



**RESOLUTION NO. 23-0404-F3**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS ADOPTING GUIDELINES FOR PERSONS SUBMITTING SPECIFIC DISTRICTING PROPOSALS AND PROVIDING COMMENTS FOR THE INITIAL DISTRICTING OF THE CITY'S SINGLE MEMBER CITY COMMISSION WARDS.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Ennis has certain responsibilities for districting under federal and state law including but not limited to Amendments 14 and 15 to the United States Constitution, U.S.C.A.; 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 article 3(f) of the City Charter; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to provide for the orderly consideration and evaluation of districting plans which may come before the City Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, these guidelines relate to persons who have specific districting plans they wish the City Commission to consider; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission also welcomes any comments relevant to the districting process.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TX:**

**SECTION 1:** In order to make sure that any comments regarding the districting process and any districting plan that might be submitted are of maximum assistance to the City Commission in its decision-making process, the City Commission hereby sets the following guidelines to be followed by each person submitting a comment or a districting 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 City Commission 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 single-member city commission ward based on the 2020 Census Data. If a plan is submitted without a population breakdown, the City Commission may not have sufficient information to give it full consideration.
3. Plans should district the entire City. The City Commission 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 City Commission will be required to consider the effect of any proposal on multiple racial and ethnic groups. If a plan does not district the entire City, it may be impossible for the City Commission to assess its impact on one or more protected minority groups.

4. Plans should conform to the districting criteria the City Commission will be using in drawing the single member city commission wards.
5. Comments should 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 should identify themselves by full name and home address and provide a phone number and, if available, an email address. The City Commission 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 Commission by the close of the final public hearing on districting.

**SECTION 2:** This resolution shall be effective upon adoption by the City Commission.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by the City Commission of the City of Ennis, Texas on this 4th day of April, 2023.



ANGELINE JUENEMANN, Mayor

ATTEST:



ANGIE WADE, City Secretary

