



PORT TOWNSEND

School District

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Date: February 21, 2019
To: Board of Directors
From: Superintendent Polm
Subject: Director Districts Redistricting Public Hearing

The following summarizes the redistricting process and sets forth a proposed plan for apportioning Port Townsend School District into three director districts and two at large districts. This proposed plan has been published on the District's website, and the Board of Directors is now holding a public hearing to receive comments on the plan in accordance with Board Policy 1105 and RCW 29A.76.010.

Background

Process to Date

In the November 6, 2018 election, a majority of the voters in Jefferson County approved Proposition 1, "Dissolve and Reapportion Directors Districts." Proposition 1 authorized the Board to "redistrict" the Port Townsend School District by dissolving its existing five directors' districts and reapportioning them into three directors' districts and two at large districts pursuant to RCW 28A.343.030. On December 6, 2018, the Board reviewed proposed director district boundary maps at its regular business meeting. Having reviewed the options for redistricting, the Board believes the plan proposed herein satisfies all applicable legal requirements and will help ensure equity in Board representation. If adopted, the plan will be effective for the November 2019 election.

The Proposed Plan Satisfies Legal Requirements for Redistricting

Port Townsend, as a second-class school district, is required by RCW 28A.343.050 to have no fewer than three director districts and no more than two at large positions. This plan meets that requirement. In addition, the redistricting plan is consistent with the criteria established under RCW 29A.76.010 and Board Policy 1105 as follows:

1. The districts shall be as near as possible equal in population; the ideal population for the proposed districts is 4,759.

The boundaries in the proposed districts create total population of 4,774 in District 1, 4,777 in District 2, and 4,727 in District 3. The deviation from ideal is under 1% for each district.

2. The districts shall be as compact as possible and consist of geographically contiguous areas;

The three director districts are primarily divided along main arterials including Sims Way to Water Street, Hastings Avenue, Middlepoint Road, Jacob Miller Road, State Route 20 and Discovery Road.

3. The districts shall not favor or disfavor any racial group or political party;

The school district has 14,278 total population per the 2010 census. White population totals 13,244 with Hispanic at 409 and Non-White/Mixed at 1,034.

- *District 1 has 129 Hispanic, 21 Black/African American, 42 American Indian/Alaska Native, 85 Asian, 8 Pacific Islander, 315 Non-White/Mixed, and 41 Other Race;*
- *District 2 has 178 Hispanic, 35 Black/African American, 52 American Indian/Alaska Native, 69 Asian, 25 Pacific Islander, 402 Non-White/Mixed and 43 Other Race; and*
- *District 3 has 102 Hispanic, 17 Black/African American, 66 American Indian/Alaska Native, 72 Asian, 4 Pacific Islander, 317 Non-White/Mixed, and 25 Other Race*

4. The districts shall as much as possible coincide with natural boundaries and existing communities.

As noted above in #2, the boundaries are aligned with main arterials. There are no natural boundaries such as mountains or rivers identified in the district.

Proposed Plan

Plan for Redistricting Boundaries

Port Townsend School District will be comprised of 5 total districts. Districts 1, 2, and 3 will be director districts, and the boundaries for each district are identified in the maps and accompanying legal descriptions attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. Positions 4 and 5 will be at large positions. All positions are to be elected by all the voters of the District.

Plan for Filling Positions

Terms up for Election in November 2021

- Director District Position 1 will continue to be filled for the remainder of the current term, which expires November 2021, by Connie Welch. Ms. Welch was elected for and currently holds District Director Position 1.
- Director District Position 4 At Large will be filled for the remainder of the current term, which expires November 2021, by Jennifer James-Wilson. Ms. James-Wilson was elected for and currently holds District Director Position 2.

Terms up for Election in November 2019

- Director District Position 2 will be up for election in November 2019.
- Director District Position 3 will be up for election in November 2019.
- Director District Position 5 At Large will be up for election in November 2019.

