



City of San Antonio

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Title: An Ordinance authorizing proposed updates to the SAWS Quadrant Map that is used to appoint members of the SAWS Board of Trustees. [Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Director, Finance]

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Attachments: 1. Original_Quadrant Map 1997, 2. Proposed Board_Quadrants_Update_06152016, 3. Draft Ordinance, 4. Ordinance 2016-06-30-0524

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DEPARTMENT: Finance

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Troy Elliott

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: City Wide

SUBJECT:

Updated SAWS Quadrant Map for Selection of Members of the SAWS Board of Trustees.

SUMMARY:

This Ordinance will approve proposed updates to the SAWS Quadrant Map that is used to appoint members of the SAWS Board of Trustees.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

On November 20, 1997, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 87010 which established a system of appointments to the SAWS Board of Trustees based on city quadrants. The initial quadrant map was intended to provide for board membership to be derived from all geographic areas of the city, as well as the entire SAWS service area, including outside the city limits and other cities served by SAWS. This representation was established by designating four appointees to each identified quadrant and by also appointing two additional members who represent north and south areas, respectively. The north and south areas originally designated Commerce Street as the east-to-west dividing line for representation for these additional appointees. The Mayor serves as an ex-officio trustee. The Governance Committee heard a presentation on this item on June 15, 2016 and forwarded the item to full Council for consideration.

ISSUE:

In addition to the continued growth of the City and corresponding service area, SAWS has also completed the integration of the former Bexar Metropolitan Water District, begun serving other suburban cities and counties and significantly expanded its service area since the original adoption of the established quadrants. In order to reflect these changes and to retain the original intention of maintaining an equitable distribution of population among its board of trustees, the board quadrants should be updated.

ALTERNATIVES:

City Council could choose not to approve this request and SAWS Board Quadrants will not reflect population changes in Bexar County.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact to the City of San Antonio.

RECOMMENDATION:

City staff recommends that the SAWS Board Quadrants be updated to reflect population changes in Bexar County as identified in its service area maps. These changes include redefining the quadrants as well as the north and south areas (maps attached).