

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANSFIELD, TEXAS APPOINTING MESSER FORT, PLLC TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES AS CITY ATTORNEY; DESIGNATING A CITY ATTORNEY AND ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEYS; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ANY DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION; FINDING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION IS PASSED IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Mansfield (City) is a home rule municipality operating under and governed by the laws and Constitution of the State of Texas; and,

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 8.05 of the Home Rule Charter, the City Council of the City is authorized to appoint the City Attorney for the City; and,

**WHEREAS**, Messer Fort, PLLC practices only municipal law and collectively has extensive years of municipal law experience; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that engaging Messer Fort, PLLC provides the City with high quality legal representation; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City Council desires to appoint an individual from the law firm of Messer Fort, PLLC, as City Attorney for the City and all other attorneys of the law firm as Assistant City Attorneys.

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

**SECTION 1.**

The findings and recitations set out in the preamble are found to be true and correct and are hereby adopted by the City Council and made a part hereof for all purposes.

**SECTION 2.**

The appointment of the law firm of Messer Fort, PLLC to provide legal services as City Attorney is hereby approved.

**SECTION 3.**

The designation of Patricia Adams, Partner in the firm, as the City Attorney is hereby approved.

**SECTION 4.**

All the attorneys employed and associated with Messer Fort, PLLC now, and at any time in the future, are hereby designated as assistant City Attorneys and are hereby authorized to represent and provide legal services to the City under the supervision of the City Attorney subject, ultimately, to the discretion and direction of the City Manager and City Council.

**SECTION 5.**

The City Manager, or designee, is authorized to execute any documents necessary and take such actions as are necessary to implement this Resolution.

**SECTION 6.**

It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Resolution is passed is open to the public as required by law and the public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required.

**SECTION 7.**

That this resolution shall be effective from and after its passage.

**PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANSFIELD  
THIS 9<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, 2024.**

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**Michael Evans, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Susana Marin, City Secretary**