

A Resolution

NO. _____

**Authorizing Employment of David Mendez and
Bickerstaff, Heath, Delgado, Acosta LLP as Outside Legal Counsel
for Assistance to the City Attorney's Office in Connection with Redistricting**

WHEREAS every ten years following completion of the Constitutionally mandated United States Census, the City of Fort Worth analyzes its population and redraws the boundaries of the various single-member Council districts; and

WHEREAS the 2020 United States Census is anticipated to reflect a significant increase in the population of the City of Fort Worth, which growth is not evenly distributed throughout the City; and

WHEREAS in 2016, voters of the City of Fort Worth approved an amendment to the City Charter to increase the number of City Council persons to eleven (11) following the completion of the 2020 Census, further complicating the upcoming redistricting process; and

WHEREAS it is necessary to hire outside legal counsel with redistricting expertise to assist the City Attorney's Office in assuring that the City's redistricting efforts comply with all federal law; and

WHEREAS David Mendez and other attorneys at Bickerstaff, Heath, Delgado, Acosta LLP have extensive expertise representing governmental entities in the legal processes and State and Federal law requirements concerning redistricting;

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

I.

That pursuant to Chapter VI, Section 3, of the City Charter, David Mendez and Bickerstaff, Heath, Delgado, Acosta LLP, are hereby employed to provide legal services to the City in relation to redrawing City Council District boundaries.

II.

That, as far as practicable, the compensation to be paid to Bickerstaff, Heath, Delgado, Acosta LLP for their services is hereby fixed in an amount not to exceed \$35,000.00.

Adopted this _____day of _____ 2021.

ATTEST:

By: _____

Mary J. Kayser, City Secretary