Ordinance No. 25-063

An ordinance amending the "Health and Sanitation" Chapter of the Code of the City of Arlington, Texas, 1987, through the amendment of Article IV, Regulation of Food Establishments, relative to reconciling sections that may conflict with state law; providing for a fine of up to \$2,000 for each offense in violation of the ordinance; providing this ordinance be cumulative; providing for severability, governmental immunity, injunctions, publication, and declaring an emergency and becoming effective September 1, 2025

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARLINGTON, TEXAS:

1.

That the "Health and Sanitation" Chapter of the Code of the City of Arlington, Texas, 1987, is hereby amended by the amendment of Article IV, Regulation of Food Establishments, so that said article shall be and read as follows:

ARTICLE IV

REGULATION OF FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS

Section 4.01 Texas Food Establishment Rules Adopted

- A. The provisions of the current rules as amended by the Texas Board of Health known as the Texas Food Establishment Rules ("TFER") found in Title 25, Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 228, are herein adopted together with the additions, deletions, and amendments hereinafter contained, as part of Article IV, Regulation of Food Establishments, of the "Health and Sanitation" Chapter of the Code of the City of Arlington, Texas, 1987.
- B. The intent and purpose of this Section is to provide for the inspecting of food establishments in the City of Arlington, Texas, or its police jurisdiction, and to provide for the issuing, suspending or revoking of permits for the handling of food in such establishments. The enforcement of this Article and the fixing of penalties shall be regulated in accordance with this Chapter. The adopted State regulations are available online at the websites of the Texas Secretary of State and the Texas Department of State Health Services. The Administrator may provide the current website addresses or adopted State regulations upon request.
- C. In the event of a conflict between any provision of the Texas Food Establishment Rules and any provision of this Article, this Article shall prevail.

D. The adopting by reference of the Texas Food Establishment Rules, as provided in Section 4.01(A) above, as amended, is made subject to and is modified and amended as follows:

Title 25, Texas Administrative Code Section 228.2, <u>Definitions</u>, shall be amended as follows:

- a. The definition of the term "Mobile Food Unit" or "MFU" is amended to include the term "mobile food establishment."
- b. The definition of the term "Regulatory Authority" shall mean the department and officials designated by the City Manager to administer and enforce the provisions of this Article. The term also includes the term "Administrator" as defined in this Chapter.

Section 4.02 Food Establishment - Permit Required

- A. No person or firm shall operate a Food Establishment, Temporary Food Establishment, Central Preparation Facility, Farmers Market Food Establishment or Feeding Program in the City of Arlington without a valid permit issued by the Administrator.
- B. A food establishment operated solely by a nonprofit organization is exempt from the permitting requirements of this ordinance, but it is not exempt from compliance with state rules. The Administrator may require any information necessary to determine whether an organization is a nonprofit for purposes of this exemption.
- C. In cases where a person or firm conducts, in a single building or at the same address, more than one (1) operation, vocation or business, whether such operation, vocation or business constitutes a Food Establishment or Temporary Food Establishment, then a separate permit shall be required for each such operation, vocation or business.

Section 4.03 <u>Certified Food Protection Manager and Food Handler - Certification</u> Required

- A. Every Food Service Employee shall within thirty (30) days of the date of employment, be the holder of a current valid Food Handler Certificate, issued upon completion of a Food Handler Education or Training Program accredited through the Texas Department of State Health Services or the American National Standards Institute.
- B. No person who owns, manages or otherwise controls any Food Establishment shall permit any Food Service Employee to be employed therein who does not after thirty

- (30) days of employment possess a current valid Food Handler Certificate, issued upon completion of a Food Handler Education or Training Program accredited through the Texas Department of State Health Services or the American National Standards Institute.
- C. Within thirty (30) days of the date of employment, every Food Service Manager shall complete a Food Manager Certification Education or Training Program accredited through the Texas Department of State Health Services or the American National Standards Institute and be the holder of a current valid Food Manager Certificate.
- D. The person who owns, manages or otherwise controls any Food Establishment shall not allow any Food Service Manager to be employed therein, if they do not possess a current valid Food Manager Certification after thirty (30) days of employment.
- E. A permit holder of an existing Food Establishment that has changed ownership, or whose Certified Food Protection Manager is no longer employed at the establishment shall have thirty (30) days to comply with the requirements of this Section.
- F. Title 25, Texas Administrative Code Section 228.31 shall be amended to add the following provision:
 - During all operating hours of a Temporary Food Establishment, there must be at least one Temporary Food Service Employee or controlling person on site with a current Food Handler Certificate or a current Food Protection Manager Certificate.
- G. The Administrator has the authority to grant the following variances, if it is determined that it will not result in a health hazard or nuisance:
 - a. Grant a variance from the general requirement that each Food Establishment have a separate Certified Food Protection Manager employed in a supervisory capacity.
 - b. Approve one Certified Food Protection Manager to be employed in a supervisory capacity for several Food Establishments located in the same building or venue and under the same ownership and management.