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Port Townsend School District - Proposed Single At Large Board Districts as Approximated Using Census 2010 Geography

- 1st District
- 2nd District
- 3rd District

City Limits

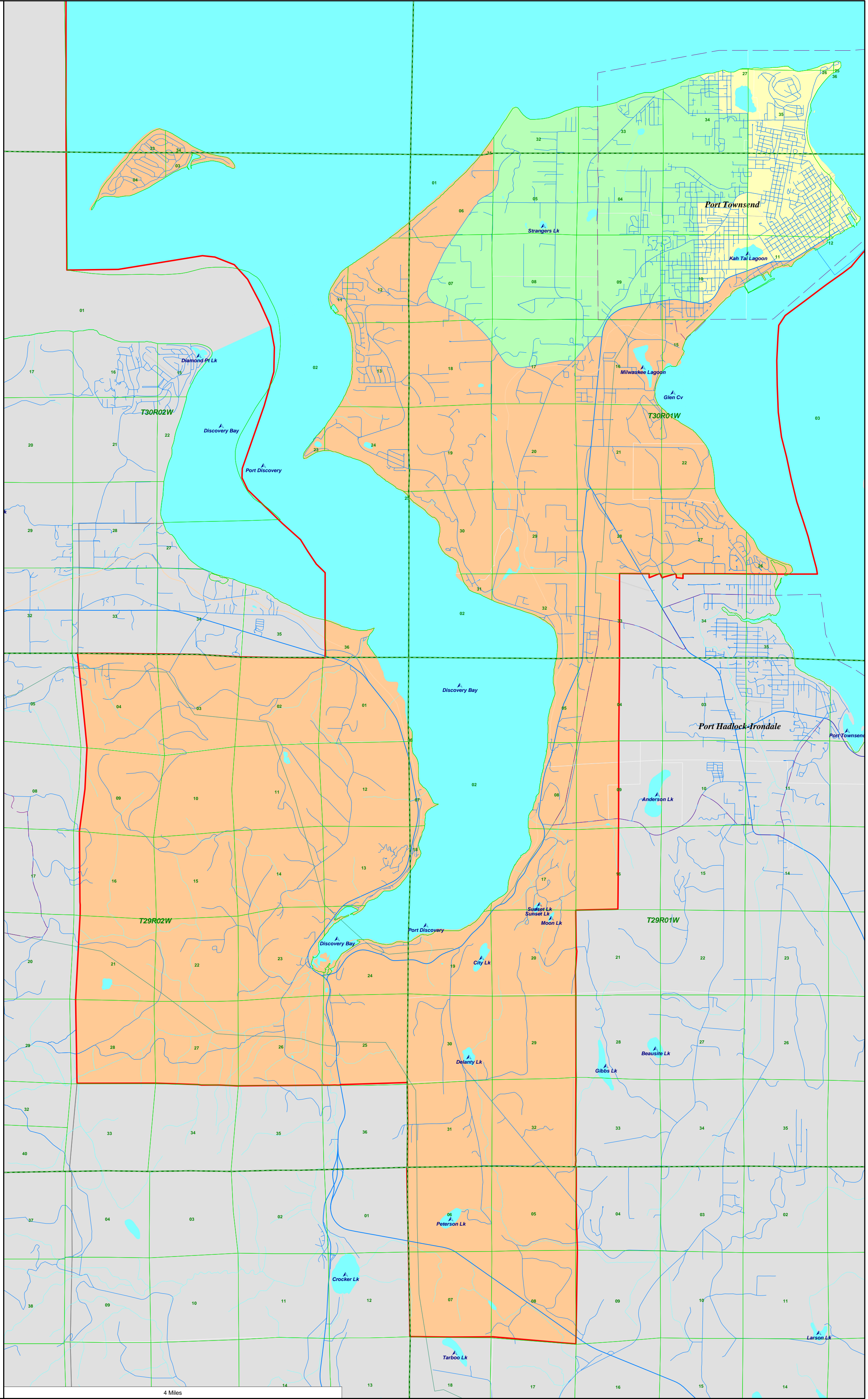
District Outline

Sectional Centers

Townships

Water Areas

Name



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District Summary Report**

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Director District Number	Ideal Population	Total Population	Deviation from Ideal	% Deviation from Ideal	White Population	Hispanic Origin (of any race)	Non White & Mixed
1st	4,759	4,774	15	0.32	4,459	129	315
2nd	4,759	4,777	18	0.38	4,375	178	402
3rd	4,759	4,727	-32	-0.67	4,410	102	317
Totals.....		<u>14,278</u>	<u>1</u>		<u>13,244</u>	<u>409</u>	<u>1,034</u>

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Port Townsend School District
Summary of Population by Race and Hispanic Origin

District Number	Total Population	Total Population by Race								Two or More Races	Hispanic Origin (of any race)
		Single Race									
		Total	White	Black African American	American Indian and Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	Other Race	Total		
1st	4,774	4,656	4,459	21	42	85	8	41	118	129	
2nd	4,777	4,599	4,375	35	52	69	25	43	178	178	
3rd	4,727	4,594	4,410	17	66	72	4	25	133	102	
Totals.....	<u>14,278</u>	<u>13,849</u>	<u>13,244</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>160</u>	<u>226</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>109</u>	<u>429</u>	<u>409</u>	

