

**THE FOURTH CLASS CITY ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 215 of 1895**  
Chapter III  
WARDS.

**83.1 Existing wards.**

Sec. 1.

The wards established by the council as provided in section 10, chapter 1 of this act, and the wards established in any incorporated city at the time of its re-incorporation under the provisions of this act, shall continue to be the wards of such city, until changed by the legislature.

**History:** 1895, Act 215, Eff. Aug. 30, 1895 ;-- CL 1897, 2976 ;-- CL 1915, 2892 ;-- CL 1929, 1816 ;-- CL 1948, 83.1

**Compiler's Notes:** For provisions of section 10, chapter 1, referred to in this section, see MCL 81.10.

**83.2 Wards; number, apportionment.**

Sec. 2.

Any city having a population of less than 5,000 inhabitants may be divided into 3 wards. If it contains a population of 5,000 or upwards it may be divided into 4 wards, and an additional ward for every additional 2,000 inhabitants above 5,000 and up to 10,000. But any city having, at the time of its being brought under or subject to the provisions of this act, a greater number of wards in proportion to its population than above mentioned, shall not be required to diminish the number of its existing wards.

**History:** 1895, Act 215, Eff. Aug. 30, 1895 ;-- CL 1897, 2977 ;-- CL 1915, 2893 ;-- CL 1929, 1817 ;-- CL 1948, 83.2

**83.3 Wards; existing ward officers or aldermen.**

Sec. 3.

No election of aldermen or ward officers shall be held in any newly established ward, or in any ward, on account of changes in the boundaries thereof, previous to the next annual city election; nor shall the office of any alderman or other officer elected in any ward be vacated by reason of any change in such ward; but any such alderman and other officer shall, during the remainder of his term, continue in office and to represent the ward including the place of his residence at the time of the change of the boundaries of the ward, unless the office become vacant for some other cause.

**History:** 1895, Act 215, Eff. Aug. 30, 1895 ;-- CL 1897, 2978 ;-- CL 1915, 2894 ;-- CL 1929, 1818 ;-- CL 1948, 83.3

**83.4 New wards; aldermen, terms.**

Sec. 4.

When by the creation of a new ward 2 aldermen are to be elected therein at the same time, 1 of them shall be elected for 1 year, and 1 for 2 years, and the term of each shall be designated on the ballot.

**History:** 1895, Act 215, Eff. Aug. 30, 1895 ;-- CL 1897, 2979 ;-- CL 1915, 2895 ;-- CL 1929, 1819 ;-- CL 1948, 83.4