Section 4.04 Permits - Authority to Issue

The Administrator is hereby authorized to issue permits to any person or firm making application for a Food Handler Certificate, Food Establishment Permit, Temporary Food Establishment Permit, Central Preparation Facility Permit, Farmers Market Permit or Feeding Program Permit, in the City of Arlington, provided that only a person or firm that complies with the requirements of this Article shall be entitled to receive and retain such permit and provided that a person or firm applying for a Temporary Food Establishment Permit has not been issued the maximum number of Temporary Food Establishment Permits that are allowed to be issued to any person or firm during any one year period. The

maximum number of Temporary Food Establishment Permits that may be issued shall be set by policy of the Administrator.

Section 4.05 Permits - Application

- A. Application for such permit as required of this Article in Sections 4.02 and 4.03, as amended, shall be made in writing or electronically to the Administrator upon forms prescribed and furnished by the Administrator. If the application for permit is being made to operate in conjunction with a single event or is for a single event, a City of Arlington required event permit, shall accompany the application.
- B. A Food Establishment Permit Plan Review Fee shall be required for each Food Establishment or Central Preparation Facility that requires plans to be submitted according to Section 4.17, as amended.
- C. A Food Establishment Application Review Fee shall be required for each Food Establishment or Central Preparation Facility that requires a new Food Establishment Permit or Central Preparation Facility Permit due to change of ownership, new operation, change in type of operation, or revocation, and a new application shall be made for a permit as required by Section 4.02, as amended. Whenever a new Food Establishment Permit or Central Preparation Facility Permit is required, the Regulatory Authority shall inspect the Food Establishment or Central Preparation Facility prior to beginning operation to determine compliance with requirements of this Article.
- D. Failure to provide all required information, or falsifying information required on the application, may result in denial or revocation of the permit.
- E. Applicants for a Temporary Establishment Permit must submit with their application a current Food Handler Certificate or Food Protection Manager Certificate for the person in control of the Temporary Food Establishment.
- F. A Temporary Food Establishment Permit Application Fee shall be required upon each new application.
- G. Applicants and holders of a permit granted under the provisions of this article must demonstrate that the food establishment is in compliance with all applicable requirements under federal, state, and local law, including those established by this Code of Ordinances. Failure to demonstrate such compliance with applicable laws under this Section may result in denial, suspension, or revocation of the permit.

Section 4.06 <u>Availability and Posting of Food Handler Certificate and Food</u> Protection Manager Certificate

A. Every permit holder or person in charge shall at all times have available on the premises for inspection the Food Handler Certificate for all food service employees.

B. Every permit holder or person in charge shall at all times conspicuously display in public view the Food Protection Manager Certificate of its employees.

Section 4.07 Posting of Food Establishment, Mobile Food Establishment, Temporary Food Establishment or Central Preparation Facility Permit

- A. Every permit holder or person in charge shall at all times conspicuously display in public view the current and valid Food Establishment Permit, Temporary Food Establishment Permit, Central Preparation Facility Permit or Feeding Program Permit.
- B. Every permit holder or person in charge shall at all times have available on the premises for inspection and shall at all times conspicuously display in public view the current and valid Mobile Food Establishment Permit issued by the Texas Department of State Health Services, County, or local regulatory authority as authorized.

Section 4.08 Posting of Food Establishment Letter Grade and Inspection Notice of Availability or Report

- A. Every permit holder or person in charge shall at all times conspicuously display in public view the most recent inspection letter grade.
- B. Permit holders shall at all times conspicuously display in public view a copy of the last routine food establishment inspection report, or a notice of availability, upon request.

