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City Council approves resolution supporting Census

The Lockhart City Council has approved a resolution supporting the 2020 U.S. Census, citing the importance of ensuring every resident is counted.

The Census, which occurs every 10 years, is required by the U.S. Constitution and is the largest collection of statistical information on everyone who lives in the United States.

Census forms will begin arriving in mailboxes from March 12-20. By April 1, every home will have received an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census. Residents may respond online, by phone or by mail. Lockhart residents without an Internet connection who would like to respond online may access a computer at the Dr. Eugene Clark Library.

The city's resolution includes a commitment to supporting census workers and raising awareness about the importance of getting an accurate count of all its residents. An accurate count is essential to make sure communities like Lockhart receive their share of \$675 billion in federal funding that lawmakers, business owners, teachers and many others use to provide daily services, products and support to residents in their communities.

"Local and state governments use the results of the census in infrastructure and transportation planning, and emergency response services," Lockhart Mayor Lew White said. "While the census only asks a few basic questions, the data that it produces serves as a benchmark for other current statistics that help us gain deeper insights into our community."

The count can increase vastly in a 10-year period. Between 2000 and 2010, the year of the last decennial Census, Texas added more than 4 million residents. Following the 2010 census, Texas gained an additional two seats in Congress.

Census takers will begin visiting homes that haven't responded to the 2020 Census in May.

The Census Bureau will deliver apportionment counts to the president and Congress in December.

For more information about the Census, including answers to some frequently asked questions, visit <http://www.lockhart-tx.org/page/article/42>.