



Regular City Council
AGENDA ITEM 8.

Agenda Item: Discuss and Possibly Act Upon an Ordinance on Its First Reading Adopting a Final Redistricting Plan

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting-May 19, 2022

Department: Administration

Staff Contact: Jeana Bellinger

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

This item is for the approval of the first reading of an ordinance adopting the Draft Plan C as the final redistricting plan. The changes to the Wards outlined in this ordinance will take effect on January 1, 2023; in time for the May 2023 General Election.

ATTACHMENTS:

(1) Ordinance for First Reading

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve an Ordinance on its first reading adopting a final redistricting plan.

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRENHAM, TEXAS, APPROVING THE REDISTRICTING OF THE CITY’S SINGLE-MEMBER COUNCIL WARDS AND ESTABLISHING NEW WARD BOUNDARY LINES FOR THE CITY OF BRENHAM’S CITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS BASED ON 2020 CENSUS DATA AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the results of the 2020 federal Census have been considered and indicate that the City of Brenham’s single-member council wards are sufficiently out of population balance to require redistricting in order to comply with the “one-person, one-vote” (equal population) principle established by the U.S. Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brenham (the “City”) engaged the law firm of Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLP to act as the City’s redistricting consultant, including advising and assisting the City Council in preparation of a new redistricting plan in compliance with applicable requirements of state and federal law; and

WHEREAS, on April 7, 2022, the City Council adopted redistricting criteria to assist the City and the public in developing redistricting plans which comply with applicable federal and state laws, and the adopted redistricting criteria were applied in the development of the City’s new redistricting plan; and

WHEREAS, on April 7, 2022, the City Council also adopted redistricting guidelines regarding the submission of comments and proposed plans by the public, to ensure the ability of the City to timely receive and adequately consider them; and

WHEREAS, during the redistricting process the City provided notice to the public of its proposed discussions and development of a redistricting plan through meeting agendas posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, notices on the City’s website, including regarding a public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered proposed redistricting plans at City Council meetings on April 7, 2022, May 5, 2022, and May 19, 2022, and at public hearings held on May 19, 2022, and advice from the City’s redistricting consultant, and various proposed plans regarding the appropriate reconfiguration of the council member wards; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the attached city council wared redistricting plan is in the best interest of the citizens of the City, complies with the adopted redistricting criteria, and is believed to comply with all state and federal requirements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRENHAM, TEXAS:

A. That the existing single-member council ward boundary lines for the City of Brenham are hereby amended, and the new districting plan depicted on the map attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, defining new wards as such new wards are further described in the tables attached hereto as **Exhibit B** reporting populations and demographic statistics for each such new ward, is hereby adopted and designated to define the City’s five single-member council wards from and after the Effective Date; that **Exhibits A** and **B** are incorporated by reference in and made a part of this Ordinance, and shall be kept on file in the City Secretary’s Office.

B. That this Ordinance shall take and be given effect on January 1, 2023 and that hereafter all City Council elections shall be held under and in accordance with the new single-member council ward districting plan here adopted by the City Council until such time as a subsequent lawfully-enacted districting plan shall be adopted to replace this plan. *CLARIFYING NOTE: This plan will define the city council wards for which candidates will run in the May 2023 city elections.*

PASSED AND APPROVED on its first reading this the ____ day of _____, 2022.

PASSED AND APPROVED on its second reading this the ____ day of _____, 2022.

Milton Y. Tate, Jr.
Mayor

ATTEST:

