

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-07

THE STATE OF TEXAS

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THE CITY OF WINTERS

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**GUIDELINES FOR PERSONS SUBMITTING
SPECIFIC REDISTRICTING PROPOSALS
AND PROVIDING COMMENTS**

WHEREAS, this City Board of Aldermen has certain responsibilities for redistricting the City's alderman 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; 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 City Board of Aldermen; and

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen also welcomes any comments relevant to the redistricting process;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, in order to make sure that any comments regarding the redistricting process and any redistricting plan that might be submitted are of maximum assistance to the Board of Aldermen in its decision-making process, the Board of Aldermen hereby sets the following guidelines to be followed by each person submitting a comment or a redistricting plan for consideration:

1. Proposed plans must be submitted in writing and be legible. If a plan is submitted orally, there is significant opportunity for misunderstanding, and it is possible that errors may be made in analyzing it. The Board of Aldermen wants to be sure that all proposals are fully and accurately considered.
2. Any plan must show the total population and voting age population for African-Americans, Hispanics, Asians, and Anglo/Other for each proposed alderman district based on the 2020 Census Data. If a plan is submitted without a population breakdown, the Board of Aldermen may not have sufficient information to give it full consideration.
3. Plans should redistrict the entire City. The Board of Aldermen 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 Board of Aldermen 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 Board of Aldermen to assess its impact on one or more protected minority groups.

4. Plans should conform to the redistricting criteria the Board of Aldermen will be using in drawing the alderman districts.
5. Comments must be submitted in writing and be legible, even if the person also makes the comments orally at a public hearing.
6. 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 Board of Aldermen may wish to follow up on such comments or obtain additional information about submitted plans.
7. All comments and proposed plans must be submitted to the City Board of Aldermen by the close of the public hearing.

This resolution shall be effective upon passage by the City Board of Aldermen.

BE IT SO ORDERED.

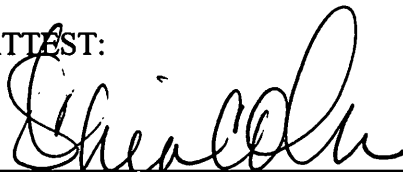
Adopted on this 27th day of June 2022.

City of Winters, Texas



Mark Burkhart, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sheila Lincoln, City Secretary