

## **A Resolution**

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### **RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE USE OF HOSTLER TRUCKS AND AUTONOMOUS VEHICLE TECHNOLOGY WITHIN THE ALLIANCE LOGISTICS DISTRICT**

**WHEREAS**, on March 21, 2023, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 5724-03-2023 establishing an Innovation District Policy; and

**WHEREAS**, Innovation Districts are specific geographic areas where leading-edge anchor institutions and companies cluster and connect with start-ups, business incubators, accelerators, and producers of marketable intellectual property; and

**WHEREAS**, Innovation Districts rely on public support through the installation of basic infrastructure, advanced infrastructure, efficient development services, and direct support for facilities and incentives for innovation and commercial activity; and

**WHEREAS**, the Innovation District Policy provides that the City will seek to support the long-term success of each Innovation District through the City's various policy decisions and investments in support infrastructure and the City will seek to collaborate with Innovation District partners on the installation of advance infrastructure, such as Smart City technologies; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 21, 2023, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 5725-03-2023 establishing the Fort Worth Mobility Innovation Zone; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fort Worth Mobility Innovation Zone is intended to promote innovation, research, and associated entrepreneurial and industrial activity together with increased economic productivity, new product development and commercialization, and support for new market opportunities in the field of mobility; and

**WHEREAS**, in collaboration with Innovation District partners, the Transportation & Public Works Department has identified the need to support mobility and technology opportunities within a distinct area within the Fort Worth Mobility Zone to be known as the Alliance Logistics District; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has adopted an ordinance amending the City Code to eliminate the requirement that overweight vehicles up to 120,000 pounds operating on City streets within the Alliance Logistics District obtain additional permits from the City and pay associated fees; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that the use of hostler trucks and autonomous vehicle technology will further enhance supply chain efficiency, optimize freight movement, and create a controlled environment for transportation innovation within the Alliance Logistics District; and

**WHEREAS**, hostler trucks and autonomous vehicles are currently authorized by state law to operate on City streets in accordance with state law requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council recognizes that hostler trucks and autonomous vehicle technology operating within the Alliance Logistics District may increase the efficiency of the distribution of goods.

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

1. The City Council of the City of Fort Worth expresses its support for the use of hostler trucks and autonomous vehicle technology within the Alliance Logistics District in accordance with all state and federal laws, as that area is defined in Chapter 22 of the City Code.
2. The City should conduct periodic reviews to evaluate the use of hostler trucks and autonomous vehicle technology within the Alliance Logistic District.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2025

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Jannette S. Goodall, City Secretary