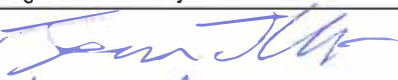



CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS



COUNCIL PROPOSAL

Date: 05/20/2025	File Number: 333	Subject: Adopt a Resolution Opposing Tarrant County Commissioners Court Redistricting Process	
Proposed By: Councilmember Chris Nettles		City Manager's Review:  City Attorney's Review: 	Page: PAGE 1 OF 4

It is proposed that the City Council adopt the attached Resolution in Opposition to Tarrant County Commissioners Court Redistricting Process.

DISCUSSION:

Tarrant County Commissioners Court is taking the highly unusual step of engaging in an off-cycle redistricting process with the express intent of changing the current precinct lines. This action is cause for concern over the negative impact to the residents of the City of Fort Worth who are represented by the existing precincts.

The City of Fort Worth and Tarrant County collaborate on a number of initiatives that could be impacted by the redistricting of the existing precincts. One example is transportation projects that benefit our shared constituents. Each County Precinct works independently with the City to use Precinct-budgeted funds for certain projects within the precinct. With the expectation of the precincts remaining the same for the duration of the census cycle, which is the usual process, the City and Precinct offices have dedicated time and resources to planning for transportation projects utilizing each precinct's funding for projects that were wholly within that single precinct. The change in precincts would put some planned projects in multiple precincts going forward, which at best will contribute to a delay in the transportation projects as additional approvals are secured, and at worst result in the cancellation of the projects if the approvals are not secured.

This interference with transportation projects is merely one example of the overall disruption that an off-cycle redistricting process will create for the residents of the City of Fort Worth.

Fort Worth residents deserve to have continuity and consistency in their representation at the Tarrant County Commissioners Court throughout the census cycle. Therefore, the City Council should adopt the attached Resolution, opposing the redistricting process.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY:

Infrastructure; Community investment.

- ☐ LEGALITY
- ☐ FISCAL NOTE
- ☐ CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS
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LEGALITY:

The Department of Law finds that this proposal is legal and that is it within the authority of the Fort Worth City Council.

FISCAL NOTE:

The following costs are anticipated to be incurred to implement this Council Proposal:

1. Direct appropriation or expenditure required: \$0
2. Estimated (A) number of staff hours (0) multiplied by (B) average total-employee per-hour cost (\$0.00) equals (C) staff costs: \$0.00
3. Total estimated costs (1 + 2) = \$0.00

Of the above-identified amount, \$0.00 is within currently budgeted resources and \$0.00 would need to be appropriated.

Based on the above and the attached financial checklist, the Director of Finance certifies that the approval of this Council Proposal will not require the appropriation of additional funds at this time.

CURRENT FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None.

ONGOING FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None.

CITY MANAGER'S COMMENT:

The City Manager has no objection to this proposal.

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- ☐ FISCAL NOTE
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PROPOSED BY:

Councilmember Chris Nettles, District 8

Councilmember Elizabeth M. Beck, District 9

Councilmember Jeanette Martinez, District 11

Councilmember Deborah Peoples, District 5

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Jared Williams

Councilmember Jared Williams, District 6

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A Resolution

NO. _____

OPPOSING TARRANT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT REDISTRICTING PROCESS

WHEREAS, Tarrant County Commissioners Court is taking the highly unusual step of engaging in an off-cycle redistricting process with the express intent of changing the current precinct lines, which will negatively impact residents of the City of Fort Worth who are represented by the existing precincts;

WHEREAS, The City of Fort Worth and Tarrant County collaborate on a number of initiatives, including transportation projects that benefit our shared constituents, with each County Precinct working independently with the City to use Precinct-budgeted funds for certain projects within the precinct;

WHEREAS, with the expectation of the precincts remaining the same for the duration of the census cycle, which is the usual process, the City and Precinct offices have dedicated time and resources to planning for transportation projects utilizing the Precinct's funding for projects that were wholly within a single precinct;

WHEREAS, the change in precincts would put some planned projects that were originally in a single precinct in multiple precincts going forward, which at best will contribute to a delay in the transportation projects as additional approvals are secured, and at worst result in the cancellation of the projects if the approvals are not secured; and

WHEREAS, this interference with transportation projects is merely one example of the overall disruption that an off-cycle redistricting process will create for the residents of the City of Fort Worth;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS, THAT:

The Fort Worth City Council hereby opposes any Tarrant County Commissioners Court process for redistricting that results in the adoption of a map by the Court that would change the existing precinct boundaries.

Adopted this 20th day of May, 2025.

ATTEST:

By: _____
Jannette S. Goodall, City Secretary