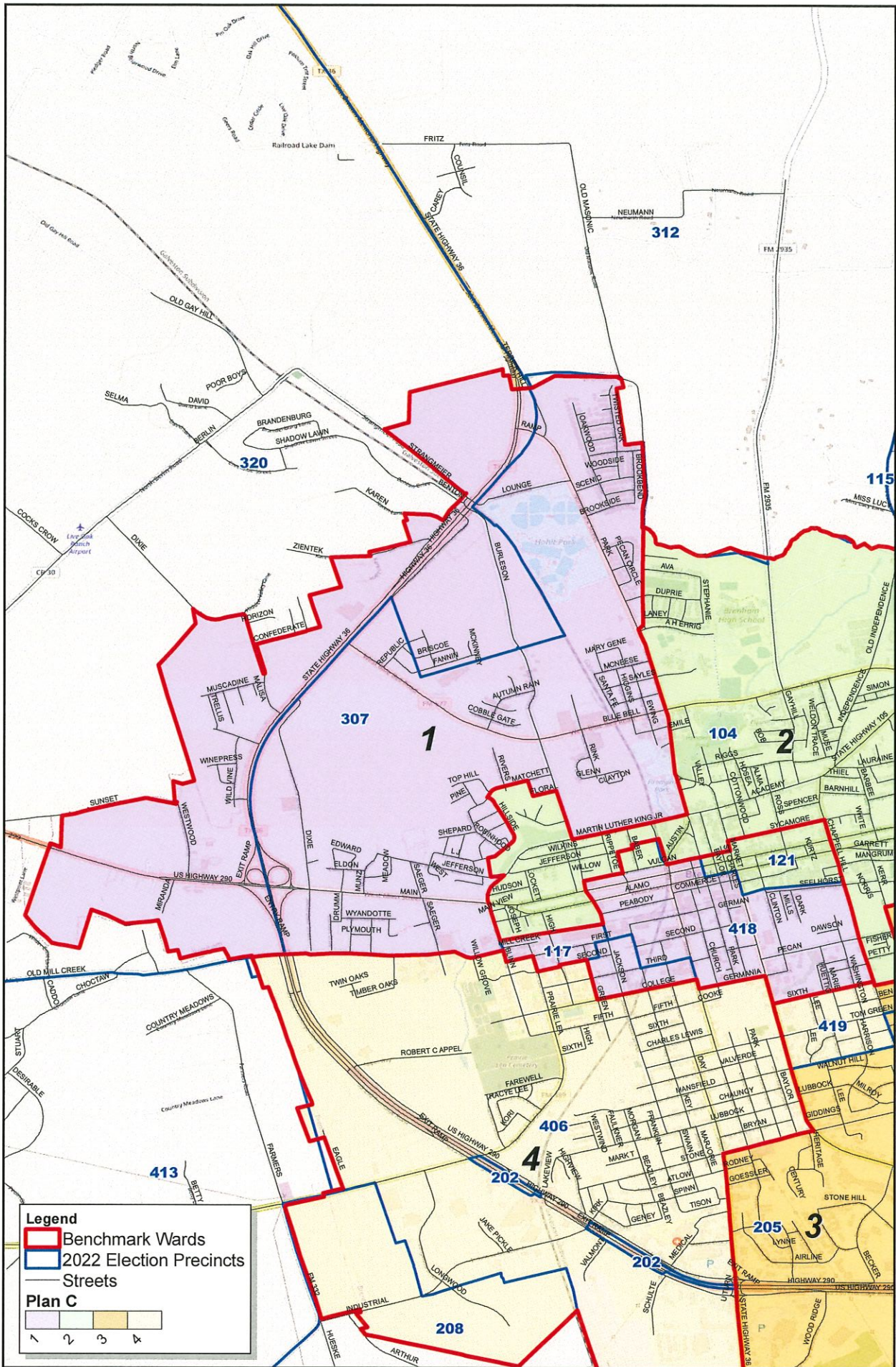
Jeana Bellinger, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary


APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Cary L. Bovey
City Attorney

