

Farmers Branch 2022 Redistricting Commission Scorecard Results	Map 7				Map 8				Map 9			
	April 27, 2022				November 9, 2022				November 9, 2022			
1.) Does the map have easily identifiable geographic boundaries?	Yes	11	No	0	Yes	10	No	0	Yes	6	No	4
2.) Does the map maintain communities of interest and neighborhoods in single districts?	Yes	11	No	0	Yes	9	No	1	Yes	9	No	1
3.) Does the map utilize districts composed of whole voting precincts?	Yes	0	No	11	Yes	0	No	10	Yes	0	No	10
4.) Does the map split census blocks?	Yes	0	No	11	Yes	0	No	10	Yes	0	No	10
5.) Does the map reflect new population distribution based on the existing districts?	Yes	11	No	0	Yes	10	No	0	Yes	10	No	0
6.) Does the map have a total district population deviation of 10% or less when compared to the ideal size?	Yes	11	No	0	Yes	10	No	0	Yes	10	No	0
7.) Does the map utilize compact districts composed of contiguous territory?	Yes	11	No	0	Yes	10	No	0	Yes	10	No	0
8.) Does the map preserve incumbent-constituency and potential candidate relations?	Yes	11	No	0	Yes	10	No	0	Yes	10	No	0
9.) Is the map narrowly tailored to avoid racial gerrymandering?	Yes	11	No	0	Yes	10	No	0	Yes	10	No	0
10.) Does the map fragment a geographically compact minority community or pack minority voters?	Yes	0	No	11	Yes	0	No	10	Yes	0	No	10
11.) Does the map comply with the criteria set forth in Section 7.10(c) of the City Charter?	Yes	11	No	0	Yes	10	No	0	Yes	10	No	0
<b>Notes: City Charter Section 7.10(c) and Resolution R2021-166 served as the official guideline for all scorecard questions.</b>												

*April 27, 2022 - Redistricting Commission voted unanimously (11 Yes / 0 No) for Map 6 as the primary recommendation and Map 4 as the secondary recommendation.*

*May 11, 2022 (Post Election) - Redistricting Commission voted unanimously (10 Yes / 0 No) for Map 7 to supersede Map 6 as the Commission's primary recommendation.*

*September 14, 2022 (1st Reconvene) - Redistricting Commission voted unanimously (9 Yes / 0 No) to keep the original recommendation of Map 7 with regards to new Maps 8 & 9.*

*November 9, 2022 (2nd Reconvene) - Redistricting Commission voted 6 Yes / 4 No in favor of Map 8 over Map 9 and concluded with a final vote of 8 Yes / 2 No in favor of Map 7 over Map 8.*

# Farmers Branch, Texas - Code of Ordinances

## CHARTER

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### ARTICLE VII. - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

#### Sec. 7.10. Establishment, review and revision of Council District boundaries.

- (a) The City is divided into five (5) districts, known as Districts 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 as described in the Judgment of United States District Court in Fabela v. City of Farmers Branch, No. 3:10-CV-1425-D (N.D. Tex.) (January 31, 2018).
- (b) The Council shall appoint a redistricting commission, starting in January 2022, and every ten (10) years thereafter, to review the District boundaries in order to maintain a substantial equality of population in each District. The redistricting commission shall advise the Council, which shall within six (6) months after appointment fix the boundaries of the Districts by ordinance, if necessary. The Mayor and each member of the Council shall appoint at least one member of the redistricting commission. The Council shall designate the chair of the redistricting commission. In making such appointments, the Council shall, as nearly as may be practicable, provide fair and balanced representation of all geographical areas of the city in the redistricting process and provide a total membership that reflects the racial and ethnic makeup of the city's population. Members of the redistricting commission shall be appointed to serve a term that will end upon completion of the redistricting commission's work. Persons appointed to the redistricting commission must be qualified voters and meet the qualifications for service on a City board. A member of the Council is not eligible for appointment to the redistricting commission. A member of the redistricting commission is not eligible to be a candidate for Council in the next succeeding general election of the city, and may not be appointed or elected to the Council for a period of one year after service on the redistricting commission.
- (c) The redistricting commission shall draw the districts in compliance with the following guidelines:
  - (1) The districts shall be substantially equal in population according to the total population count as presented in the census data, except where deviation is required to comply with federal law or is allowable by law;
  - (2) In addition to the requirements of federal law, there shall be no discrimination on the basis of race, color, or membership in a language minority group, and the voting strength of racial, ethnic, and language minorities in the districts shall not be diluted to deprive minority voters of an equal opportunity to elect a candidate of their choice;
  - (3) The districts shall be geographically compact, to the extent possible, and composed of contiguous territory;
  - (4) The reconfiguration of districts shall be neutral as to incumbents or potential candidates; and
  - (5) To the extent practicable, communities of interest shall be placed in a single district and attempts should be made to avoid splitting neighborhoods, where possible, without violating the other requirements or applicable laws.

