

RESOLUTION NO. R-22-019

THE STATE OF TEXAS

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THE CITY OF BRENHAM

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

WHEREAS, this City Council has certain responsibilities for redistricting the City's councilmember wards 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 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;

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 Council in its decision-making process, the Council 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 Council 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 council ward based on the 2020 Census Data. If a plan is submitted without a population breakdown, the Council may not have sufficient information to give it full consideration.
3. Plans should redistrict the entire City. The 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 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.

4. Plans should conform to the redistricting criteria the Council will be using in drawing the wards.
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 Council 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 Council by the close of the public hearing.

This resolution shall be effective upon passage by the City Council.

BE IT SO ORDERED.

Adopted on this 7th day of April 2022.

City of Brenham, Texas



Milton Y. Tate, Jr.
Milton Y. Tate, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeana Bellinger
Jeana Bellinger, TRMC, CMC, City Secretary