

RESOLUTION

NO. RS06-2022-80

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEBURNE, TEXAS
ADOPTING GUIDELINES FOR PERSONS SUBMITTING SPECIFIC
REDISTRICTING PROPOSALS AND PROVIDING COMMENTS; PROVIDING AN
EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, the City of Cleburne is a home rule city acting under its charter adopted by the electorate pursuant to Article XI, Section 5 of the Texas Constitution and Chapter 9 of the Local Government Code; and

WHEREAS, this City 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; Article I, Section 1.2 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, the guidelines are for persons who offer specific redistricting plans for Council consideration, or who offer comments regarding any proposed plan or the redistricting process generally; and

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

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

SECTION ONE. 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:

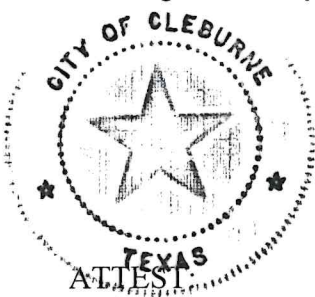
1. Proposed plans must be submitted in writing and be legible. If a plan is submitted orally, there is significant opportunity for misunderstanding, and it is possible that errors may be made in analyzing it. The Council wants to be sure that all proposals are fully and accurately considered.
2. Any plan must show the total population and voting age population for African-Americans, Hispanics, Asians, and Anglo/Other for each proposed council district 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 trustee 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 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.

SECTION FIVE. This resolution shall be effective immediately from and after its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 14th day of June, 2022 at a Regular Council Meeting of the City Council of the City of Cleburne, Texas.



CITY OF CLEBURNE

BY: 

Scott Cain, Mayor


Ivy Peterson, City Secretary