Section 4.09 Permits - Duration

Except as provided by Subsection (B), any Food Establishment Permit, or Central Preparation Facility Permit, granted under the provision of Section 4.02, as amended, shall remain in full force and effect twelve (12) months from the date of issuance as long as the annual food establishment permit fee is paid unless sooner suspended or revoked for cause.

- A. A Food Establishment Permit or Central Preparation Facility Permit that lapses for non-payment of the applicable annual permit fee will be reinstated upon payment of a reinstatement fee, except that permits lapsed for more than three (3) months may not be reinstated.
- B. The following standards apply to permits for Temporary Food Establishments, Temporary Seasonal Food Establishments, Farmers Market Permits, and Feeding Programs:
 - 1. Temporary Food Establishment Permits shall remain in full force and effect for a period of time not more than fourteen (14) consecutive days in

- conjunction with a single event or celebration from date of issuance unless sooner suspended or revoked for cause.
- 2. Temporary Seasonal Food Establishment Permits shall remain in full force and effect for a period of time not less than fifteen (15) consecutive days and not to exceed 180 days in conjunction with or as the single event attracting one or more food vendors at a single building or address. Upon expiration of a Temporary Seasonal Food Establishment Permit, a period of thirty (30) days must pass before a person may apply for a new Temporary Seasonal Food Establishment Permit.
- 3. Farmers Market Permits shall remain in full force and effect twelve (12) months from the date of issuance. Upon expiration of a Farmers Market Permit, a person may apply for a new Farmers Market Permit.
- 4. Feeding Program Permits for feeding programs approved by the Texas Department of Agriculture shall remain in full force and effect for a period of time not less than fifteen (15) consecutive days and not to exceed ninety (90) days. Upon expiration of a Feeding Program Permit, a period of 180 days must pass before a person may apply for a new Feeding Program Permit.

Section 4.10 Permits - Non-transferable

- A. Every permit issued under the provisions of this Article shall be nontransferable and nonrefundable.
- B. A Food Establishment Permit, Temporary Food Establishment, Central Preparation Facility Permit, or Feeding Program Permit shall be valid for and permit the operation of the establishment only at the location, for the type of food service, and for the permit holder for which granted.

Section 4.11 <u>Suspension of a Permit for a Food Establishment, Temporary Food</u> Establishment, Central Preparation Facility, or Feeding Program

- A. The Administrator may, without prior notice or hearing, suspend any permit granted under Section 4.02, as amended, to operate a Food Establishment, Temporary Food Establishment, Central Preparation Facility, or Feeding Program if the permit holder or person in charge does not comply with the requirements of this Article, or if the operation of the Food Establishment otherwise constitutes a substantial hazard to public health. Suspension is effective upon service of the notice required by Section 4.14, as amended. When a permit is suspended, food service operations shall immediately cease.
- B. The Administrator may end the suspension at any time if reasons for suspension no longer exist.

- C. Whenever a Food Establishment, Temporary Food Establishment, Central Preparation Facility, or Feeding Program is required under the provisions of this Section to cease operations, it shall not resume operations until such time as a reinspection determines that conditions responsible for the requirement to cease operations no longer exist.
- D. Opportunity for reinspection shall be offered within a reasonable time. During the time a Food Establishment, Temporary Food Establishment, Central Preparation Facility, or Feeding Program is required to cease operations, a sign shall be posted on the outside of the establishment, clearly visible to a reasonably observant person, which sign shall state "Closed by the City of Arlington".
- E. "Closed by the City of Arlington" sign must remain posted until the conditions responsible for the requirement are no longer present and the sign is removed by the health authority. It is an offense for any person to remove, deface, destroy, or damage a "Closed by the City of Arlington" sign that has been posted pursuant to this section.

