



Want to drive the line that was created in 2019 and divides Congressional Districts 5 & 10 in Hickory and northeast Catawba County?

Tips before you begin:

- Directions start at the city limits; US321 Bridge
- However, you may drive any segments you like.
- From the bridge, US District 5 is on the left; District 10 is on the right. **See Figure 1.**
- Because it is Hickory, *landmarks* are included.
- August 5-9, yard signs will be along the route.
- This sheet is printable.
- Accompanying maps are on next page.
- Be careful out there. This route is not straight!



28th Ave NE, Districts 5 and 10
Safely taken photos are encouraged. Beside the line is fine!



Selfie Shots. Along the way, find a favorite or interesting spot—at or around the line. Take a selfie. Give the location and tell which district it is in. Let’s create a photo album on the League’s website called---*Who Is on the Line?* Photos may be used (again, without names) on FB and Twitter. Scan the QR to send the photo to the League of Women Voters of Catawba Valley or email it to info.lwvcv@gmail.com.



DIRECTIONS

1. Start on Old Lenoir Road at the Hickory city limits, just east of US 321 near the railroad tracks, heading southeast. *Arby’s*
2. Turn left on Old Lenoir Road for a short distance.
3. Turn left on 12th Avenue, NW (Geitner Road).
4. At the intersection with 6th Street, NW, turn right.
5. Turn left on 9th Avenue, NW.
6. At the fork, take the right fork on 9th Avenue Drive, NW.
7. At the intersection with 4th Street Drive, NW, turn left.
8. Turn right on 9th Avenue, NW. As you cross Center Street, it changes to NE.
9. Turn left on 2nd Street, NE (NC 127)
10. Turn right on 11th Avenue, NE. *Kedplasma*
11. At the intersection with 3rd Street, NE, take a sharp left turn. *Café Rule*



12. At 14th Avenue, NE, take a right. Go 1/2 block. On the right is *Hickory High School*.

13. Turn left (north) on 3rd Street Drive, NE

14. Turn left on 16th Avenue, NE.

15. At the intersection with N. Center Street (NC 127), turn right (north).

16. At 28th Avenue, NE turn right. *Mt. Olive Lutheran Church*

17. When 28th meets Falling Creek at the private bridge, the boundary then follows roughly along the Creek, so there is no road to follow. If you followed 28th to the creek, turn around and come back to 2nd Street, NE (behind *Publix*) and turn north (right). This is a gerrymandered triangle that divides neighborhoods and a voting precinct. Would 29th Avenue have been a more natural boundary? **See Figure 2.**

18. Turn right (east) on 29th Avenue, NE. Cross the creek; you are back on the boundary line. The street name changes to 29th Avenue Drive, NE.

19. At the intersection with 16th Street, NE, turn left. *State Employees Credit Union*

20. At 33rd Avenue, NE, turn right. **From this point, you will be in, out and beside the city limits.**

21. At Kool Park Road, NE, turn right.

22. At Springs Road, NE, turn right (south). You are now encountering another gerrymandered outcropping of the district boundary. **See Figure 3.** Would Springs Road have been a more natural boundary?

23. Turn left on Section House Road. *Quality Mart*

24. Go left on Sipe Road. *White wooden fence*

25. At the intersection with County Home Road, turn left.

26. When you reach Springs Road, NE (AGAIN), turn left (west).

27. At Sulphur Springs Road, NE, turn right (north). *Cowboy Country Store* Go ~2.5 miles (past a series of avenues in the 40's.

28. After two+ miles, begin to look for 37th STREET Drive, NE on the left and be prepared to turn around. There is NO OUTLET to this street. The line goes nearly a mile down 37th Street Drive NE, ultimately through private property and into the lake.

You have successfully come to the area at the end of the congressional district line in Catawba County! Do you think Hickory and this area of Catawba County should be divided into two districts?

Thanks for taking the drive. Please email any selfies/photos you have taken along the route to the address connected with the scan or to info.lwvcv@gmail.com. Please include where the photo was taken and which district it is in. We will add pictures to our *Who Is on the Line?* photo album on the website lwvcv.org and, possibly, to our social media accounts: [FB \(League of Women Voters of Catawba Valley\)](#) and [Twitter \(@LWVCatawba\)](#).



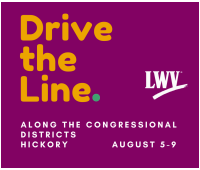


Figure 1

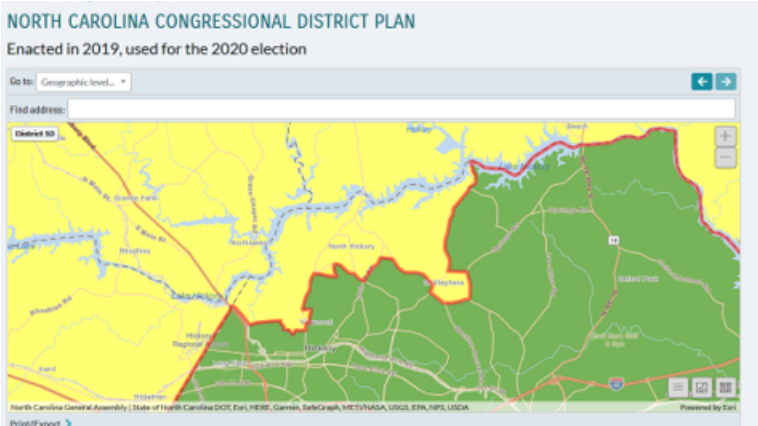


Figure 2

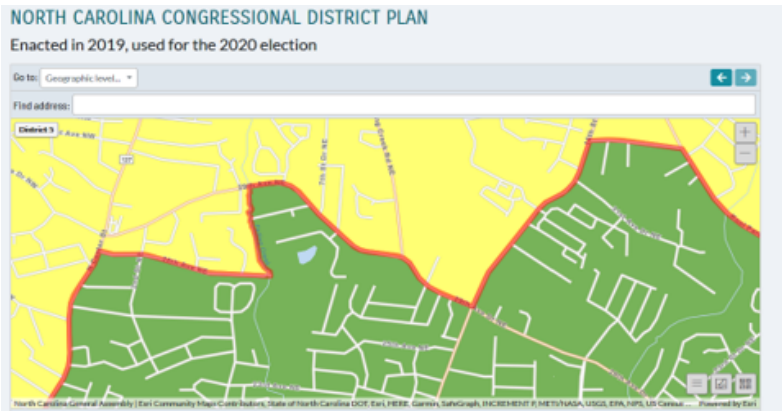


Figure 3

