

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-39

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NOS. 2011-16 AND 2009-55; CAPTIONED "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BOERNE, TEXAS, ADOPTING A REVISED PLAN FOR THE CITY'S COUNCIL MEMBER DISTRICTS; PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE"

WHEREAS, an assessment of the single member council districts based on the 2020 decennial census reflects changes and shifts of the population within the existing council member districts that require the revision of the district boundaries to obtain substantially equal populations; and

WHEREAS, from time to time it becomes necessary to amend or repeal ordinances of the City of Boerne; and

WHEREAS, the city council commissioned and has received an Initial Assessment by qualified professionals experienced in the field of redistricting law for the purpose of making a preliminary determination of population distribution between the five city council districts, and the obligation to comply with "one-person-one-vote" balance as required by applicable state and federal law. This assessment has been filed in the minutes of this Council, and is incorporated by this reference as Exhibit 1, Initial Assessment. A finding, based upon this assessment, recognized the legal duty to redraw political boundaries to comply with applicable law, and a copy of this finding is entered into the minutes of this Council, by which reference this prior finding is incorporated into this Ordinance, Exhibit 2, Resolution Requiring Redistricting; and

WHEREAS, notices were published, and public hearings and meetings were held to receive public comments and suggestions regarding the appropriate configuration of a new and revised single member district plan, including any plans submitted by the public; and

WHEREAS, after review of alternative plans, considering previously adopted redistricting criteria all incorporated herein by reference, public input, and deliberation, the Council finds that the single member district plan attached hereto best serves the City of Boerne as an appropriate single member district plan, and protects the voting rights of all residents of Boerne, Texas; and

WHEREAS, the attached plan has been available for public inspection and comment;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOERNE, TEXAS:

Section 1.

The City Council finds that the recitals set forth above are true and correct, and the same are incorporated herein verbatim as findings of fact as if fully set forth at length.

Section 2.

The map and plan attached as Exhibit "A" is hereby approved and adopted as the single member district plan for the Council member districts of the City of Boerne.

Section 3.

The polling places for the City shall remain the same until the Council deems it necessary to change.

Section 4.

The single member district plan adopted by this Ordinance will be in effect for the 2022 City elections and continuously thereafter until amended by the City Council.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on this the second reading the ____ day of January, 2022.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney