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FIFTHS

1931-2022

The first 4 years of Ashville City Council were served by
9 members each year (9x4 = 36), while the next
88 years were served by 7 members each year
(88x7) + 36 = 652

652 Total years of service by Asheville City Council members
56 of these years served by black Asheville citizens
56 / 652 x 100 = 8.6% average black representation on Asheville City Council for its

1 / 7.09 x 100 = 14.1% The historic percentage of representation by each seat on Asheville City Council

Therefore, three-fifths of one seat on Asheville City Council would be... 8.46%

If we subtract the years of service by the 2022 Council

652 - 7 = 645 (total) and 56 - 3 = 53 (black)

53 / 645 x 100 = 8.2%

That sometime in 2022, during the service of Councilwomen Smith, Mosley, and Kilgore the entire history of black representation on Asheville City Council finally passed the 3/5ths-of-a-full-seat mark


Congratulations!