Section 4.12 Suspension of Conveyance of Food to the Public

- A. The Administrator may, without prior notice or hearing, suspend conveyance of food to the public if the conveyance constitutes a substantial hazard to public health or if the operation failed to obtain a permit as required by Section 4.02. Suspension is effective upon service of the notice required by Section 4.14, as amended. When a permit is suspended, food service operations shall immediately cease.
- B. The Administrator may end the suspension at any time if reasons for suspension no longer exist.
- C. Whenever an operation conveying food to the public is required under the provisions of this Section to cease operations, it shall not resume operations until such time as a reinspection determines that conditions responsible for the requirement to cease operations no longer exist.
- D. Opportunity for reinspection shall be offered within a reasonable time. During the time an operation conveying food to the public is required to cease operations, a sign shall be posted on the outside of the establishment, clearly visible to a reasonably observant person, which sign shall state "Closed By the City of Arlington."
- E. "Closed By The City of Arlington" sign must remain posted until the conditions responsible for the requirement are no longer present and the sign is removed by the health authority. It is an offense for any person to remove, deface, destroy, or damage a "Closed by the City of Arlington" sign that has been posted pursuant to this section.

Section 4.13 <u>Denial of a Permit for a Food Establishment, Temporary Food</u> Establishment, Central Preparation Facility, or Feeding Program

The Administrator may, after providing notice of opportunity for a hearing according to Section 4.14, as amended, deny a permit to operate a Food Establishment, Temporary Food Establishment, Central Preparation Facility or Feeding Program, if the applicant for the permit does not comply with the requirements of this Article, or if the operation otherwise constitutes a substantial hazard to public health. Whenever a denial of a permit has become final, the applicant may make written application for a permit according to Section 4.05, as amended.

Section 4.14 Revocation of a Permit for a Food Establishment, Temporary Food Establishment, Central Preparation Facility, or Feeding Program

The Administrator may, after providing opportunity for a hearing according to Section 4.14, as amended, revoke a permit granted under Section 4.02, as amended, for serious or repeated violations of any of the requirements of this Article, failure to maintain a Food Establishment permit or other permit due to failure to pay fees according to Section 4.07, as amended, or for interference with the Regulatory Authority in the performance of its duty. Prior to revocation, the Regulatory Authority shall notify the holder of the permit or the person in charge, in writing, of the reason for which the permit is subject to revocation and that the permit shall be revoked at the end of the ten (10) days following service of such notice, unless a written request for a hearing is filed with the Administrator by the holder of the permit within such ten (10) day period. If no request for hearing is filed within the ten (10) day period, the revocation of the permit becomes final. Whenever a revocation of a permit has become final, the holder of the revoked permit may make written application for a new permit according to Section 4.05(C), as amended.

Section 4.15 Service of Notices

- A. A notice provided for in this Article is properly served when it is delivered to the permit holder or person in charge, or when it is sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, to the last known address of the holder of the permit. A copy of the notice shall be filed in the records of the Administrator.
- B. If an attempt to personally serve the citation fails, the citation must then be served upon the person charged by posting the citation on either:
 - a. The front door of the premises or property; or
 - b. A placard staked to the yard of the premises or property in a location visible from a public street or alley.

Section 4.16 Notice of Appeal; Hearing

A. Upon denial, suspension, or revocation of a permit for a Food Establishment, Temporary Food Establishment, Central Preparation Facility, or Feeding Program,

the Regulatory Authority shall notify the applicant, permit holder, or person in charge, in writing, of the reason for which the permit is subject of denial, suspension, or revocation. The applicant, permit holder, or person in charge shall file a written request for a hearing with the Administrator within ten (10) days following service of such notice. If no written request for hearing is filed within ten (10) days, the denial, suspension, or revocation is sustained.

- B. The appeal shall be conducted within twenty (20) days of the date on which the notice of appeal was filed with the Administrator.
- C. The hearings provided for in this Article shall be conducted by the Administrator or a designated hearing officer at a time and place designated by the Administrator or the hearing officer. Based upon the recorded evidence of such hearing, the Administrator or the designated hearing officer shall sustain, modify or rescind any notice or order considered in the hearing. A written report of the hearing decision shall be furnished to the permit holder of the permit by the Administrator or the designated hearing officer.
- D. After such hearing, an applicant that has had a permit denied, suspended, or revoked by the Administrator may appeal to the City Appeal Officer designated by the City Manager to hear such appeals.
- E. An appeal shall not stay the denial or suspension of the permit unless otherwise directed by the Administrator.

