the same day.

ATTEST:

  
CITY CLERK

  
MAYOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
CITY ATTORNEY

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# Prior to East Blaine Annexation

OPTION 2  
LEGEND  
1st PRECINCT  
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3rd PRECINCT

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INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY  
USA

INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY

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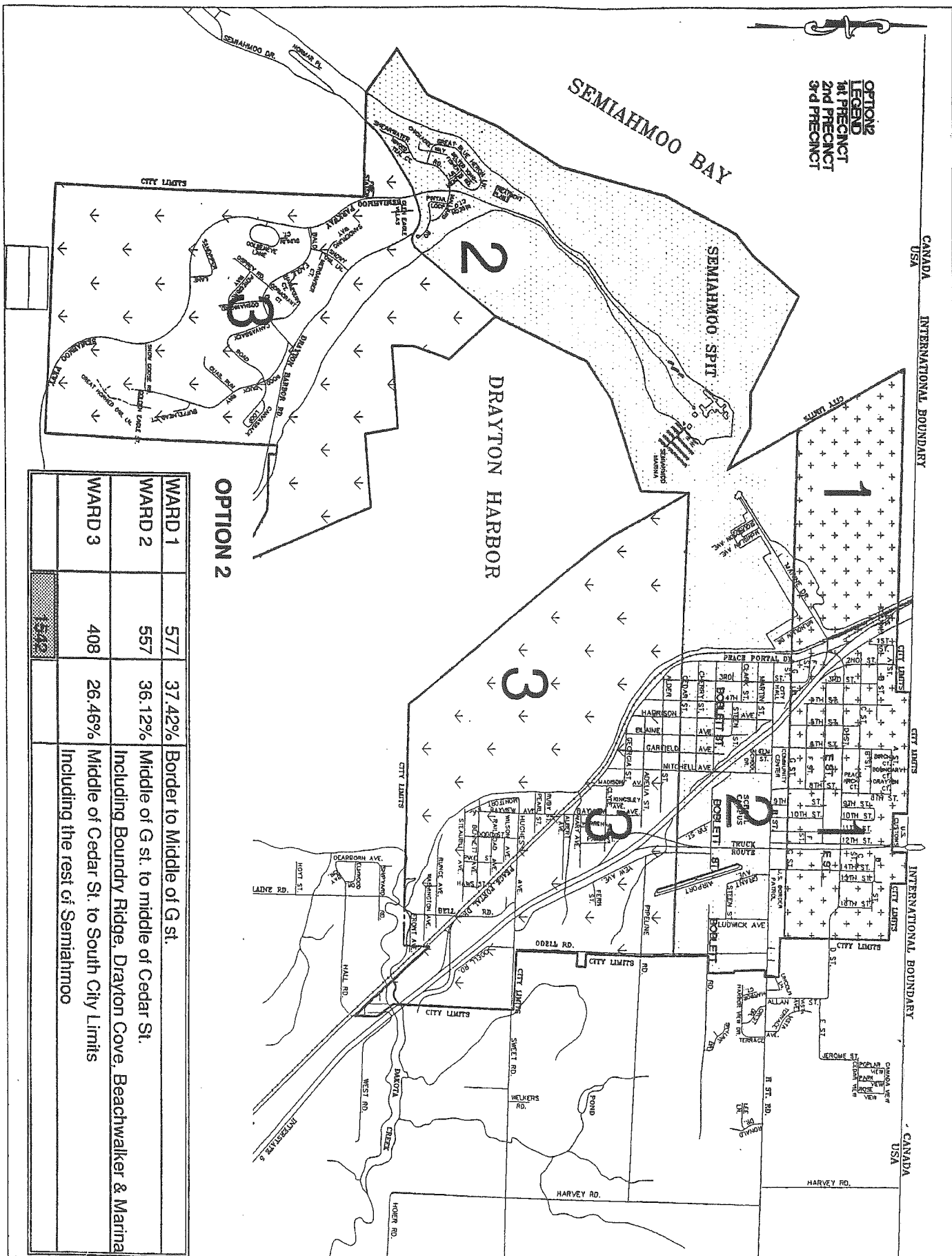
SEMAHMUO BAY

