

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A REDISTRICTING PLAN FOR THE  
CITY OF LAMESA AND ESTABLISHING CITY COUNCIL  
DISTRICTS.

On the 21ST day of December, 2021, there came on and was held at the regular meeting place, the City Hall, an open meeting of the City Council of the City of Lamesa, Texas, held pursuant to the provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act, (Texas Government Code, Chapter 551). There being a quorum present and acting throughout the meeting, the following ordinance was formally submitted by motion and duly seconded for the consideration and action of the meeting, to-wit:

There came on for consideration the issue of periodic redistricting of City Council political boundaries. This City Council has, in due time, given deliberate consideration to the legal issues and of governmental duties imposed by state and federal law. In addition, the City Council has previously entered in the minutes of this City Council, criteria by which any redistricting plan would be considered, the prior Resolution establishing criteria being incorporated herein by reference.

This City Council has commissioned and has received an Initial Assessment by qualified professionals experienced in the field of redistricting law for the purpose of making a preliminary determination of population distribution between the six (6) City Council districts, and the obligation to comply with “one-person-one-vote” balance as required by applicable state and federal law. This assessment has been filed in the minutes of this City Council, and is incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit 1 “Initial Assessment”. A finding, based upon this assessment, recognized the legal duty to redraw political boundaries to comply with applicable law. A copy of this finding, set out in the Resolution Requiring Redistricting adopted by the City Council of the City of Lamesa at its special called meeting held on December 7, 2021, is attached hereto as Exhibit 2, “Resolution Requiring Redistricting”.

After convening in Public Hearing for comment upon any and all proposed plans, and after meeting in open session for the purpose of considering alternatives available to the City of Lamesa for modification of existing political boundaries in a manner designed to achieve both acceptable levels of numerical balance between the six (6) City Council Districts, and to protect the voting rights of all residents of the City of Lamesa, the City Council has determined to adopt the redistricting plan attached to this Ordinance in map and data form attached hereto as Exhibit 3.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAMESA, TEXAS:**

**SECTION ONE:** That the Redistricting Plan depicted in the maps and data attached to this Ordinance are hereby APPROVED and ADOPTED. Upon final approval of the supplemental data to be provided at a later date, the Redistricting Plan, Proposal A adopted by this Ordinance shall be effective immediately for use in the 2022 City Mayoral Election and for all subsequent City elections until changed or modified by later Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Lamesa.

**SECTION TWO:** The City Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to publish the descriptive caption of this ordinance in the manner and for the length of time prescribed by applicable state law and the City Charter.

Upon being put to a vote, the foregoing Ordinance was Passed, on First Reading on the 21st day of December, 2021; and

Upon being put to a vote, the foregoing Ordinance was Passed, on Second Reading on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of January, 2022.

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City Council Member, District 1

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City Council Member, District 2

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City Council Member, District 3

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City Council Member, District 4

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City Council Member, District 5

