

STATE OF TEXAS

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

CITY OF SEGUIN

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SEGUIN, TEXAS ADOPTING A REDISTRICTING PLAN FOR COUNCILMEMBER DISTRICTS FOLLOWING RELEASE OF 2020 DECENNIAL CENSUS; ESTABLISHING FINDINGS OF FACT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has certain responsibilities for redistricting under federal and state law including, but not limited to, Amendments 14 and 15 to the United States Constitution, U.S.C.A. (West 1987), and the Voting Rights Act, 42 U.S.C.A. § 1973, *et seq.*; and Tex. Government Code Ann. §§ 2058.001 and 2058.002; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has certain responsibilities for redistricting under the City Charter; and

**WHEREAS**, upon review of the 2020 census data, it appears that a population imbalance exists requiring redistricting of the City Councilmember Districts in order to comply with the “one person – one vote” principle established by the United States Constitution and other authority; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent of the City to comply with the Voting Rights Act and with all other relevant law, including *Shaw v. Reno* jurisprudence; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council adopted redistricting criteria and guidelines that have served as a framework to guide the public and the City Council in its consideration of districting plans; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council appointed a committee of six persons (all being residents of the City) to consider various plans with assistance of the City’s legal consultant and demographer for the redistricting of Councilmember Districts; and

**WHEREAS**, the six-member redistricting committee met three times in open meetings to work with counsel and counsel’s demographers to draw maps that met the required criteria and guidelines; and

**WHEREAS**, at the last meeting the Committee recommended two maps (Plans E and G) to be considered by the City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the City’s legal counsel also recommends that the City Council consider Plan C, that formed the basis for the other two Plans; and

**WHEREAS**, notices of a public hearing on redistricting of Councilmember Districts were timely published on the City’s internet website in English and in Spanish so as to give the

City's residents an opportunity to attend and comment on the redistricting plans being considered by the City Council, as recommended by the City Council's committee and those prepared by the City's legal consultant and demographer; and

**WHEREAS**, during the redistricting process, the City provided notice to the public of its proposed development of a redistricting plan through meeting agendas posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act and notices at the City's business office and on the City's internet website; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council is of the opinion that the redistricting plan for Councilmember Districts, which is appended hereto as "Exhibit A" and incorporated herein by reference, best meets the redistricting criteria and guidelines previously adopted by the City Council, is preferable to the other plans submitted and considered and should be adopted by the City for Councilmember elections beginning in November 2022 election cycle and subsequent elections until the next redistricting following the release of the next decennial census, or until a subsequent redistricting plan is approved and adopted in the manner required by law.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Seguin, Texas, that:

1. The foregoing recitals are found to be true and correct and are hereby adopted and incorporated herein as findings of fact.
2. The City Council finds that the redistricting plan for Councilmember Districts which is appended hereto as "Exhibit A" and incorporated herein by reference best meets and balances the redistricting criteria and guidelines previously adopted by the City Council.
3. Based upon the foregoing findings and criteria and guidelines, the City Council hereby approves the redistricting plan for Councilmember Districts attached hereto as "Exhibit A", such plan to become effective for all purposes ten days after adoption on second reading.
4. It is found that the meetings at which this Ordinance was approved were properly noticed and held in strict compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Ch. 551 Texas Government Code.

**PASSED AND APPROVED ON FIRST READING** this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2022, by a \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ vote of the City Council of the City of Seguin, Texas.

**PASSED AND APPROVED ON SECOND READING** this 7<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2022, by a \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ vote of the City Council of the City of Seguin, Texas.

**CITY OF SEGUIN, TEXAS**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Donna Dodgen, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Naomi Manski, City Secretary