SEMAHMUO SPIT

DRAYTON HARBOR

OPTION 2

WARD 1	577	37.42%	Border to Middle of G st.
WARD 2	557	36.12%	Middle of G st. to middle of Cedar St. Including Boundry Ridge, Drayton Cove, Beachwalker & Marina
WARD 3	408	26.46%	Middle of Cedar St. to South City Limits Including the rest of Semiahmoo
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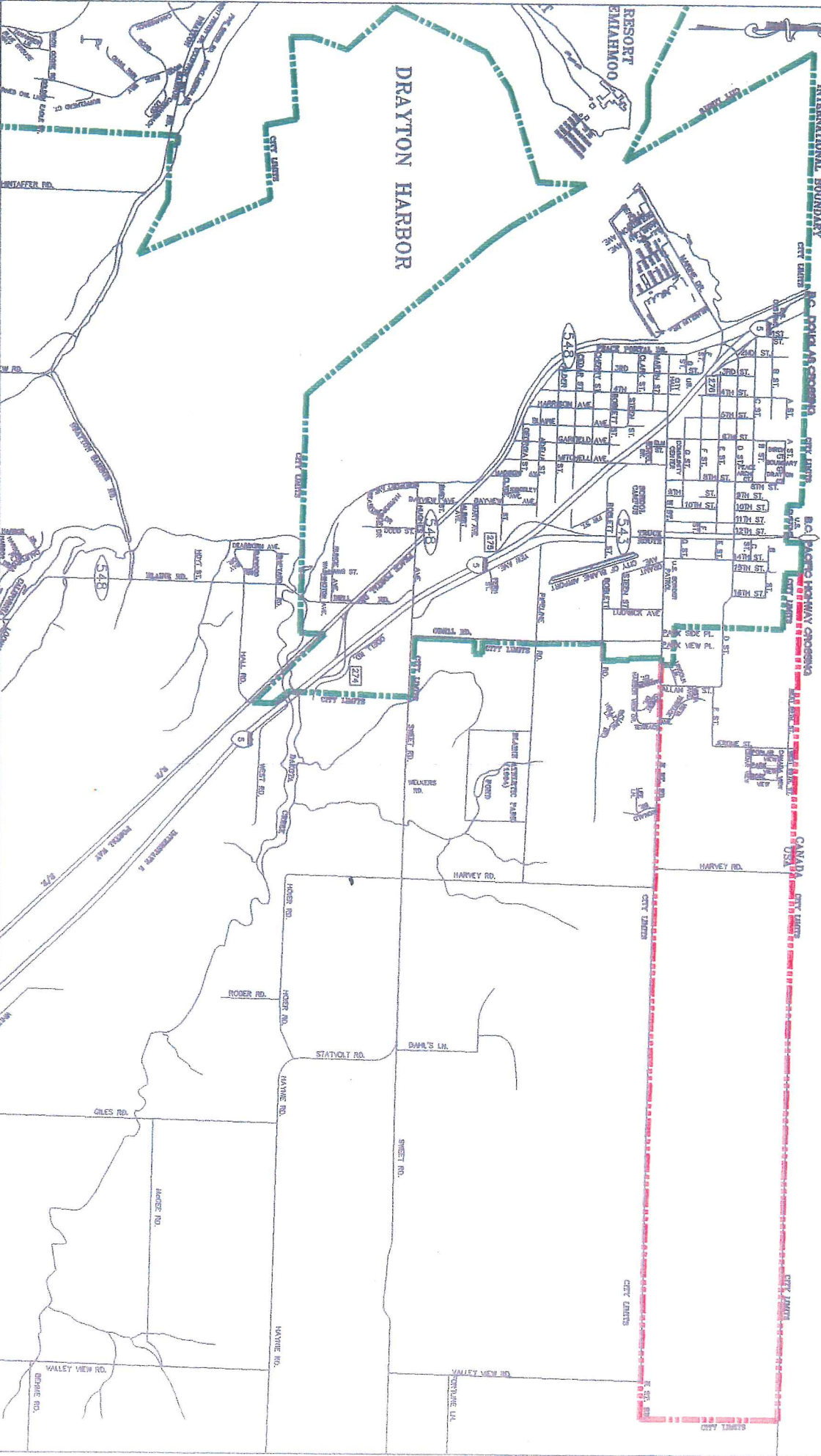
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1995 CITY LIMITS