EXHIBIT A

Maps

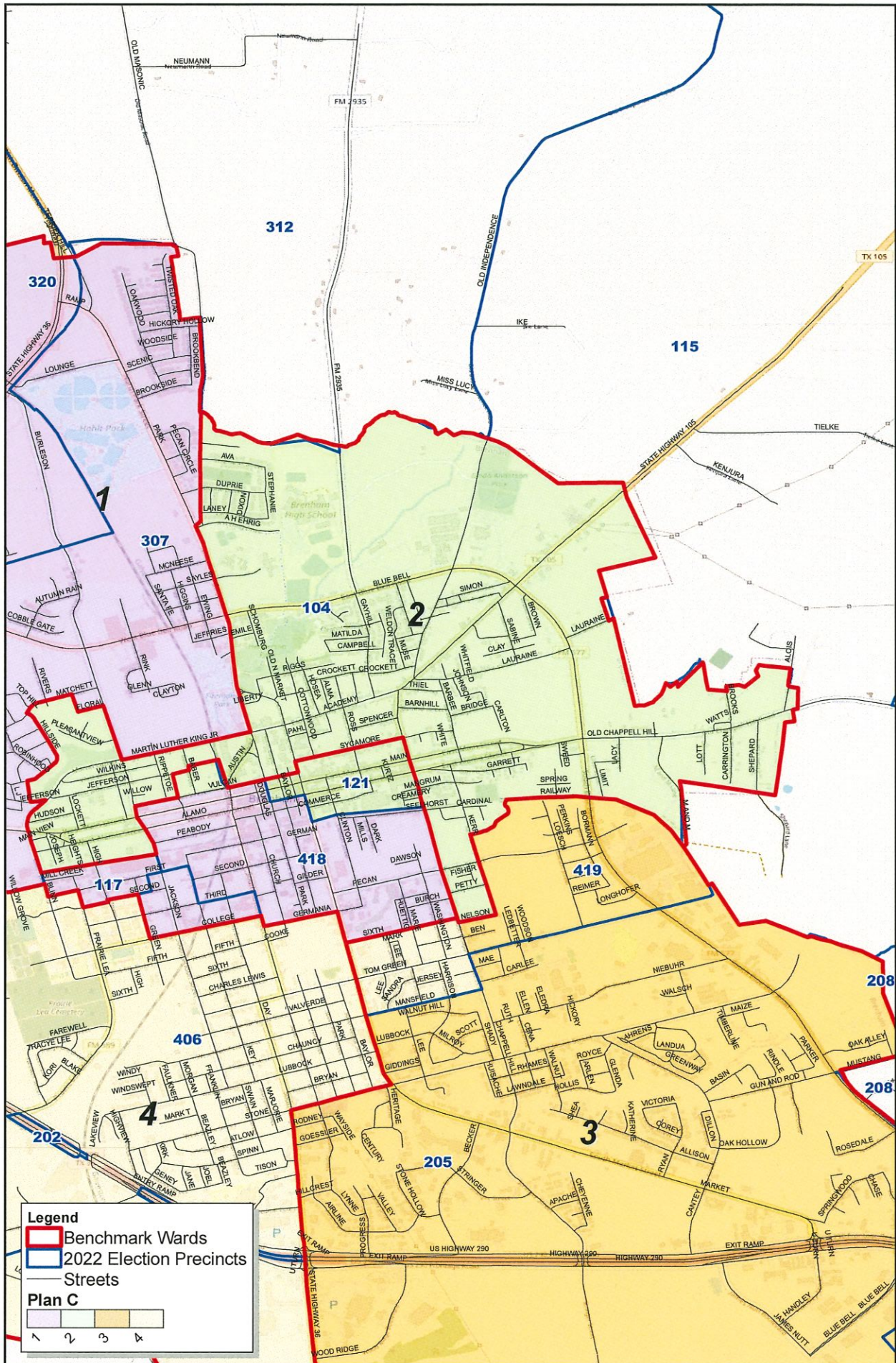



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City of Brenham Council Wards - Plan C Ward 1