Section 4.17 Inspection Frequency

- A. An inspection of a Food Establishment shall be prioritized based upon assessment of the Food Establishment's history of compliance and potential risk factors for causing foodborne illness according to Title 25, Texas Administrative Code Section 228.244, as amended, and evaluations by the Regulatory Authority.
- B. The Administrator shall classify Food Establishments as high priority, medium priority, or low priority, according to the risk factors deemed relevant to the operation.
- C. Additional inspections of the Food Establishment shall be performed as often as necessary for the enforcement of this Article.

D. Inspections.

- 1. The Regulatory Authority may conduct inspections of a food establishment whenever necessary to enforce any of the provisions of this Article or if there is probable cause to believe that a violation of this Article exists at a food establishment.
- 2. The Regulatory Authority shall have access to the food establishment and its premises.

3.' The Regulatory Authority may conduct inspections of an establishment whenever necessary to enforce any of the provisions of this Article if there is probable cause to believe that the establishment is engaging in the conveyance of food or beverage to the public without a permit as required under this Article.

Section 4.18 Disposition of Unsafe, Adulterated, or Contaminated Food

- A. Food that is unsafe, adulterated, or contaminated shall be discarded.
- B. If the Regulatory Authority determines that any food is unsafe, adulterated, or contaminated, the Regulatory Authority may issue a written order that the food be discarded by immediately denaturing and rendering the food inedible. The Regulatory Authority shall provide a copy of the written order to the owner, manager or person in charge of the food establishment.
- C. Food that is subject to an order to discard shall not be used, served, or offered for public consumption.
- D. If the owner, manager, or person in charge of the food establishment does not discard the food subject to an order to discard, the Regulatory Authority may seize and discard such food pursuant to a warrant or any other remedy provided by law.
- E. The owner, manager, or person in control of any food that was ordered to be discarded may appeal the order to the Administrator. The Administrator may designate a hearing officer to conduct hearings under this Section. In order to appeal, the owner, manager, or person in control of such food must file a written request for a hearing with the Administrator within ten (10) days of the order being issued to discard the food.
- F. If any food that is subject to an order to discard has not yet been discarded at the time that a hearing is requested, the Administrator may, upon request, permit the food to be stored at an approved location, pending the outcome of the hearing, unless the Administrator determines that storage of such food is not possible without risk to the public health, in which case the food may be seized and discarded pursuant to Subsection (C).
- G. Upon a timely request for a hearing under Subsection (E), the Administrator shall schedule a hearing within twenty (20) days of the written request and provide notice to the person who requested the hearing. At the hearing, if the Administrator or designated hearing officer determines that the food subject to an order to discard was unsafe, adulterated or contaminated, the Administrator or designated hearing officer shall:
 - 1. Affirm the order of the Regulatory Authority; and

- 2. Order that the food be discarded if the food is being stored pursuant to Subsection (F).
- H. The Regulatory Authority may examine, collect samples, and detain food in order to enforce the provisions of this Article.

Section 4.19 Review of Plans

- A. Whenever a Food Establishment is constructed or extensively remodeled and whenever an existing structure is converted to use as a Food Establishment, properly prepared plans and specifications for such construction, remodeling or conversion shall be submitted to the Administrator for review and approval before construction, remodeling or conversion is begun. The plans and specifications shall indicate the proposed menu, layout, arrangement, mechanical plans and construction materials of work areas, and the type and model of proposed fixed equipment and facilities. The Administrator shall approve the plans and specifications if they meet the requirements of this Article. No Food Establishment shall be constructed, extensively remodeled or converted except in accordance with plans and specifications approved by the Administrator.
- B. Whenever plans and specifications are required to be submitted under this Section, the Regulatory Authority shall inspect the Food Establishment prior to its beginning operation to determine compliance with the approved plans and specifications and with the requirements of this Article.
- C. Failure to follow the approved plans and specifications may result in a permit denial, suspension, or revocation.
- D. The Administrator may require a food establishment to install a single designated food preparation sink depending on the volume and type of food prepared at the food establishment, including fruits and vegetables. This sink must be clearly identified as a food preparation sink and may not be equipped with chemical dispensing systems or handwashing materials, except for fruit and vegetable washes. The requirements of this Subsection only apply to food establishments that are opened, constructed, or extensively remodeled on or after August 1, 2017.
- E. Handwashing sinks must be located a maximum of 20 feet from food preparation, food dispensing and warewashing areas, unless otherwise approved by the Administrator. The requirements of this Subsection shall only apply to food establishments that are opened, constructed, or extensively remodeled on or after August 1, 2017.

