



RESOLUTION NO. 2021-170

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FARMERS BRANCH, TEXAS, ADOPTING GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES FOR PERSONS SUBMITTING SPECIFIC REDISTRICTING PROPOSALS AND PROVIDING COMMENTS RELATING TO THE ADJUSTMENT TO CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES BASED ON THE 2020 CENSUS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Farmers Branch, Texas, (the “Council”) has certain responsibilities for redistricting the City’s councilmember districts under federal and state law including, but not limited to, Amendments 14 and 15 to the United States Constitution, U.S.C.A. and 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, it is necessary to provide for the orderly consideration and evaluation of redistricting plans which may come before the Council; and

WHEREAS, these guidelines relate to persons who have specific redistricting plans they wish the Council to consider; and

WHEREAS, the Council also welcomes any comments relevant to the redistricting process; and

WHEREAS, in order to better ensure that any comments regarding the redistricting process and any redistricting plan that might be submitted are of maximum assistance to the Council in its decision-making process, the Council finds it to be in the public interest to establish certain guidelines and procedures for the submission of comments or a redistricting plan for consideration.

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

SECTION 1. The following guidelines and procedures are hereby established with respect to the submission by persons submitting a comment or a redistricting plan for consideration by the Redistricting Commission(the “Commission”) to be appointed pursuant to Section 7.10 of the City Charter and the City Council:

- A.** To ensure that all proposals are fully and accurately considered, and to reduce opportunities for misunderstanding or errors in analysis of plans submitted by third parties, proposed plans must be submitted in writing and be legible. Oral submissions of proposed plans will not be considered.
- B.** Any plan must show the total population and voting age population for African-Americans, Hispanics, Asians, and Anglo/Other for each proposed council district based on the 2020 Census Data. If a plan is submitted without a population breakdown, the Commission and Council may not have sufficient information to give it full consideration.

- C. Plans should redistrict the entire City. The Commission and Council will be considering the effect of any plan on the entire City. Any plan is subject to the Voting Rights Act, which protects various racial and language minorities. Thus, as a matter of federal law, the Commission and Council will be required to consider the effect of any proposal on multiple racial and ethnic groups. If a plan does not redistrict the entire City, it may be impossible for the Council to assess its impact on one or more protected minority groups.
- D. The City Council desires any plans submitted be reviewed and considered by the Commission along with options for plans being recommended by the City's consultants. Therefore, any plans submitted to the City pursuant to these guidelines must be submitted not later than February 1, 2022, unless such deadline is extended by the Commission based on the schedule established by the Commission for consideration and recommendation to the City Council pursuant to Section 7.10 of the City Charter.
- E. Plans should conform to the redistricting criteria the Commission and Council will be using in drawing the council districts as established by Section 7.10(c) of the City Charter and Resolution No. 2021-166.
- F. Comments must be submitted in writing and be legible, even if the person also makes the comments orally at a public hearing.
- G. Persons providing comments and those submitting proposed plans must identify themselves by full name and home address and provide a phone number and, if available, an email address. The Commission and/or City Council may wish to follow up on such comments or obtain additional information about submitted plans.
- H. All comments on proposed plans must be submitted to the City Council by the close of the public hearing conducted on the plan or plans being considered.

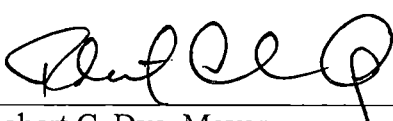
SECTION 2. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon approval.

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

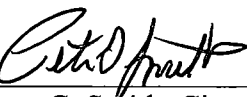
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APPROVED:


Robert C. Dye, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Peter G. Smith, City Attorney
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