

A Resolution

NO. _____

ESTABLISHING A PROGRAM FOR THE PLACEMENT OF HONORARY MEMORIAL STREET TOPPERS FOR FALLEN FIRST RESPONDERS

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Worth allows for the installation of signs above street name signs on public streets (“street toppers”) for various purposes, including identification of neighborhoods and memorial designations;

WHEREAS, first responder organizations and members of the public have expressed a desire to fund the placement of street toppers as an honorary memorial designation near the location where a Fort Worth first responder died or sustained life-ending injuries in the line of duty, to the extent that such location can be verifiably identified;

WHEREAS, the current memorial designation street topper policy requires an application fee and the submission of names, addresses, and signatures of all abutting property owners concurring with the memorial designation; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires for the City Manager to establish a specific program for the placement of honorary memorial street toppers for fallen first responders that meets the criteria set forth below.

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

1. The City Council hereby directs the City Manager to establish a program for honorary memorial street toppers for fallen first responders that includes the following criteria:

(i) An application that includes sufficient verified information regarding the first responder, the location at which the first responder died or sustained life-ending injuries in the line of duty, and the location at which the Street Topper is to be installed;

(ii) No application fee is required;

(ii) Payment in full by the applicant of the actual cost of the fabrication and installation of the Street Topper;

(iii) A process for notification of property owners within a designated distance from the Street Topper placement, beyond merely the abutting property owners and a communications method by which the property owners can express support or protest;

(iv) Administrative approval of the application for the Street Topper, provided that less than 50% of the notified property owners have submitted protest; and

(v) Up to five (5) street toppers of any kind may be allowed at any one location, and no existing street toppers are allowed to be displaced.

2. The City Manager is directed to bring back to the City Council an informal report regarding the details of the established program required by Section 1 above by no later than April 30, 2024, and all necessary Council actions to authorize necessary appropriations to effect the program shall be considered by Council no later than May 14, 2024.

3. This resolution takes effect immediately upon adoption.

Adopted this 27th day of February, 2024.

ATTEST:

By: _____
Jannette S. Goodall, City Secretary