

## **A RESOLUTION**

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### **AUTHORIZING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO JOIN THE CITY OF ALEDO IN FILING SUIT AGAINST THE CITY OF WILLOW PARK IN DISTRICT COURT IN PARKER COUNTY, TEXAS TO SEEK 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 Fort Worth should join the City of Aledo in filing the lawsuit to protect its own interests.

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

The City Attorney is authorized to join the City of Aledo in filing suit against the City of Willow Park in District Court 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