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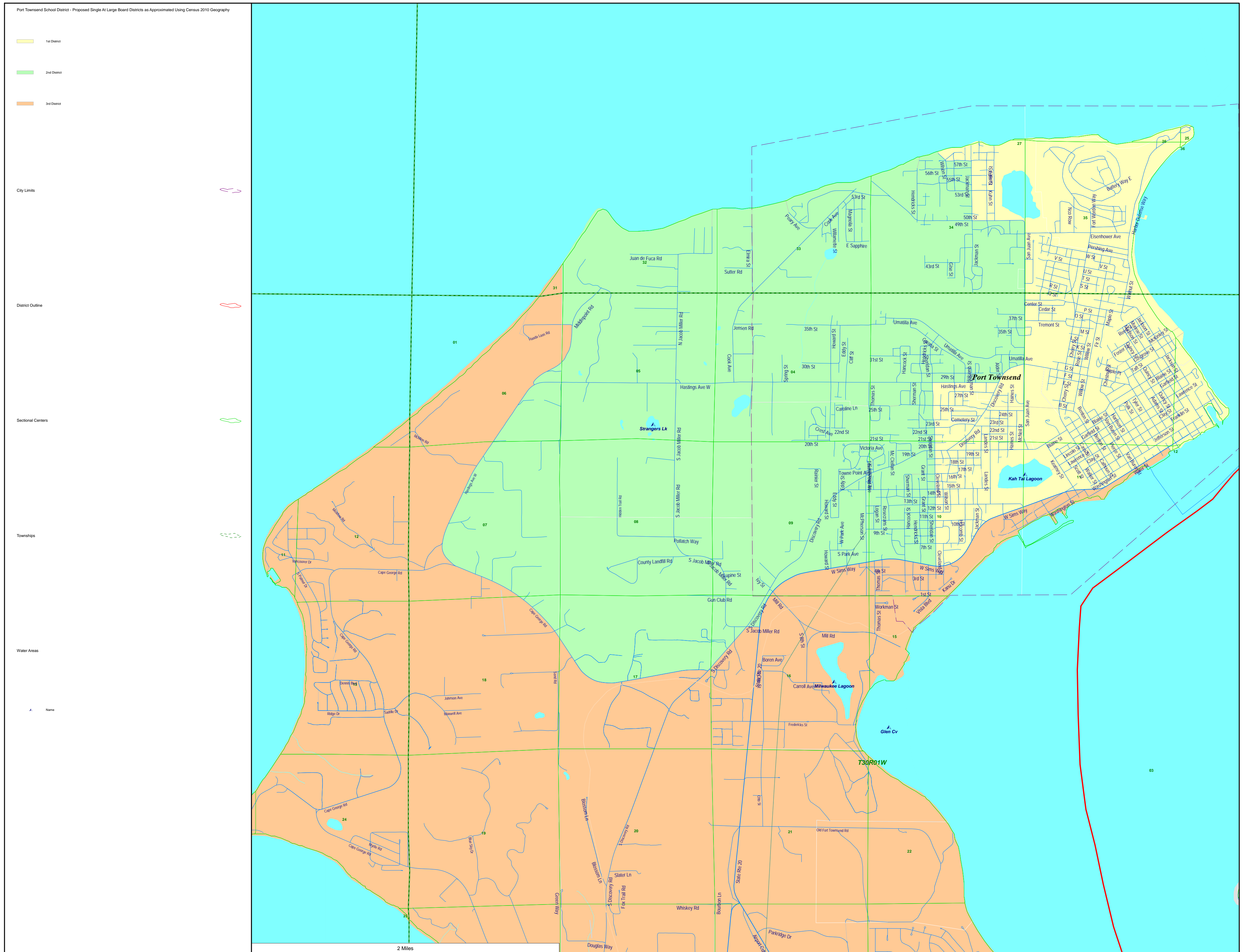
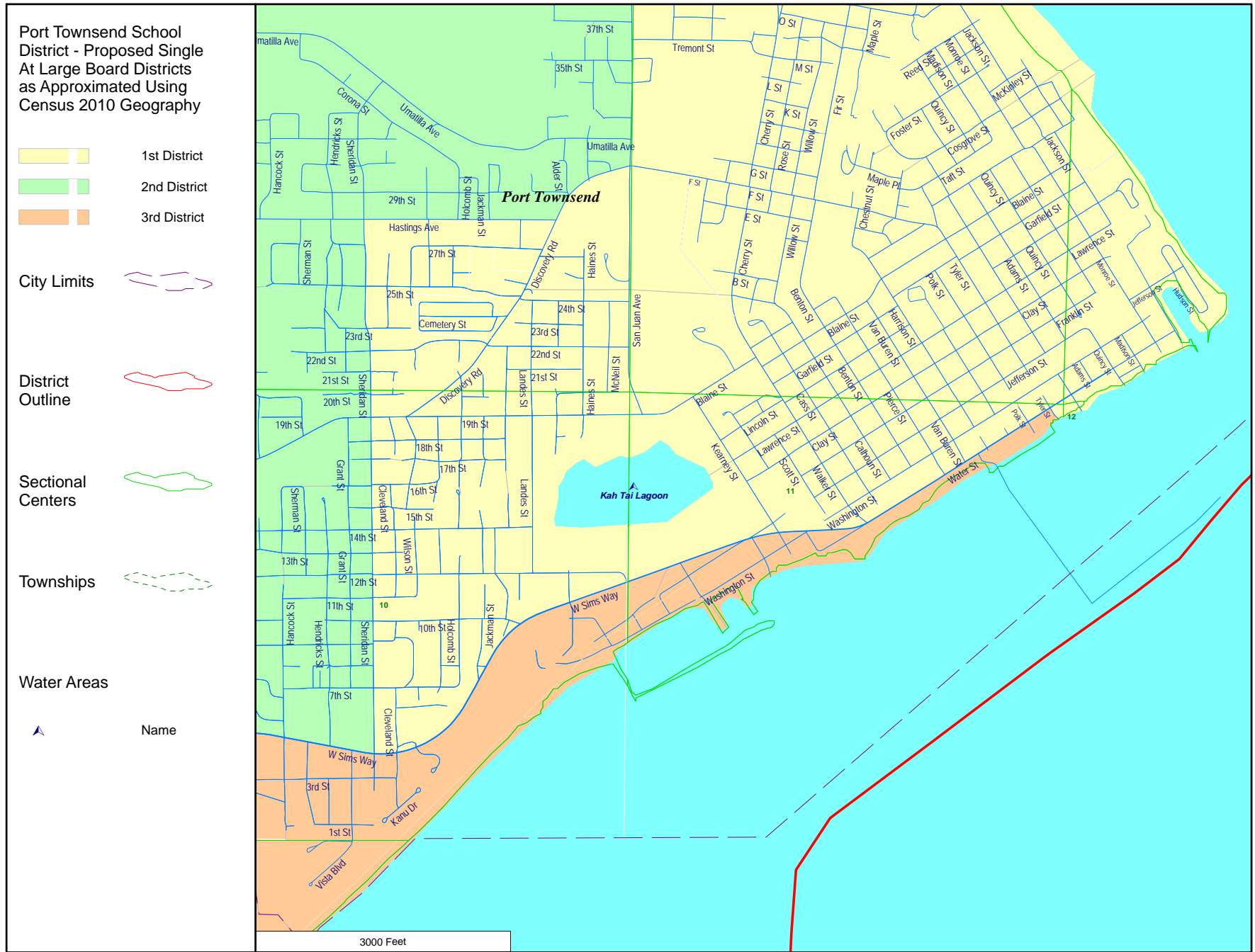


