

Historic Ward Descriptions, 1846-1894

The ward boundaries in Manchester changed frequently between the years 1846-1894. The 1846 City Charter outlined the initial ward boundaries (with the exception of Ward 7) for the city. The 1869 and 1894 boundary descriptions are from the Manchester City Directories.

Ward 1, 1846

Shall include all that part of the town now included within the limites of school district No. 1 and so much of school district No. 2 as is situated north of the centre line of Bridge Street and east of the centre line of Union Street.

Ward 1, 1869

Beginning at Amoskeag Falls Bridge, thence by the Merrimack River in its intersection with Market Street extended, thence by Market Street and Hanover Street to Chestnut, thence by Chestnut to Lowell, thence by Lowell St. to Elm to Amoskeag Falls road, thence by Amoskeag-Falls road to the place of beginning.

Ward 1, 1894

Includes that part of the city bounded west by the Merrimack River, north by the centre line of Brook Street, and that line extended west to Merrimack River, east by the centre line of Elm Street, and south by the centre line of Market Street, and Market Street extended to the Merrimack River.

Ward 2, 1846 & 1869

Includes all that part of the City situated between Elm Street on the east and the Merrimack River on the west, and between the south line of Ward No. 1 on the north and a line from the point where Elm Street intersects the old-river road near the Valley Cemetery due west to the Merrimack River on the south.

Ward 2, 1894

Includes that part of the city bounded on the north by Hooksett, east by the Mammoth Road, south by the centre line of Orange Street extended to Mammoth Road, and the centre line of Orange Street to centre line of Elm Street, thence on the west by centre line of Elm Street to centre line of Brook Street, thence on the south by centre line of Brook Street, and that line extended across the Merrimack River to Goffstown, thence on the west by Goffstown to Hooksett.

Ward 3, 1846

Shall include all that part of the town situated between the centre line of Union Street on the east and Merrimack River on the west, and between the south bound of Ward No. 2 on the north and the centre line of Amherst Street and of Stark Street produced to the river on the south.

Ward 3, 1869

Includes that portion of the City bounded as follows: beginning at the north angle of the City of the Merrimack River, thence by the said river southerly to the north line of the Ray Farm, thence easterly by said line to Elm Street, thence southerly by Elm St. to Lowell St., thence easterly by Lowell St. to Chester original town line, thence northerly by said line to Mammoth Road, thence by Mammoth Road to Hooksett line, thence by Hooksett line, to the place of beginning.

Ward 3, 1894

Includes that part of the city bounded north by centre line of Orange Street, and that line extended to Mammoth Road, east by the Mammoth Road, south by centre line of Concord Street, and that line extended to the Mammoth Road, and west by centre line of Elm Street.

Ward 4, 1846

Shall include all that part of the town situated between the centre line of Union Street on the east and Merrimack River on the west, and between the south bound of Ward No. 3 on the north and the centre line of Hanover and of Market Streets produced to the river on the south.

Ward 4, 1869

Includes all that part of the City between Lowell St. on the north and Laurel Street on the south, Chestnut Street on the west and the Wilson Road on the east.

Ward 4, 1894

Includes that part of the city bounded north by centre line of Concord Street, and that line extended to the Mammoth Road, thence on the east by the Mammoth Road to centre line of Laurel Street extended to Mammoth Road, thence on the south by the centre line of Laurel Street extended to Mammoth Road, thence on the south by the centre line of Laurel Street extended to the Mammoth Road, and Laurel Street to centre line of Chestnut Street, thence on the west by centre line of Chestnut Street to Manchester Street, thence on the south by centre line of Manchester Street to centre line of Elm Street, thence on the west by centre line of Elm Street to centre line of Concord Street.

Ward 5, 1846

Shall include all that part of the town situated between the centre line of Union Street on the east and Merrimack River on the west, and between the south bound of Ward No. 4 on the north and a line beginning at the centre of Union Street, where the same is intersected by Manchester Street, thence running west by the centre line of Manchester Street to Elm Street; thence southerly by the centre of said Elm Street to its intersection of Merrimack Street; thence westerly by the centre of said Merrimack Street produced to Merrimack River on the south.

Ward 5, 1869

Includes all that part of the City situated between Hanover Street on the north and Auburn Street on the south, Chestnut Street on the east and Elm Street on the west.

Ward 5, 1894

Includes that part of the city bounded as follows: south by centre line of Auburn Street from centre line of Beech to centre line of Elm Street, thence on the west by centre line of Elm Street to centre line of Manchester Street, thence on centre line of Manchester Street south to centre line of Laurel Street, thence on centre line of Laurel Street east to centre line of Beech Street, thence on centre line of Beech Street south to centre line of Auburn Street.

Ward 6, 1846

Shall include all that part of the town included between the centre line of Union Street on the east and Merrimack River on the west, and between the south bound of Ward No. 5 on the north and the centre line of Central Street and Granite Street on the south.

Ward 6, 1869

Includes all that part of the City east of the Merrimack River not within the limits of any other Ward.

Ward 6, 1894

Includes that part of the city lying east of the Merrimack River not included in Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7 as constituted by this act.

Ward 7, 1846

There is no description in the City Charter.

Ward 7, 1869

Includes all that part of the City west of Merrimack River which formerly was part of Bedford, and so much of that territory which was formerly part of Goffstown as lies south of the Piscataquog River.

Ward 7, 1894

Includes that part of the city bounded north by the centre line of Market Street and that line extended to the Merrimack River, east by the centre line of Elm Street, south by the centre line of Cove Street and that line extended to the Merrimack River, and west by the Merrimack River.

Ward 8, 1854

Ward 8 was not created until 1854 when parts of Goffstown and Bedford were incorporated into the City of Manchester. The first warrant was posted at the Amoskeag Hotel, and voters met at a schoolhouse located in the Ward. The exact location is not given. By 1860, voters were meeting at a Ward room but the location is also unknown.

Ward 8, 1869

Includes all the territory west of the Merrimack River formerly belonging to Goffstown and lying north of the Piscataquog River.

Ward 8, 1894

Includes all that part of the city lying west of the Merrimack and Piscataquog Rivers, and south of the south line of Conant Street from the Merrimack River to the Piscataquaog River.