

A Resolution

NO. _____

THE GOLDEN LASSO ACCREDITATION PROGRAM FOR RESTAURANTS AND BARS IN ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICTS

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Worth is the fastest growing major City in the United States with a population of approximately one million residents and continuing to grow at a rate of about 20,000 new residents annually; and

WHEREAS, the City has seen a steady increase in visitors to Fort Worth with current estimates in excess of ten million annually; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Worth with its growing population and influx of visitors has embraced the development and expansion of its restaurants, bars, and similar entertainment venues as they assimilated into entertainment districts in the Fort Worth Stockyards, the Near Southside, Downtown, the Seventh Street Corridor, the Cultural District and other locations across the City; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Worth is committed to the highest standards of public safety throughout the City and has created an Entertainment District Steering Committee specifically for additional measures to ensure a safe and enjoyable nightlife experience for all visitors and residents; and

WHEREAS, through the work and recommendations of the Entertainment Steering Committee, the Golden Lasso Accreditation Program has been developed to provide a free and voluntary certification process to assist bars, restaurants and similar venues in reviewing, confirming, and enhancing safety at their establishments for their patrons and employees; and

WHEREAS, the Golden Lasso Accreditation empowers establishments to formalize their practices through policy and employee training; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Worth wishes to encourage and support business establishments who provide entertainment to visitors and guests to participate in the Golden Lasso Program by informing the public of all venues who have invested the extra effort time and commitment into accrediting their establishments to ensure a safe and memorable experience for their patrons; and

WHEREAS, this program allows establishments to utilize a “Safety-Branded Entertainment” logo to identify their successful annual accredited status to enhance patrons’ confidence and peace of mind while deciding where to go for a night out while maintaining a focus on safety.

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

1. The Golden Lasso Accreditation Program is intended to promote safety in the City’s Entertainment Districts and provide a resource for the City’s residents and visitors by identifying safety-accredited establishments; and
2. Participation by a bar, restaurant, or similar establishment in the Golden Lasso

- Program is 100% voluntary and will have no cost imposed by the City to participating establishments; and
3. The Golden Lasso Program is not intended to be used in a punitive way now nor in the future in any manner to create
 - Specific policies affecting Zoning;
 - Future restrictions in permitting
 - Additional Code Enforcement requirements
 - Excessive requirements beyond those required by current State or Federal Law; and
 4. The City anticipates that participants may benefit from the City's efforts, in coordination with Visit Fort Worth, to inform visitors and the general public of all participating businesses in the Golden Lasso Program for their personal information when considering their choices for nightlife and entertainment in the City of Fort Worth; and
 5. Participation in this program shall be available to bars, restaurants and similar venues across the City and shall not be restricted to the specific Districts identified herein, as public safety remains one of the City's highest priorities citywide.

This resolution shall be effective from and after its passage by the City Council.

Adopted this __ day of May 2025.

ATTEST:

By: _____
Jannette S. Goodall, City Secretary