

**A RESOLUTION**

No. \_\_\_\_\_

**AUTHORIZING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO ADD PARKER COUNTY, TEXAS AS A DEFENDANT IN THE LITIGATION AGAINST THE CITY OF WILLOW PARK, TEXAS FILED IN DISTRICT COURT IN PARKER COUNTY, TEXAS SEEKING A DECLARATION THAT CERTAIN ANNEXATIONS BY WILLOW PARK WERE UNLAWFUL AND VOID AB INITIO**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Willow Park violated various substantive requirements in attempting to exercise its annexation power under Chapter 43 of the Texas Local Government Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Willow Park failed to comply with applicable annexation laws when it purported to pass a series of ordinances attempting to expand its extraterritorial jurisdiction (“ETJ”) and annex various tracts of land extending the eastern border of its ETJ from the intersection of Bankhead Highway and Nu Energy Drive to FM 1187; and

**WHEREAS**, the entirety of this purported acquisition is wholly outside of Willow Park’s ETJ; specifically, the northern portion of the Bankhead right-of-way is located within Fort Worth’s ETJ and the southern portion of the Bankhead right-of-way is located within Aledo’s ETJ and corporate city limits; and

**WHEREAS**, in adopting the ordinances that purported to expand Willow Park’s ETJ, annex Bankhead Highway, and ultimately annex the Beall Property adjacent to Bankhead Highway, Willow Park unlawfully attempted to acquire territory already held by other municipalities, including Fort Worth; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Aledo and the City of Fort Worth have sued Willow Park, Texas in Cause Number CV26-0175 current pending in the 43<sup>rd</sup> District Court located in Parker County, Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Willow Park relied upon resolutions adopted by Parker County, Texas that are flawed; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to challenge the legality of the resolutions Parker County, Texas adopted, the City of Fort Worth must add Parker County, Texas as defendant to the lawsuit.

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

The City Attorney is authorized to add Parker County, Texas as a defendant in Cause Number CV26-0175 pending in the 43<sup>rd</sup> District County located in Parker County, Texas, and is further authorized to issue direct payment or reimbursement of the fees associated with filing and prosecuting the lawsuit.

Adopted this \_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2026.

**ATTEST:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jannette S. Goodall, City Secretary