

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

**AN ORDINANCE REVISING THE NUMBER OF AUTHORIZED SWORN POSITIONS IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE MAY 31, 2025, BY ADDING EIGHTEEN FIRE FIGTHER POSITIONS; PROVIDING A STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND INTENT; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE CUMULATIVE OF ALL PRIOR ORDINANCES AND REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, Section 143.021(a), Texas Local Government Code provides that a municipality's governing body shall by ordinance (i) establish the classifications of fire fighters and (ii) prescribe the number of positions in each classification; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 17, 2024, the City Council adopted Ordinance 27180-09-2024, which established the Fire Department's sworn personnel staffing levels, effective October 1, 2024, as follows:

Fire Assistant Chief	3
Fire Deputy Chief	6
Fire Battalion Chief	30
Fire Captain	92
Fire Lieutenant	143
Fire Engineer	228
Fire Fighter	547
<b>Total</b>	<b>1049</b>

; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fort Worth does not currently have sufficient open positions to accommodate the onboarding of recruit Class 99; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fire Chief has requested that the City Council temporarily increase the total number of authorized positions in the Fire Department by eighteen fire fighters, for the purpose of providing fire service in the City of Fort Worth.

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

## **SECTION 1.**

That, following the formal adoption of this ordinance, the following positions shall be the only sworn positions in each classification (rank) authorized in the City of Fort Worth Fire Department effective May 31, 2025, until modified by subsequent ordinance:

Fire Assistant Chief	3
Fire Deputy Chief	6
Fire Battalion Chief	30
Fire Captain	92
Fire Lieutenant	143
Fire Engineer	228
Fire Fighter	565
<b>Total</b>	<b>1067</b>

## **SECTION 2.**

That the “Mayor and Council Communication” memorandum, which is presented contemporaneously with this ordinance, is hereby expressly incorporated herein by reference for further clarification and explanation of the purpose and intent of the City Council in its adoption of this ordinance as well as the Department in its implementation.

## **SECTION 3.**

That this ordinance shall be cumulative of all provisions of previous ordinances and of the Code of the City of Fort Worth, Texas (2015), as amended, except where the provisions of this ordinance are in direct conflict with the provisions of prior Fire staffing ordinances for the Fire Department and such Code, in which event conflicting provisions of such ordinances and such code provisions are hereby repealed and this ordinance shall be controlling.

#### **SECTION 4.**

That it is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of these ordinances are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this ordinance, since the same would have been enacted by the City Council without the incorporation in this ordinance of any such unconstitutional phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section.

#### **SECTION 5.**

That this ordinance shall be effective May 31, 2025, with respect to the change in positions as reflected above, and it is so ordained.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:      ATTEST:

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Christopher A. Troutt, Asst. City Attorney

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Jannette S. Goodall, City Secretary

ADOPTED: June 24, 2025

EFFECTIVE: May 31, 2025