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Legend

- Benchmark Wards
- 2022 Election Precincts
- Streets

Plan C



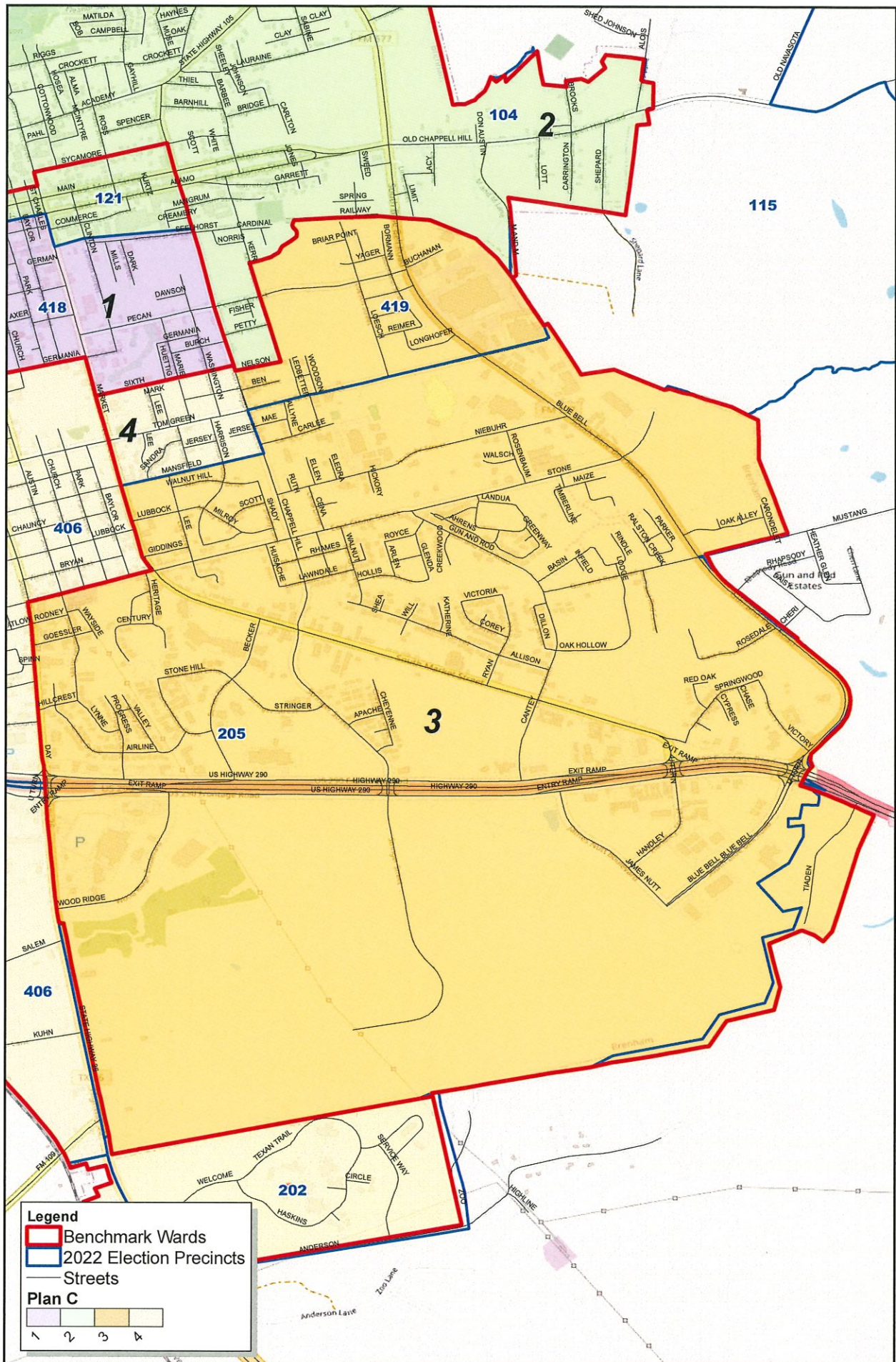
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City of Brenham Council Wards - Plan C Ward 2

