

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MANSFIELD, TEXAS, AMENDING TITLE XI OF THE MANSFIELD, TEXAS CODE OF ORDINANCES, ENTITLED “BUSINESS REGULATIONS” BY AMENDING SECTION 116.03, ENTITLED “MAINTENANCE” OF SUBCHAPTER “DONATION BOX PERMITS”; UPDATING THE SECTION NUMBERING FOR SECTIONS 116.04, 116.05 AND 116.06; AMENDING SECTION 116.04, ENTITLED “REVOCATION OF PERMIT” OF SUBCHAPTER “DONATION BOX PERMITS” OF CHAPTER 116, ENTITLED “DONATION BOX PERMITS AND ENFORCEMENT”; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A PENALTY OF FINE NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00) FOR EACH OFFENSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City of Mansfield, Texas is a home-rule municipality located in Tarrant County, created in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 9 of the Local Government Code and operating pursuant to its Charter; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it will be advantageous, beneficial and in the best interest of the citizens of Mansfield to amend Title XI of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Mansfield to regulate donation boxes as provided herein.

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

SECTION 1.

That Section 116.03, entitled “Maintenance” is hereby amended to read as follows:

§116.03 MAINTENANCE.

(A) Donation boxes and drop-off collection areas shall be properly maintained and comply with the following regulations:

(1) The operator of each donation box shall keep the real property situated within twenty- five (25) feet of the location of a donation box clean and free of trash, debris, broken glass, clothes hangers, clothes, clothing accessories or excess donations.

(2) The donation box operator and the real property owner shall be jointly and severally liable and responsible for the maintenance, upkeep and servicing of the donation box and the cleanup and removal of any donations left on the property outside of the donation box.

(3). Each donation box shall clearly indicate in writing on the front side of each box that all donations must fit into and be placed within the donation box. The size of lettering for the notice shall not be less than one-half inch in height.

(4) A donation box operator or real property owner that fails to maintain the cleanliness of the surrounding real property may receive a notice of violation from the City. If the City elects to send a notice of violation to the email address on file for the operator, the operator shall have forty-eight (48) hours to remedy the complaint. Failure to comply with a notice of violation may result in the issuance of a citation by the City. An operator who is issued more than one (1) citation in a twelve (12) month period for the same offense on the same donation box is subject to revocation of the approval for such donation box.

(B) It shall be unlawful for any person who owns, leases, is in control of or is entitled to possession of real property within the City of Mansfield to authorize or allow any donation box to be placed on or remain on such real property without a valid Donation Box Permit in compliance with the provisions of this Subsection.

(C) A violation of any of the provisions of this Section 116.03(A) or (B) shall constitute a public nuisance, and the City shall have the authority to abate any such violation as such. This provision does not exclude or limit the use of any other remedy available to the City under this Subsection, the Code of Ordinances, or the laws of the State of Texas

SECTION 2.

That the existing numerical values for Sections 116.04, 116.05 and 116.06 are hereby repealed and replaced as follows:

§ 116.04 REVOCATION OF PERMIT.

§ 116.05 ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS OF DENIAL OR REVOCATION OF PERMIT.

§ 116.06 APPEALS OF ADMINISTRATOR DECISION.

SECTION 3.

That Section 116.04, entitled "Revocation of Permit" is hereby amended to read as follows:

§116.04 REVOCATION OF PERMIT.

(A) Any permit issued hereunder may be revoked by the Administrator if the permit holder has (1) received more than one citation for a violation of this Chapter or any other provision of this Code of Ordinances within the preceding 12-month time period or (2) has knowingly made a false material statement in the application or (3) has otherwise become disqualified for the issuance of a permit under the terms of this Chapter.

(B) Notice of the revocation shall be given to the permit holder in writing, with the reasons for the revocation specified in the notice, served either by personal service or by certified United States mail to their last known address. The revocation shall become effective the day following personal service or if mailed, three (3) days from the date of mailing.

(C) The permit holder shall have ten (10) days from the date of such revocation in which to file notice with the Administrator of their appeal from the order revoking said permit. The

(D) Administrator shall provide for a hearing on the appeal in accordance with the provisions of this section herein.

(E) Upon finalization of any revocation, the permit holder shall remove said donation box no later than ten (10) days after said final decision. Upon expiration of this 10-day grace period, the donation box shall acquire noncompliant status and be subject to immediate impoundment without further notice. Any donation box impounded by the City shall be released to the owner upon payment of all applicable impoundment and storage. If a donation box is impounded for longer than ten calendar days, it shall be considered abandoned property subject to disposal or sale at the City's sole discretion.

(F) In the event the permit of any permit holder is revoked by the Administrator, no second or additional permit shall be issued to such person within one (1) year of the date such permit was revoked.

(G) Donation boxes that have been placed without a permit are subject to the same impoundment regulations set forth herein Section 116.04(D), after a notice of violation has been issued and the 10- day compliance period has expired.

SECTION 4.

That all ordinances of the City in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance be, and the same are hereby, repealed and all other ordinances of the City not in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5.

Should any paragraph, sentence, subdivision, clause, phrase or section of this ordinance be adjudged or held to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole or any part or provision thereof, other than the part so declared to be invalid, illegal or unconstitutional, and shall not affect the validity of the Zoning Ordinance as a whole.

SECTION 6.

Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this ordinance or the Zoning Ordinance, as amended hereby, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction in the Municipal Court of the City of Mansfield, Texas, shall be punished by a fine not to exceed the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) for each offense, and each and every day any such violation shall continue shall be deemed to constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 7.

This ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage on first and final reading and the publication of the caption, as the law and charter in such cases provide.

DULY PASSED ON THE FIRST AND FINAL READING BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANSFIELD, TEXAS, THIS 5TH DAY OF JUNE, 2023.

Michael Evans, Mayor

ATTEST:

Susana Marin, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Bradley Anderle, City Attorney