

CITY OF EVERMAN, TEXAS

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-05-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EVERMAN, TEXAS, STRONGLY OPPOSING THE PROPOSED REDISTRICTING OF TARRANT COUNTY COMMISSIONER PRECINCTS, CITING LEGAL, OPERATIONAL, AND REPRESENTATIONAL CONCERNS, AND DEMANDING TRANSPARENCY, IMPACT ANALYSIS, AND EQUITABLE REPRESENTATION FOR MUNICIPALITIES.

WHEREAS, Tarrant County has advanced a mid-decade redistricting effort that is highly irregular, occurring in the absence of updated population data and without any clear or credible justification to warrant such sweeping changes; and

WHEREAS, the proposed redistricting maps stand to divide the City of Everman and its Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ), placing portions of the community into separate Commissioner Precincts and thereby diminishing the City's collective voice and influence within County government; and

WHEREAS, the City of Everman has built a productive, collaborative relationship with the current leadership of Precinct 1, and under the redistricting plans, Everman is forced to choose between two unacceptable outcomes:

- Remaining in a Precinct that will likely **no longer have a County maintenance facility** or meaningful infrastructure support capacity; or
- Being reassigned to a new Precinct with **entirely unfamiliar leadership**, absent of any prior engagement, understanding, or history with the community's needs; and

WHEREAS, either scenario significantly threatens the City's access to critical support services including street repair, drainage maintenance, and economic development assistance—functions that are essential to the well-being and sustainability of smaller municipalities like Everman; and

WHEREAS, Tarrant County has failed to provide any documentation, analysis, or assurance that these proposed changes will not irreparably harm the ability of cities like Everman to receive the equitable treatment and County support they rely upon; and

WHEREAS, there is significant legal concern that the proposed redistricting maps fail to comply with **Section 42.005 of the Texas Election Code**, which prohibits county election precincts from including territory from more than one commissioner precinct—yet each of the proposed maps reportedly contains multiple violations of this provision; and

WHEREAS, state law further restricts the timeframe during which changes to county election precinct boundaries may be made, making it presently impossible to reconcile these legal flaws within the existing election cycle; and

WHEREAS, the lack of transparency and public engagement surrounding this process further erodes trust, especially among historically underserved communities that risk even further marginalization under the proposed maps;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EVERMAN, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That the City of Everman expresses its strong and unequivocal opposition to the redistricting maps currently being considered by the Tarrant County Commissioners Court.

SECTION 2. That the City Council finds the redistricting process to be legally flawed, procedurally opaque, lacking transparency, public accountability, and any demonstrable benefit to the citizens of Everman or similar municipalities.

SECTION 3. That the City of Everman demands that Tarrant County immediately pause any further action on redistricting until a full and independent impact analysis is conducted, and a meaningful, lawful, and engaging process with affected municipalities is completed.

SECTION 4. That the City of Everman urges the Commissioners Court to consider the long-term consequences of dividing small cities between precincts and stripping representation and services from communities already operating with limited resources.

SECTION 5. The City Manager is hereby directed to transmit this resolution to each member of the Tarrant County Commissioners Court, the County Judge, and other appropriate officials, and to advocate on the City's behalf on this matter.

SECTION 6. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

DULY RESOLVED AND ADOPTED ON THIS THE ____ DAY OF MAY 2025, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EVERMAN, TEXAS.

APPROVED:

Ray Richardson, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Mindi Parks, City Secretary

Victoria Thomas, City Attorney