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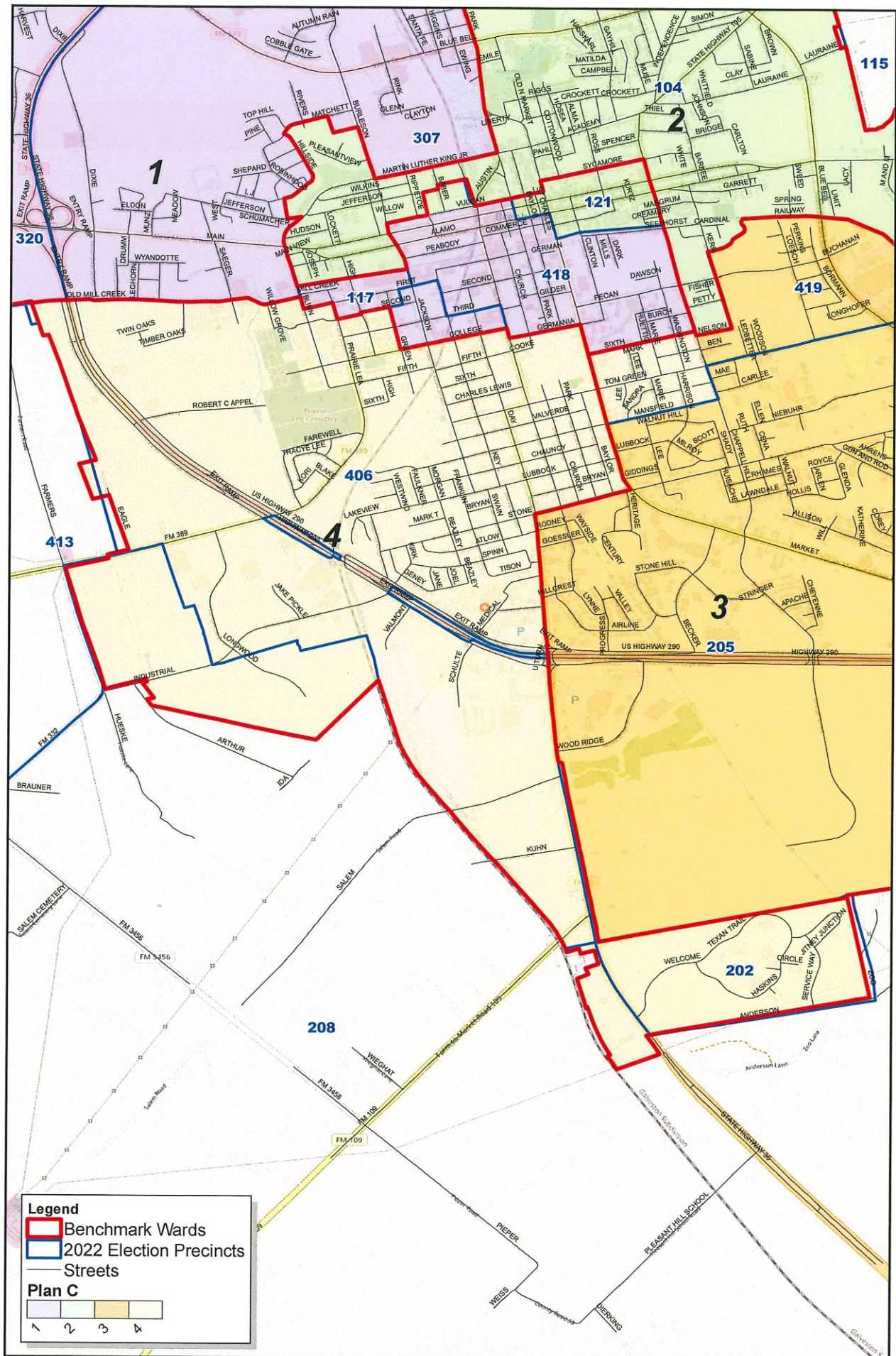
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City of Brenham Council Wards - Plan C Ward 3

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Legend

- Benchmark Wards
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City of Brenham Council Wards - Plan C Ward 4

