

## **ORDINANCE NO. 2025-O-008**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BLANCO, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING APPLICATION FEES FOR PETITIONS FOR DISANNEXATION AND REQUESTS FOR RELEASE FROM THE CITY'S EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION; PROVIDING FOR ADMINISTRATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Blanco, Texas ("City"), is authorized under applicable provisions of the Texas Local Government Code, including Chapters 42 and 43, to receive and act upon petitions for disannexation and for release of land from the City's extraterritorial jurisdiction ("ETJ");

WHEREAS, the receipt and processing of these petitions impose administrative, planning, engineering, financial, mapping, and legal review responsibilities on City staff, consultants, and the City Council;

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it is in the best interest of the City to establish reasonable, cost-recovery fees associated with processing petitions for disannexation and requests for release from the ETJ;

WHEREAS, the City Council further finds that such fees are reasonably related to the City's estimated staff time, public notice, document preparation, legal review, administrative handling, and council consideration of such matters;

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

### **SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS.**

The findings and recitals set forth above are hereby adopted as findings of fact and legislative determinations of the City Council and incorporated into this Ordinance for all purposes.

### **SECTION 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF APPLICATION FEES.**

2.1. A petition for disannexation submitted pursuant to Chapter 43 of the Texas Local Government Code or applicable City policy shall be accompanied by a non-refundable application fee of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).

2.2 A request for release or removal of land from the City's extraterritorial jurisdiction submitted pursuant to Chapter 42 of the Texas Local Government Code or applicable

City policy shall be accompanied by a non-refundable application fee of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00).

2.3 The fees set forth herein shall apply per tract or parcel described in the petition or request unless otherwise authorized in writing by the City Administrator.

### **SECTION 3. APPLICATION PROCESSING.**

The City Secretary, City Administrator, or an authorized designee shall ensure proper routing and administrative handling of applications submitted under this Ordinance. Applications shall not be considered complete for review or action unless accompanied by the applicable fee. Payment of required fees does not obligate the City Council to approve or deny the petition or application.

### **SECTION 4. WAIVER OR MODIFICATION OF FEES.**

The City Council may waive or adjust fees imposed under this Ordinance where the Council determines, based on written findings of public necessity, equity, or hardship, that such waiver or modification serves the public interest.

### **SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY.**

If any word, phrase, clause, sentence, section, or provision of this Ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions shall continue in full force and effect, and it is the City Council's intent that the Ordinance would have been adopted without such invalid portion.

### **SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of DECEMBER, 2025, by the City Council of the City of Blanco, Texas.

CITY OF BLANCO, TEXAS

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

City Secretary