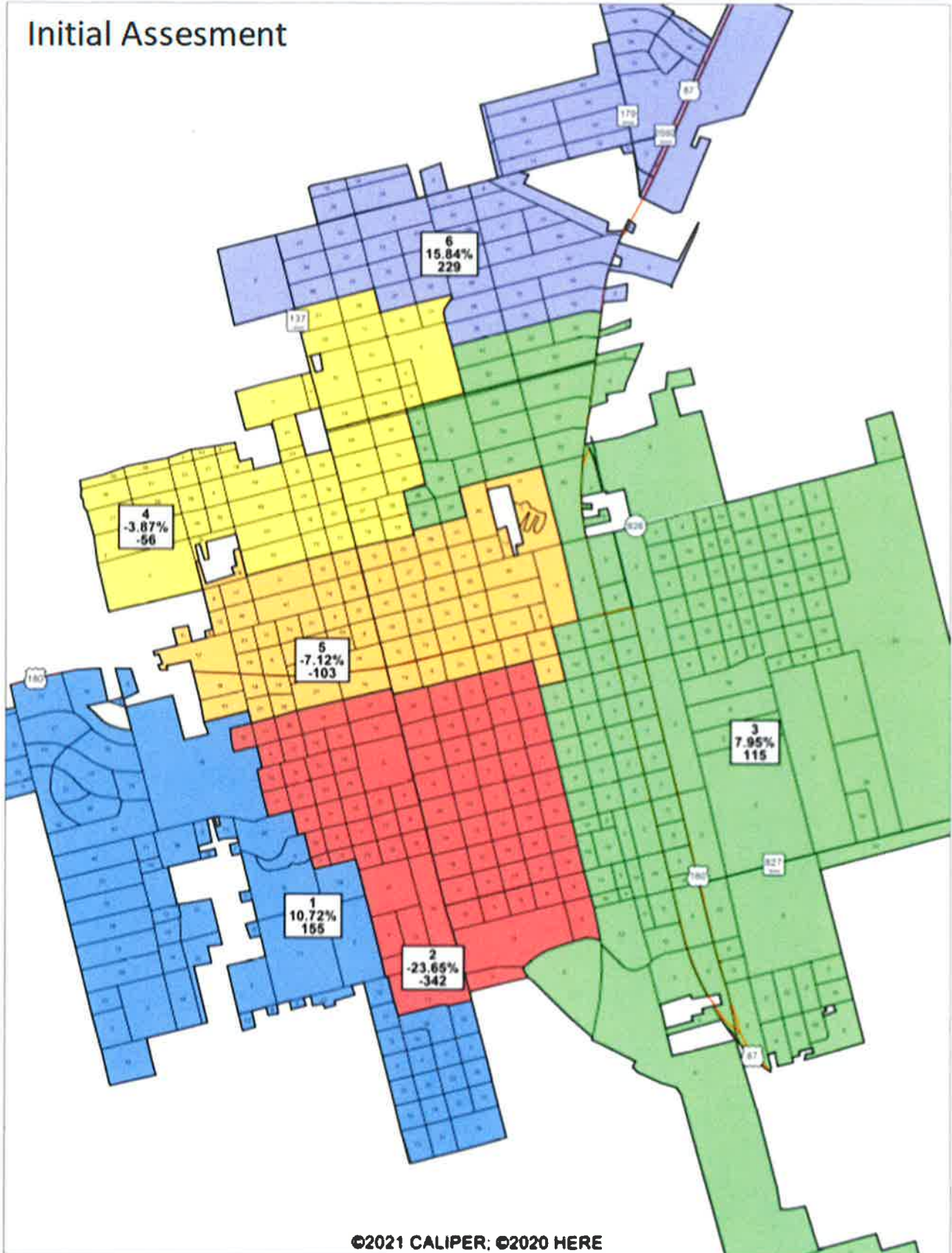
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City Council Member, District 6

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Betty Conde, City Secretary

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Josh Stevens, Mayor

EXHIBIT ONE

# Initial Assesment



RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

IN THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
CITY OF LAMESA, TEXAS

FINDINGS OF FACT REGARDING POLITICAL BOUNDARIES  
OF CITY OF LAMESA, TEXAS  
FOLLOWING PUBLICATION OF 2020 CENSUS DATA  
AND  
RESOLUTION CALLING FOR REDISTRICTING OF POLITICAL BOUNDARIES

On the 7th day of December, 2021, the City Council of the City of Lamesa met in a special called meeting, having posted notice of said hearing in compliance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

The City Council of City of Lamesa has previously retained the firm of Allison, Bass & Magee, LLP, of Austin, Texas, to conduct an Initial Assessment of existing political boundaries of City of Lamesa, following the issuance of census data by the United States Census Bureau. Attached to this Order, and incorporated herein for all purposes by reference, is a copy of the initial assessment conducted by Allison, Bass & Magee, LLP. This assessment is based upon PL94-171 data, as required by federal law, and is further based upon information provided to Allison, Bass & Magee, LLP by the Texas Legislative Council, other official sources of information, and by City of Lamesa, Texas.

Based upon this information, City of Lamesa has a total maximum deviation of 39.49%. The term total maximum deviation is determined by dividing the total population of the City of Lamesa by six, the number of City Council Districts to determine an ideal District size. The actual population of each District is then determined, based upon the official population data contained within the census count, as defined by Public Law 94-171. The actual population of each District is compared to the ideal District size and a range of deviation by percentage is determined. Any total maximum deviation in excess of ten percent (10%) is presumptively unconstitutional under established federal law.

As a result of this determination, City of Lamesa has a constitutional duty to redistrict its political boundaries so as to achieve “One-Person-One-Vote” numerical balance between the six City Council Districts at a legally acceptable margin of deviation, and to make such changes as are necessary to comply with the Voting Rights Act and applicable state and federal law.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Lamesa, Texas, expressly finds that it has a legal duty to redistrict. The public interest will be served by redrawing the existing political boundaries of the City of Lamesa in such a manner as to comply with applicable state and federal law. The City Council hereby enters the following findings of fact and of law:

1. City of Lamesa has a total maximum deviation, as defined in this order, of 39.49%.
2. Any total maximum deviation in excess of ten percent (10%) is presumptively unconstitutional under federal law.
3. City of Lamesa, acting by and through its City Council, is hereby resolved to immediately undertake such necessary and appropriate action to accomplish redistricting of existing City Council Districts, and any incidental modification of existing, consolidated, or newly created election Districts necessary to accomplish such redistricting.
4. The City Council shall henceforth convene in open meetings, duly posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, to take up and consider one or more alternative plans for the legal redistricting of City of Lamesa.
5. After due consideration of one or more alternative plans, City of Lamesa shall adopt a plan deemed to satisfy legal requirements, and which best suits the legitimate governmental needs of City of Lamesa.
6. The adopted redistricting plan will address and define the boundaries of the City Council Districts of City of Lamesa, and shall remain in effect until altered or amended by subsequent ordinance of the City Council.

