CITY OF SEGUIN

STATE OF TEXAS RESOLUTION NO. 11R-37

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES FOR PERSONS SUBMITTING SPECIFIC REDISTRICTING PROPOSALS

WHEREAS, the City Council has certain responsibilities for redistricting under federal and state law including, but not limited to, the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution, the Voting Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1973, *et seq,* and under the City Charter; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined it is necessary to redistrict Councilmember Districts as a result of the 2010 decennial Census; and

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

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

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOVED by the City Council of the City of Seguin, Texas:

PART 1. In order to make sure that any redistricting plan that might be submitted is of maximum assistance to the City council in its decision making process, the City Council herby sets the following guidelines:

1. Plans should be submitted in writing. 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 desires that all proposals be fully and accurately considered.

2. Any plan should show the total population and voting age population for Blacks, Hispanics, Asians and Anglo/other for each proposed City Council district. If a plan is submitted without 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. Also the City Council 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. All plans submitted by members of the public should conform to the criteria the City Council will be using in drawing the City Council member districts.

PART 2. This Resolution is in full force and effect on and after the date of its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 5th day of April 2011.

Betty Ann Matthies

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