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EXHIBIT B

Tables

Plan Name: Brenham City: Council Wards - Plan C

Demographics Report - Detailed 2020 Census Total Population

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District	Persons	Ideal Size	Deviation	Hispanic	Hispanic % of Total Population	ANGLO	Non-Hispanic Anglo % of Total Population	Black	Black % of Total Population	Asian	Asian % of Total Population	AM Indian Native	IND / NAT % TOT Pop.	Haw Pac. Isl.	HAW/ PAC % of Total Pop.	Other	Other % of Total Pop.	Two or More Races	Two or More Races % Tot Pop
1	4,456	4,342	2.62%	967	21.70%	2,362	53.01%	803	18.02%	150	3.37%	15	0.34%	2	0.04%	10	0.22%	149	3.34%
2	4,149	4,342	-4.45%	1,087	26.20%	1,207	29.09%	1,644	39.62%	56	1.35%	10	0.24%	0	0.00%	15	0.36%	130	3.13%
3	4,353	4,342	0.25%	499	11.46%	3,096	71.12%	493	11.33%	136	3.12%	4	0.09%	2	0.05%	15	0.34%	108	2.48%
4	4,411	4,342	1.58%	1,070	24.26%	2,164	49.06%	900	20.40%	92	2.09%	7	0.16%	10	0.23%	22	0.50%	147	3.33%
TOTAL:	17,369			3,623	20.86%	8,829	50.83%	3,840	22.11%	434	2.50%	36	0.21%	14	0.08%	62	0.36%	534	3.07%

Ideal Size: 17369 / 4 = 4342

Total Population: 17,369

Overall Deviation: 7.07%

Some percentages may be subject to rounding errors.

Plan Name: Brenham City: Council Wards - Plan C
Demographics Report - Detailed 2020 Census Voting Age Population

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District	Total VAP	Hispanic VAP	% Hispanic VAP	Anglo VAP	% Anglo VAP	Black VAP	% Black VAP	Asian VAP	% Asian VAP	AM IND NATIVE VAP	% AM IND NATIVE VAP	HAW/PAC VAP	% HAW/PAC VAP	Other VAP	% Other VAP	Two or More Races VAP	% Two or more VAP
1	3,405	659	19.35%	1,953	57.36%	584	17.15%	123	3.61%	12	0.35%	2	0.06%	10	0.29%	63	1.85%
2	3,109	697	22.42%	1,015	32.65%	1,277	41.07%	32	1.03%	5	0.16%	0	0.00%	10	0.32%	73	2.35%
3	3,398	292	8.59%	2,594	76.34%	328	9.65%	115	3.38%	4	0.12%	2	0.06%	2	0.06%	61	1.80%
4	3,632	716	19.71%	1,906	52.48%	796	21.92%	75	2.06%	7	0.19%	10	0.28%	20	0.55%	104	2.86%
TOTALS:	13,544	2,364	17.45%	7,468	55.14%	2,985	22.04%	345	2.55%	28	0.21%	14	0.10%	42	0.31%	301	2.22%

* VAP - Voting Age Population

Some percentages may be subject to rounding errors.

Demographics Report - Summary 2020 Census Total Population

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District	Persons	Ideal Size	Deviation	Hispanic % of Total Population	Non-Hispanic White % of Total Population	Non-Hispanic Black % of Total Population	Non-Hispanic Asian % of Total Population	Non-Hispanic Other % of Total Population
1	4,456	4,342	2.62%	21.70%	53.01%	18.02%	3.37%	3.95%
2	4,149	4,342	-4.45%	26.20%	29.09%	39.62%	1.35%	3.74%
3	4,353	4,342	0.25%	11.46%	71.12%	11.33%	3.12%	2.96%
4	4,411	4,342	1.58%	24.26%	49.06%	20.40%	2.09%	4.22%
TOTAL:	17,369			20.86%	50.83%	22.11%	2.50%	3.72%

Ideal Size: 17369 / 4 = 4342

Total Population: 17,369

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Demographics Report - Summary 2020 Census Voting Age Population

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District	Total VAP*		Hispanic % of Total VAP	Non-Hispanic Anglo % of Total VAP	Non-Hispanic Black % of Total VAP	Non-Hispanic Asian % of Total VAP	Non-Hispanic Other % of Total VAP
1	3,405		19.35%	57.36%	17.15%	3.61%	2.56%
2	3,109		22.42%	32.65%	41.07%	1.03%	2.83%
3	3,398		8.59%	76.34%	9.65%	3.38%	2.03%
4	3,632		19.71%	52.48%	21.92%	2.06%	3.88%
	13,544		17.45%	55.14%	22.04%	2.55%	2.84%

* VAP - Voting Age Population

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