Signed this 7th day of December, 2021.

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Council Member, District 1

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Council Member, District 2

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Council Member, District 3

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Council Member, District 4

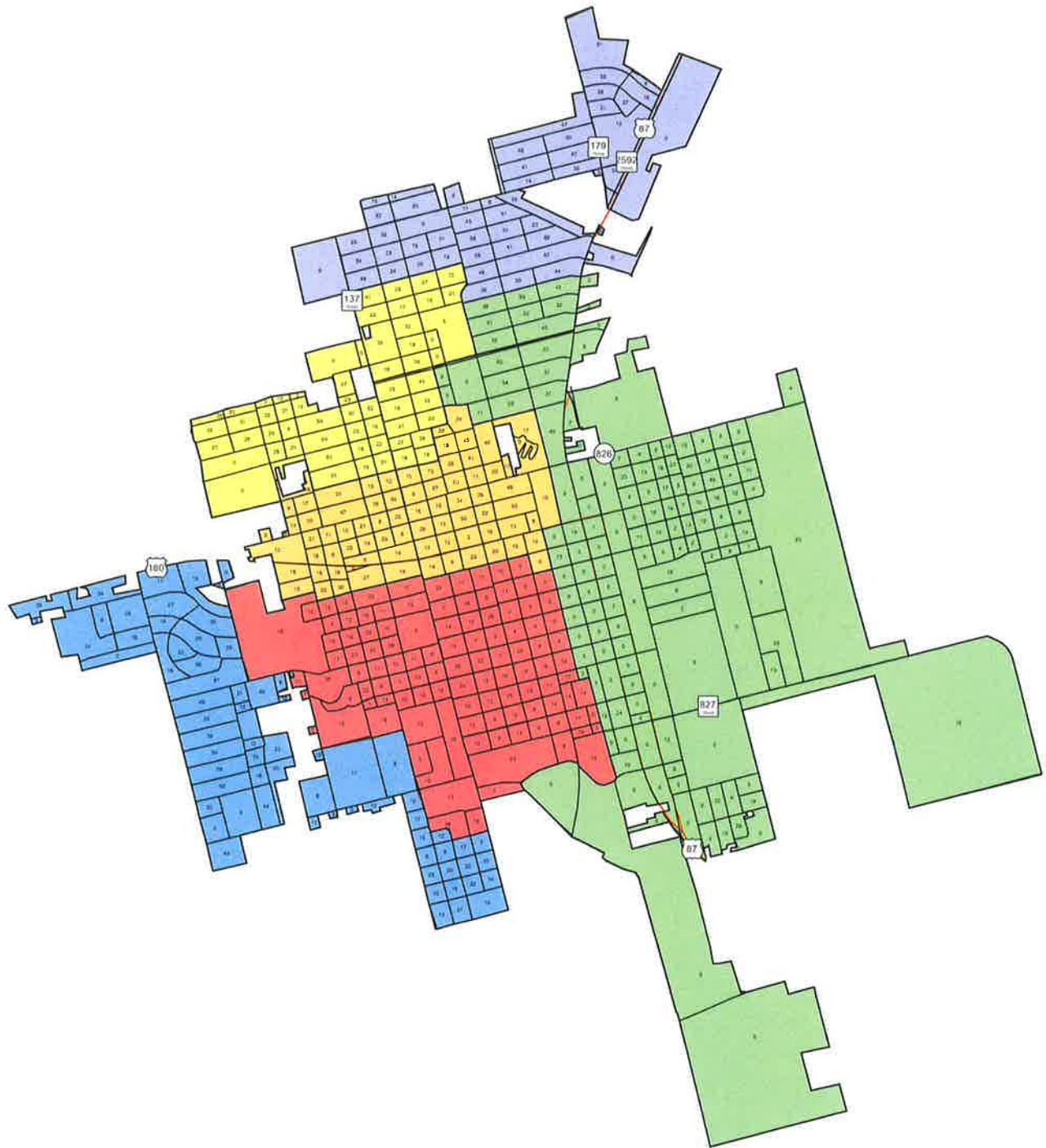
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Council Member, District 5

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Council Member, District 6

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Mayor, City of Lamesa

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City Secretary, City of Lamesa

EXHIBIT THREE



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