Section 4.20 Operation of Mobile Food Establishment

A. Any person or firm who operates a mobile food establishment as defined in this Article shall not operate such establishment within one block of any block containing an elementary school, junior high school, or middle school.

- B. No mobile food establishment may enter any City Park containing a concession stand for the purpose of vending without first receiving written permission from the Director of the Parks and Recreation Department or the Director's designee.
- C. A mobile food establishment shall not stop to sell or serve food for a period of time exceeding thirty (30) minutes.
- D. A mobile food establishment may only operate in excess of thirty (30) minutes when it is operating:
 - 1. in conjunction with a City-sponsored event or a permitted event authorized by the Construction Chapter, as amended, and only for the duration of that event; or
 - 2. as an accessory use to an existing business with a valid mobile food establishment certificate of occupancy, as authorized by the Unified Development Code, as amended.
- E. Food for public consumption must be prepared and stored at the central preparation facility or on the mobile food establishment. Food for public consumption may not be prepared or stored at any other location, including but not limited to an unpermitted or residential kitchen.
- F. Non-food items such as merchandise, fireworks, or any hazardous substances are prohibited.
- G. Mobile food establishments must have a valid permit from the Texas Department of State Health Services, County, or local regulatory authority as authorized, conspicuously display the current permit in public view, and provide the most current food safety inspection report upon request.

Section 4.21 Fees and Policies

- A. The various requirements for review of plans, permits, licenses, certificates, inspections, reinspections and such administrative function of this Article shall require the payment of fees, submitted to the Administrator, in an amount approved by resolution of the Arlington City Council; except that no fees shall be charged for City owned and operated Food Establishments or public-school cafeterias.
- B. Fees are not to be transferable or refundable.
- C. The Administrator may establish policies and procedures consistent with this Article to implement the provisions of this Article.

Section 4.22 Responsibilities of the Owner, Manager, or Person-in-Charge

The permit holder, owner, manager, or person-in-charge of a food establishment shall operate the facility in compliance with the provisions of this Article and other applicable sections of the Code of the City of Arlington and shall respond within the specified schedule of time when any deficiency or violation has been identified by the Regulatory Authority.

2.

Any person, firm, corporation, agent, or employee thereof who violates any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined an amount not to exceed Two Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$2,000) for each offense. Each day that a violation is permitted to exist shall constitute a separate offense.

3.

This ordinance shall be and is hereby declared to be cumulative of all other ordinances of the City of Arlington, and this ordinance shall not operate to repeal or affect any of such other ordinances except insofar as the provisions thereof might be inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance, in which event such conflicting provisions, if any, in such other ordinance or ordinances are hereby repealed.

4.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

5.

All the regulations provided in this ordinance are hereby declared to be governmental and for the health, safety, and welfare of the general public. Any member of the City Council or any City official or employee charged with the enforcement of this ordinance, acting for the City of Arlington in the discharge of his/her duties, shall not thereby render himself/herself personally liable; and he/she is hereby relieved from all personal liability for any damage that might accrue to persons or property as a result of any act required or permitted in the discharge of his/her said duties.

6.

Any violation of this ordinance can be enjoined by a suit filed in the name of the City of Arlington in a court of competent jurisdiction, and this remedy shall be in addition to any penal provision in this ordinance or in the Code of the City of Arlington.

The caption and penalty clause of this ordinance shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Arlington, Texas, in compliance with the provisions of Article VII, Section 15, of the City Charter. Further, this ordinance may be published in pamphlet form and shall be admissible in such form in any court, as provided by law.

8.

This is an ordinance for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health and safety, and is an emergency measure within the meaning of Article VII, Sections 11 and 12, of the City Charter; and the City Council, by the affirmative vote of all of its members present and voting, hereby declares that this ordinance is an emergency measure, and the requirement that it be read at two (2) meetings, as specified in Section 11, is hereby waived.

9.

This ordinance shall become effective September 1, 2025.

PRESENTED, FINALLY PASSED AND APPROVED, AND EFFECTIVE on the 26th day of _august___, 2025, by a vote of 9 _ ayes and _ 0 _ nays at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Arlington, Texas.

ATTEST:

ALEX BUSKEN, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM: MOLLY SHORTALL, City Attorney