( Ord. No. 3503, Exh. A, 5-15-2018 )



**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-166**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FARMERS BRANCH, TEXAS, ADOPTING CRITERIA FOR USE IN 2022 REDISTRICTING PROCESS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**WHEREAS**, this City Council of the City of Farmers Branch, Texas, (the “Council”) has certain responsibilities for redistricting under federal and state law including, but not limited to, Amendments 14 and 15 to the United States Constitution, U.S.C.A.; Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act, 52 U.S.C.A. §10301; Section 7.10 of the City Charter; and Tex. Gov’t Code Ann. §§ 2058.001 and 2058.002; and

**WHEREAS**, a review of the 2020 census data reveals that a population imbalance exists among the City’s councilmember districts requiring redistricting of those districts; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent of the City to comply with the Voting Rights Act and with all other relevant law, including *Shaw v. Reno* jurisprudence and Section 7.10 of the City Charter; and

**WHEREAS**, a set of established redistricting criteria will serve as a framework to guide the City in the formulation and consideration of districting plans; and

**WHEREAS**, redistricting criteria will provide the City a means by which to evaluate proposed plans; and

**WHEREAS**, redistricting criteria will assist the City in its efforts to comply with all applicable federal and state laws; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 7.10 of the City Charter requires the Council to appoint a redistricting commission (the “Commission”) to review the 2020 census data as it relates to council district boundaries and to advise the Council on how to fix the boundaries of the various council districts in order to maintain substantial equality of population within each council district; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Farmers Branch, Texas, finds it to be in the public interest to establish criteria to be followed by the Commission and the City Council in reviewing the exiting council district boundaries and revising those boundaries to conform with applicable federal and state law.

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

**SECTION 1.** The following criteria are hereby adopted and shall, to the greatest extent possible, be followed by the Commission in reviewing and recommending the revisions to council district boundaries and by the City Council in the adoption of such revised boundaries:

**A.** To the extent practicable:

- (1) Easily identifiable geographic boundaries should be followed;
- (2) Communities of interest should be maintained in a single district, and attempts should be made to avoid splitting neighborhoods;
- (3) Councilmember districts should be composed of whole voting precincts; provided, however, when the foregoing is not possible or practicable, districts should be drawn considering county election precincts;
- (4) Avoid splitting census blocks unless necessary;
- (5) While recognizing existing district boundaries will need to be altered to reflect new population distribution in the City, any districting plan should be based on existing districts;
- (6) Districts must be configured so they are relatively equal in total population according to the 2020 federal census. In no event should the total population deviation between the largest and the smallest district exceed ten percent (10%) as compared to the ideal precinct size;
- (7) The districts should be compact and composed of contiguous territory. Compactness may contain a functional, as well as a geographical, dimension;
- (8) Consideration may be given to the preservation of incumbent-constituency relations by recognition of the residence of incumbents and their history in representing certain areas;
- (9) The plan should be narrowly tailored to avoid racial gerrymandering in violation of Shaw v. Reno;
- (10) The plan should not fragment a geographically compact minority community or pack minority voters in the presence of polarized voting or otherwise discriminate against protected groups so as to create liability under the Voting Rights Act;
- (11) Any plan shall comply with the criteria set forth in Section 7.10(c) of the City Charter. To the extent of any irreconcilable conflict between the criteria set forth in this resolution and Section 7.10(c) of the City Charter, the provisions of the City Charter shall prevail.

- B. The Commission and the City Council will review all plans considering these criteria and will evaluate how well each plan conforms to the criteria.
- C. Any plan submitted to the City Council by a citizen or other third party for its consideration should be a complete plan—*i.e.*, it should include all 5 councilmember

districts and should redistrict the entire City. The Commission and the City Council may decline to consider any plan that is not a complete plan.

- D. All plans submitted by citizens, as well as plans submitted by staff, consultants, and members of the City Council should conform to these criteria.

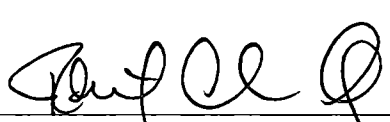
**SECTION 2.** This resolution shall be effective immediately upon approval.

**PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FARMERS  
BRANCH, TEXAS, THIS 16<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER 2021.**

ATTEST:

  
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Amy Piukang, City Secretary

APPROVED:

  
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Robert C. Dye, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Peter G. Smith, City Attorney  
(kbl:11/4/2021:125840)

**Farmers Branch 2022 Redistricting Map Score Card**

**Map Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Comments:**

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Redistricting Commission Attendance Matrix\*

District	Member Name	November 9th	September 14th	May 11th	April 27th	April 13th	March 23rd	March 9th	March 2nd	February 9th	January 19th
Non-Voting Chair (Mayor)	Bronson Blackson	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
District 4 (Mayor)	Calcy Root	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	<b>Absent</b>	Present	Present	Present
District 1	Lauren Sanchez	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	<b>Absent</b>	Present	Present	Present	Present
District 1	Vanessa Van Noy Smith	Present	Present	<b>Absent</b>	Present	<b>Absent</b>	Present	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Absent</b>	Present	Present
District 1 Alternate	Natalie Lundsteen	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Absent</b>	Present	Present	<b>Absent</b>	Present	<b>Absent</b>
District 2	Christy Dimon	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	<b>Absent</b>
District 2	Jorge Gonzales	Present	<b>Absent</b>	Present	Present	Present	<b>Absent</b>	Present	Present	Present	Present
District 2 Alternate	Lacey Pittman Tomanek	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Absent</b>	Present
District 3	August Martin	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
District 3	Jessica Zavala	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
District 3 Alternate	Nancy Hardie	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	<b>Absent</b>	Present	Present
District 4	David Koch	Present	Present	Present	Present	<b>Absent</b>	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
District 4	Luis Currea	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Absent</b>	Present	Present	<b>Absent</b>	Present	Present	<b>Absent</b>	Present	Present
District 4 Alternate	Deborah Bowe	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Absent</b>	N/A	N/A
District 5	Michael Rogan	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
District 5	Delia Gonzales	<b>Absent</b>	Present	Present	Present	Present	<b>Absent</b>	Present	Present	Present	Present
District 5 Alternate	Stacey Baker	Present	<b>Absent</b>	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present

\*Attendance was taken at the 20 minute mark of each meeting.