

**ORDINANCE \_\_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GEORGETOWN, TEXAS, APPROVING THE REDISTRICTING OF THE CITY'S SINGLE-MEMBER COUNCIL DISTRICTS AND ESTABLISHING NEW DISTRICT BOUNDARY LINES BASED ON 2020 CENSUS DATA FOR GEORGETOWN CITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS; REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the results of the 2020 Federal Census have been considered and indicate that the City of Georgetown's single-member council districts are sufficiently out of population balance to require redistricting in order to comply with the "one-person, one-vote" (equal population) principle established by the U.S. Constitution; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of Georgetown (the "City") engaged the law firm of Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLP to act as the City's redistricting consultant, including advising and assisting the City Council in preparation of a new redistricting plan in compliance with applicable requirements of state and federal law; and,

**WHEREAS**, on October 26, 2021, the City Council adopted redistricting criteria to assist the City and the public in developing redistricting plans which comply with applicable federal and state laws, and the adopted redistricting criteria were applied in the development of the City's new redistricting plan: and,

**WHEREAS**, on October 26, 2021, the City Council also adopted redistricting guidelines regarding the submission of comments and proposed plans by the public, to ensure the ability of the City to timely receive and adequately consider them; and,

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

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has considered proposed redistricting plans at City Council meetings on November 9, 2021, on November 23, 2021, and on December 3, 2021 and a public hearing held on December 14, 2021, and has considered citizen oral testimony and written comments, and reports from the City's redistricting consultant regarding the appropriate reconfiguration of the council member districts; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that the attached city council district redistricting plan is in the best interest of the citizens of the City, complies with the adopted redistricting criteria, and is believed to comply with all state and federal requirements.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GEORGETOWN, TEXAS THAT:**

**Section 1.** The existing single-member council district boundary lines for the City of Georgetown are hereby amended, and the new districting plan depicted on the map attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, defining new districts, as such new districts are further described in the tables attached hereto as **Exhibit B** reporting populations and demographic statistics for each such new district, is hereby adopted and designated to define the City's seven (7) single-member council districts from and after the Effective Date; that Exhibits A and B are incorporated by reference in and made a part of this ORDINANCE, and shall be kept on file in the City Secretary's Office.

**Section 2.** Pursuant to Section 2.01 of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Georgetown, Councilmembers will complete the terms of office to which they were elected if the changes to district boundaries in the new district plan cause their residences no longer to be within the districts from which they were elected. Upon completion of the terms to which they were elected prior to the adoption of the new district plan, Councilmembers must thereafter reside in the appropriate district to run for re-election to that place.

**Section 3.** This ORDINANCE shall become effective on January 1, 2022 pursuant to the City Charter; and that thereafter all Georgetown City Council elections shall be held under and in accordance with the new single member council district districting plan here adopted by the City Council

PASSED AND APPROVED on First Reading on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of December 2021.

PASSED AND APPROVED on Second Reading on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of December 2021.

**CITY OF GEORGETOWN**

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Josh Schroeder, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Robyn Densmore, City Secretary

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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Skye Masson, City Attorney