



CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE RESOLUTION

MEETING DATE: 05/20/2025

PRESENTER: City Manager, William A. Hills

TITLE: Resolution Regarding Proposed Tarrant County Redistricting

**REVIEWING
COMMITTEE:**

PURPOSE OF REQUEST:

On April 2, 2025, the Tarrant County Commissioners Court, through Court Order No. 145003, voted to retain the legal services of the Public Interest Legal Foundation to provide legal advice regarding redistricting for the county commissioners' districts for the upcoming 2026 Primary and General Election.

Generally, redistricting occurs following the collection of census data every ten (10) years to ensure that electoral districts have roughly equal populations. In 2021, based on 2020 census data, Tarrant County Commissioners Court retained the law firm of Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta, LLP ("Bickerstaff") to conduct a comprehensive assessment regarding the need to redistrict. The Court determined redistricting was not necessary because the deviation in each district was relatively low and well within the constitutional limits.

Currently, Grand Prairie is situated completely in Precinct 2 in Tarrant County. The Commissioners Court's proposed redistricting maps could place Grand Prairie in two different Precincts, with two different commissioners, and could potentially dilute voting rights of the citizens of Grand Prairie.

This request is for the City Council to take action to encourage the Tarrant County Commissioners to maintain the current voter precinct maps, and not consider redistricting at this time.

BODY

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS, ENCOURAGING THE TARRANT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT TO MAINTAIN THE CURRENT VOTER PRECINCT MAPS BASED ON 2020 CENSUS DATA

WHEREAS, in 2021, based on 2020 census data, the Tarrant County Commissioners Court determined it was not necessary to redistrict the voting precincts in Tarrant County; and

WHEREAS, the Tarrant County Commissioners Court is now proposing potential redistricting in the absence of new census data; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner's Court authority to conduct redistricting mid-census has not yet been determined; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court's proposed redistricting could place the City of Grand Prairie in two different voting precincts in Tarrant County with two different commissioners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1. The Grand Prairie City Council hereby encourages the Tarrant County Commissioners Court to maintain the current voter precinct maps of Tarrant County based on 2020 census data.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS, ON THIS THE 20th DAY OF MAY 2025.