



ORDINANCE NO. 3767

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FARMERS BRANCH, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING CITY COUNCIL DISTRICTS; IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 7.10 OF THE CITY CHARTER OF THE CITY OF FARMERS BRANCH, TEXAS, PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Section 7.10 of the City Charter requires the City Council to appoint a redistricting commission (the "Commission") every ten (10) years beginning January 2022 to review City Council District boundaries in order to maintain a substantial equality of population in each City Council District; and

WHEREAS, on November 16, 2021, the City Council approved Resolution No. 2021-166 adopting criteria for use in the 2022 redistricting process; and

WHEREAS, on January 4, 2022, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2022-08 appointing the members of the Commission; and

WHEREAS, after nine (9) public meetings at which various options were discussed, on May 11, 2022, the Commission unanimously voted to recommend to the City Council the adoption of Proposed Redistricting Map No. 7 as its preferred option and Proposed Redistricting Map No. 4 as its secondary option, which recommendation was presented to the City Council in the Final Report of the Commission on June 7, 2022; and

WHEREAS, on June 7, 2022, the City Council conducted a public hearing and reviewed the recommended City Council District Boundary options; and

WHEREAS, on July 26, 2022, the City Council conducted a workshop to consider the final report of the Commission, at which was considered additional proposed redistricting maps known as Proposed Redistricting Map Nos. 8 and 9; and

WHEREAS, on August 16, 2022, the City Council conducted a public hearing to receive public comment on Proposed Redistricting Map Nos. 7, 8, and 9, at which meeting the City Council remanded to the Commission for consideration Proposed Redistricting Map Nos. 8, and 9, in addition to Proposed Redistricting Map No. 7; and

WHEREAS, on September 14, 2022, the Commission reconsidered the request of the City Council to review Proposed Redistricting Map Nos. 7, 8, and 9, and, after considering all of said maps, unanimously voted to recommend to the City Council the adoption of Proposed Redistricting Map No. 7, which recommendation was presented to the City Council on October 25, 2022; and

WHEREAS, on October 25, 2022, the Commission, following remand of its report and recommendation by the City Council, presented to the City Council its findings and recommendation to adopt Proposed Redistricting Map No. 7; and

WHEREAS, on October 25, 2022, the City Council again remanded the final report to the Commission with a request for additional findings regarding the Commission's recommendation; and

WHEREAS, on November 15, 2022, the Commission, following remand of its report and recommendation by the City Council, presented to the City Council its findings and recommendation to adopt Proposed Redistricting Map No. 7; and

WHEREAS, after considering applicable law and the provisions of Section 7.10 of the City Charter, the Commission's recommendation following remand, and comments received from the public, the City Council of the City of that City Council finds that adoption of Proposed Redistricting Map No. 7 is in the best interest of the City and its inhabitants and that such option provides a substantial equality of population in each district, and desires to establish the City Council Districts as described herein, which are based on the equality of population.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FARMERS BRANCH, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1. The recitals of this Ordinance are incorporated herein and found by the City Council to be true and correct.

SECTION 2. In accordance with Section 7.10 of the City Charter, the boundaries of City Council Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, City Council District Boundary Map attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by reference, is hereby approved and shall be effective for purposes of determining the eligibility of candidates for election to the City Council beginning with the general election to be conducted in May 2023.

SECTION 3. All provisions of the ordinances of the City of Farmers Branch in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance be, and the same are hereby, repealed, and all other provisions of the ordinances of the City of Farmers Branch not in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. Should any sentence, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase or section of this Ordinance be adjudged or held to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole, or any part or provision thereof other than the part so decided to be invalid, illegal or unconstitutional, and shall not affect the validity of the Code of Ordinances as a whole.

SECTION 7. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage as the law and charter in such cases provide to be first used for the City's election to be held in May 2023.

**DULY PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FARMERS BRANCH,
TEXAS, ON THIS THE 15TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2022.**

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Stacy Henderson, TRMC, City Secretary

David Merritt, Mayor Pro Tem

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Peter G. Smith, City Attorney
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Exhibit “A” – City Council District Map Adopted October 25, 2022

