

ORDINANCE NO. O-01-24

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT, TEXAS,
APPROVING THE REDISTRICTING OF THE CITY'S SINGLE-MEMBER COUNCIL
PRECINCTS AND ESTABLISHING NEW PRECINCT BOUNDARY LINES BASED ON
2020 CENSUS DATA FOR THE CITY OF CROCKETT, TEXAS CITY COUNCIL
ELECTIONS; MAKING VARIOUS FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE
SUBJECT AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the results of the 2020 federal Census have been considered and indicate that the City of Crockett, Texas's single-member council precincts 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 Crockett, Texas (the "City") engaged the Powell Law Group LLP to act as the City's redistricting consultant, including advising and assisting the City Council of the City of Crockett, Texas in preparation of a new redistricting plan in compliance with applicable requirements of state and federal law; 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, and notices on the City's website; and

WHEREAS, the public reviewed and commented on various draft redistricting maps at the public hearing held on January 12, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Crockett, Texas has considered redistricting requirements and plans at City Council meetings on December 4, 2023, January 8, 2024, and January 12, 2024 and has considered oral testimony, written comments, reports from the City's redistricting consultant, and various proposed plans regarding the appropriate reconfiguration of the council member districts; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Crockett, Texas finds that the attached city councilmember precinct redistricting plan is in the best interest of the citizens of the City, and is believed to comply with all state and federal requirements, including all requirements under the federal Voting Rights Act;

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

Section 1. The findings and recitations set out in the preamble to this Ordinance are found to be true and correct and they are hereby adopted by the City Council of the City of Crockett, Texas and made a part hereof for all purposes.

Section 2. That the existing single-member council precinct boundary lines for the City of Crockett, Texas are hereby amended, and the new districting plan depicted on the map attached hereto as Exhibit A, defining new precincts and reporting populations and demographic statistics for each such new precinct, is hereby adopted and designated to define the City's five single-member council precincts from and after the Effective Date; that Exhibit A is incorporated by reference in and made a part of this ORDINANCE, and shall be kept on file in the City Secretary's Office.

Section 3. It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council of the City of Crockett, Texas that the sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, and phrases of this Ordinance are severable and, if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this Ordinance should be declared invalid by the final judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this Ordinance.

Section 4. All Ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are repealed to the extent of such conflict only.

Section 5. This ordinance is intended to be cumulative and shall not repeal any provision of a previous ordinance or City Code provision, except to the extent that a provision is inconsistent and cannot be reconciled with this ordinance.

Section 6. This Ordinance shall be effective immediately after final passage by City Council in accordance with Article III, Sec. 3.01(B) of the City Home Rule Charter.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Crockett, Texas on this 12th Day of January 2024.

CITY OF CROCKETT, TEXAS

Dr. Ianthia Fisher, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mitzi Stefka, City Secretary