

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

WHEREAS, the City Council has certain responsibilities for redistricting the City's council member districts 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

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

WHEREAS, these guidelines relate to persons who have specific redistricting plans they wish the City Council to consider; and

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

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

SECTION ONE. 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 City Council in its decision-making process, the City 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 City 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 member district based on the 2020 census data. If a plan is submitted without a population breakdown, the City Council may not have sufficient information to give it full consideration.
3. Plans should redistrict the entire City. The City 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 City 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 City Council to assess its impact on one or more protected minority groups.

4. Plans should conform to the redistricting criteria the City Council will be using in drawing the council member 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 City 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 TWO. This resolution shall be effective upon passage by the City Council.

On motion of Council member Norman, seconded by Council member Corrales, the above and foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Midland at a regular meeting on the 22nd day of February, A.D., 2022, by the following vote:


Council members voting "AYE": Corrales, Poole, Blong, Payton, Dufford, Ladd, Norman

Council members voting "NAY": None



Patrick N. Payton, Mayor

ATTEST:




Amy M. Turner, City Secretary

RECOMMENDED AND APPROVED:



Robert Patrick, City Manager

APPROVED AS TO FORM ONLY:



John Ohnemiller, City Attorney