

RESOLUTION NO. 702

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TERRELL, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING
GUIDELINES FOR PERSONS SUBMITTING SPECIFIC
REDISTRICTING PROPOSALS DURING THE 2011 REDISTRICTING
PROCESS; AND PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS**

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

WHEREAS, upon review of the 2010 census data, it appears that a population imbalance exists requiring the redistricting of the City Councilmember Districts;

WHEREAS, the City has established criteria for the 2011 Redistricting Effort;

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

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the City Council to receive and consider all comments relevant to the redistricting process;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TERRELL, TEXAS THAT:**

Section 1. In order to ensure that any redistricting plan submitted is of maximum assistance to the City Council in its decision making process, the City Council hereby sets the following guidelines for all plans that are submitted for the redistricting of Councilmember districts:

- a. Plans will be submitted in writing. Oral input may be misinterpreted and misconstrued leading to possible errors while analyzing the plans. It is the intent of the Council to ensure adequate and full consideration of all proposals.
- b. In order to assure compliance with the Voting Rights Act, all plans will indicate the total population and voting age population for Non-Hispanic Whites, Non-Hispanic Blacks, Hispanic and other measurable minorities for each proposed City Council district.
- c. Plans should be submitted by August 29, 2011.
- d. In order to maintain the 10% rule and fairness to all voters, plans will reflect redistricting of the entire City. The City Council will consider effects on individual Councilmember Districts. As a matter of federal law, information on the entire City will be required to consider the effect of any proposal on multiple racial and ethnic groups.
- e. Plans should conform to the criteria set by the City Council in a separate Resolution.

Section 2. It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this ordinance is passed was open to the public as required and that public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 16th day of August, 2011.

CITY OF TERRELL, TEXAS

Hal Richards, Mayor

ATTEST:

John Rounsavall, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Mary Gayle Ramsey, City Attorney