1996 CITY LIMITS

INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY

CITY LIMITS



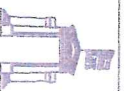
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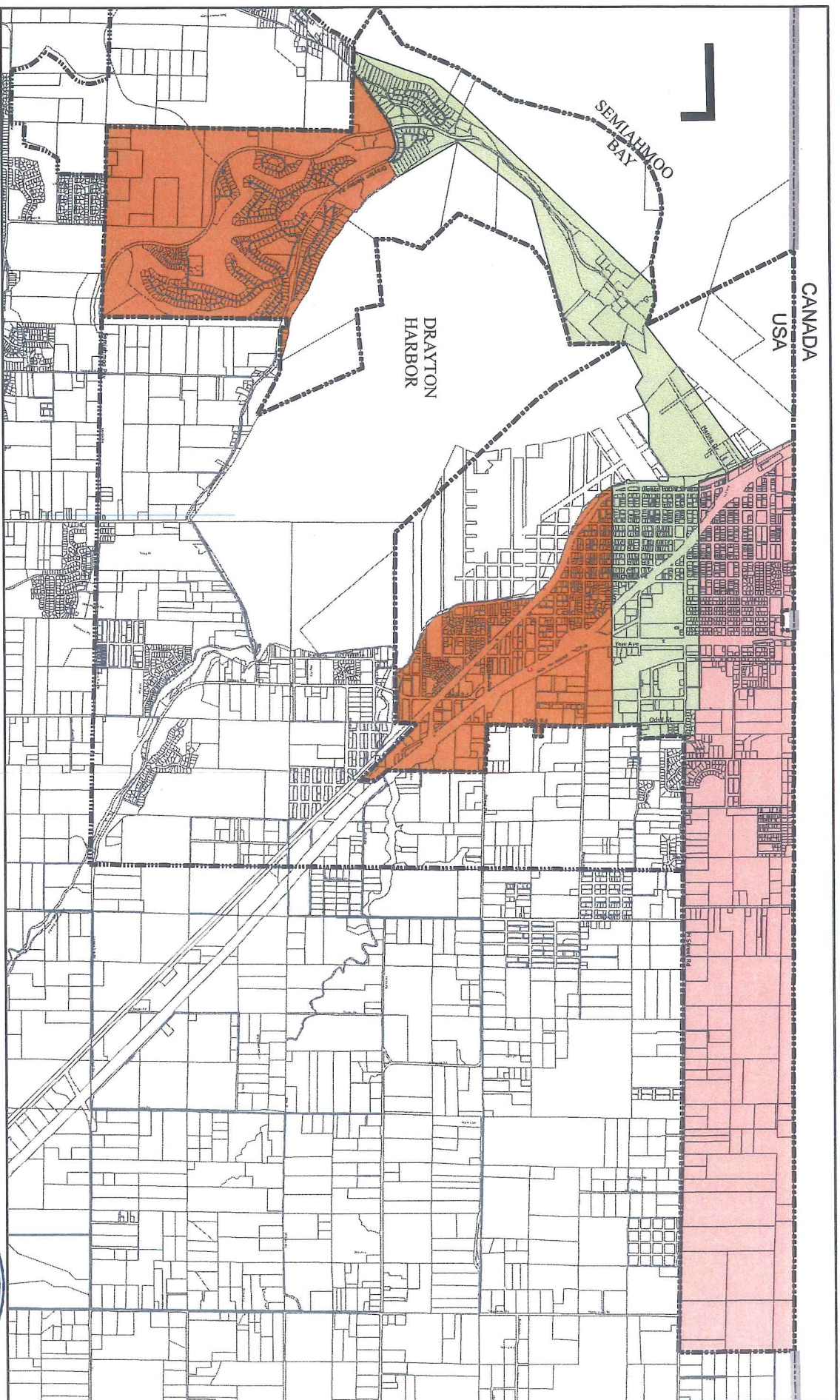
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CITY OF BLAINE  
DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS





*Proposed District*



# Legend

- CITY\_LIMITS
- UGA
- US
- WARD 1
- WARD 2
- WARD 3

## CITY OF BLAINE VOTING WARDS 2008 PROPOSED CORRECTIONS