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Port Townsend School District with Three Districts and Two At Large Legal Description – December 11th, 2018

Director District 1

Starting at the intersection of W Sims Way and Sheridan St.
North on Sheridan St to Hastings Ave.
East on Hasting Ave.to Discovery Rd.
Northeast on Discovery Rd to San Juan Ave.
North on San Juan Ave to 49th St.
West on 49th St to Jackman St.
North on Jackman St to 57th St.
West on 57th St to Wilson St.
Northwest on Wilson St and extension to the school district boundary.
Clockwise following the school district boundary to the extension of Tyler St.
Northerly on Tyler St to Water St.
Southwesterly on Water St to East Sims Way.
Westerly on East Sims Way to the point of the beginning.

Director District 2

Starting at the intersection of Middlepoint Rd and Hastings Ave W.
Southerly on Hastings Ave W to Cape George Rd.
Southeasterly on Cape George Rd to S Discovery Rd.
Northeast on S Discovery Rd to S Jacob Miller Rd.
East on S Jacob Miller Rd to State Route 20 / W Sims Way.
Northerly and easterly on Sims Way to Sheridan St.
North on Sheridan St to Hastings Ave.
East on Hasting Ave.to Discovery Rd.
Northeast on Discovery Rd to San Juan Ave.
North on San Juan Ave to 49th St.
West on 49th St to Jackman St.
North on Jackman St to 57th St.
West on 57th St to Wilson St.
Northwest on Wilson St and extension to the school district boundary.
Counter-clockwise following the school district boundary to the extension of the western
boarder of Township 31, Range 01, Section 34.
South on said section line to Haada Laas Rd.
East on Haada Las Rd to Middlepoint Rd.
Southeasterly on Middlepoint Rd to the point of the beginning.

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Director District 3

Starting at the intersection of Middlepoint Rd and Hastings Ave W.
Southerly on Hastings Ave W to Cape George Rd.
Southeasterly on Cape George Rd to S Discovery Rd.
Northeast on S Discovery Rd to S Jacob Miller Rd.
East on S Jacob Miller Rd to State Route 20 / W Sims Way.
Northerly and easterly on Sims Way to Water St.
Northeast on Water St to Tyler St.
Southerly on Tyler St and extension to the school district boundary.
Clockwise on the school district boundary to the extension of the western boarder of Township 31, Range 01, Section 34.
South on said section line to Haada Laas Rd.
East on Haada Las Rd to Middlepoint Rd.
Southeasterly on Middlepoint Rd to the point of the beginning.

Director District 4

At Large.

Director District 5

At Large