AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WESTON, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING A WASTEWATER RATE; DEPOSIT FEE; MISCELLANEOUS FEES PROVIDING FOR REPEALING, SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THE CAPTION HEREOF.

WHEREAS, the City of Weston, Texas is a Type A general-law municipality in Collin County, created in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 6 of the Local Government Code and operating pursuant to the enabling legislation of the State of Texas;

WHEREAS, Section 552.001 of the Texas Local Government Code permits a Type A municipality to operate and regulate a utility system in a manner that protects the interests of the municipality:

WHEREAS, City Council reviewed the findings of the Wastewater Rate Study conducted by Willdan at a regularly scheduled meeting on July 11, 2023; and

WHEREAS, City Council finds and determines that establishing a rate plan for wastewater and sewer services is necessary to cover the costs of respective services; and

WHEREAS, City Council desires to adopt fees necessary for the City to provide good and efficient government for the benefit of the citizens of the City; and

WHEREAS, City Council finds that all legal notices, hearings, procedures and publishing requirements for the adoption of the ordinance have been performed or completed in the manner and form set forth by law.

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

SECTION 1: Findings Incorporated. The findings set forth above are incorporated into the body of this Ordinance as if fully set forth herein.

SECTION 2: Adoption of Wastewater Rate. This ordinance adopts a wastewater rate plan applicable to residential and commercial wastewater customers having such services furnished by the City as follows:

Wastewater Rate - Residential - Rates effective August 1, 2023.

(1) Monthly wastewater charge for residential connections to sanitary sewer shall be a flat rate of fifty dollars (\$50.00).

Wastewater Rate - Commercial - Rates effective August 1, 2023.

(1) Monthly wastewater charge for commercial connections to sanitary sewer system shall be a flat rate of fifty dollars (\$ 50.00).

SECTION 3: Deposit Fee. A refundable deposit fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) shall be collected for new residential and commercial connections.

SECTION 4: <u>Miscellaneous Fees</u>. Each customer shall be responsible for paying costs incurred that are attributable to a specific customer or customer account including, but not limited to, returned checks, disconnect fees, and late penalty fees.

SECTION 4: Savings/ Repealing Clause. All provisions of any ordinance in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed; but such repeal shall not abate any pending prosecution for violation of the repealed Ordinance, nor shall the repeal prevent prosecution from being commenced for any violation if occurring prior to the repeal of the Ordinance. Any remaining portions of conflicting ordinances shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5: Severability. Should any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, it is expressly provided that any and all remaining portions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect. Weston hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance, and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase thereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, or phrases be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

SECTION 6: Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective from and after its adoption and publication as required by law.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WESTON, TEXAS on this the 25 day of ________, 2023.

THEREFORE, HE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE

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Susan Coffer, City Secreta

Jerry Randall, Mayor

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