

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANSFIELD, TEXAS, AMENDING TITLE XV “LAND USAGE” OF THE CODE OF MANSFIELD, TEXAS, TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER 159 “EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION” TO PROVIDE A PROCESS FOR PETITIONS FOR RELEASE FROM THE CITY’S EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE IS CUMULATIVE OF ALL ORDINANCES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City of Mansfield, Texas (“City”) is a home rule city acting under its charter adopted by the electorate pursuant to Article XI, Section 5, of the Texas Constitution and Chapter 9 of the Local Government Code; and,

WHEREAS, the Texas legislature passed Senate Bill 2038, which allows residents of a municipality’s extraterritorial jurisdiction to petition for release from the municipality’s extraterritorial jurisdiction; and,

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 2038 provides a timeline for approving the release of property from the extraterritorial jurisdiction after a petition is filed with the municipality; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council deems it appropriate to establish procedures for establishing when a petition is considered filed; and,

WHEREAS, a petition requesting release must comply with the petition requirements of Chapter 277 of the Texas Election Code; and,

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 2038 requires the City Secretary, or designee, to verify the petition signatures; and,

WHEREAS, City Council finds it necessary to establish a procedure for the City Secretary to verify the signature of corporate owners; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to establish an appropriate fee for processing extraterritorial release requests, including updating municipal maps; and,

WHEREAS, the fee is not intended and shall not pay for the costs of holding an election on the question of whether to release an area from the municipality’s extraterritorial jurisdiction if a petition for election is received by the City; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that this Ordinance is in the best interests of the citizens of the City of Mansfield.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANSFIELD, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1.

Title XV “Land Usage” of the Code of Mansfield, Texas is amended by adding a new Chapter 159 “Extraterritorial Jurisdiction” to read as follows:

“CHAPTER 159: EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION

§ 159.01 PETITIONS FOR RELEASE.

(A) A petition for release or a petition to hold an election for release from the City’s extraterritorial jurisdiction may be filed by a resident or land owner within the extraterritorial jurisdiction, as provided by Chapter 42 of the Texas Local Government Code, as amended.

(B) A petition either for release or requesting an election is considered filed when it meets the following requirements:

(1) The petition must comply with the signature requirements of Chapter 42 of the Texas Local Government Code, as amended, and Chapter 277 of the Texas Election Code, as amended;

(2) The petition must include a map of the land to be released and describe the boundaries of the land by either:

- (a) Metes and bounds, or
- (b) Lot and block number, if there is a recorded map or plat;

(3) To permit the City Secretary to verify the petition, the petition of a corporate owner must be accompanied by the following:

- (a) Date of birth of the signor;
- (b) Personal residence address of the signor;
- (c) Business entity’s Certificate of Good Standing from the Texas Secretary of State;
- (d) Business entity’s Articles of incorporation, certificate of formation, partnership agreement, or other corporate formation document;
- (e) Business entity’s Bylaws; and
- (f) Resolution of the business entity authorizing the petition for release be executed and filed by the entity representative; and

(4) The petition must be accompanied by a fee of \$300. The petition shall not be deemed complete or filed, and shall not be processed, without payment of such fee.

(C) Upon receipt of a filed petition, the City must verify the petition. The City shall notify the resident and landowners of the area described by the petition of its results. This may be satisfied by notifying the party who filed the petition.

(D) If the petition for release contains the requisite number of signatures, the City shall release the area from its extraterritorial jurisdiction by the later of the 45th day after the date the petition was filed or the next meeting of the city council that occurs after the 30th date after the petition was filed.

(E) If the resident or landowner submits a verified petition to hold an election for release, the City may either:

(1) Voluntarily release the area for which the election is to be held from the City's extraterritorial jurisdiction before the date on which the election would have been held; or

(2) Order an election for release, which must comply with Texas Election Code and Chapter 42 of the Local Government Code, as amended.

(F) This section does not apply to the following properties in the extraterritorial jurisdiction:

(1) In an area designated as an Industrial District under Section 42.044 of the Texas Local Government Code, as amended;

(2) In an area subject to a strategic partnership agreement with the City; or

(3) Any other exceptions to release of an area by petition of a landowner or resident as described by Chapter 42 of the Local Government Code."

SECTION 2.

This Ordinance shall be cumulative of all provisions of ordinances of the City of Mansfield, Texas, except where the provisions of this Ordinance are in direct conflict with the provisions of such ordinances, in which event the conflicting provisions of such ordinances are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3.

It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council of the City that the phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this Ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section of this Ordinance should be declared unconstitutional by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, or sections of this Ordinance, since the same would have been enacted by the City Council without incorporation in this Ordinance of any such unconstitutional phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section.

SECTION 4.

The caption of this ordinance shall be published in compliance with Section 3.13 of the City Charter.

SECTION 5.

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, and it is so ordained.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 8TH DAY OF APRIL, 2024.

Michael Evans, Mayor

ATTEST:

Susana Marin, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Ashley Dierker, City Attorney