

City Council Regular Meeting

DEPARTMENT: Legal
FROM: Matt Ribitzki, Sr. Deputy City Attorney/Director of Legal Services
MEETING: March 2, 2026

SUBJECT:

Consider and take possible action on a minute order directing City staff to terminate the contract with Perdue Brandon Fielder Collins & Mott, LLP, for delinquent tax collection services. *(Staff Contact: Matt Ribitzki, Sr. Deputy City Attorney/Director of Legal Services)*

STRATEGIC PRIORITY AND GOAL(S):

Strategic Priority	Strategic Goal
 <p>High Performing City Organization Providing Exceptional, People Focused Services</p>	1.2 Continue to improve the efficiency and productivity of operations 1.3 Deliver high-quality service and communications to external and internal customers

SUMMARY:

The City of Burleson has contracted with Perdue Brandon Fielder Collins & Mott, LLP, for delinquent property tax collection services since 1989.

In 2025, at the direction of the City Manager’s Office, the Legal Department, alongside the Purchasing Division, initiated a competitive process to assess the market and confirm the City continues to receive best value for these services. Two highly qualified firms—Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP and Perdue Brandon Fielder Collins & Mott, LLP—submitted proposals. Both firms have extensive experience providing delinquent tax collection services to cities across Texas, with strong references and proven collection performance. Because the evaluation results were exceptionally close and both firms are capable of providing effective services, City staff sought direction from both the Finance Committee and, later, the City Council.

On December 17, 2025, the Finance Committee discussed the issue of selecting a delinquent tax collection firm and requested staff to bring the item to the full City Council without a recommendation from the committee. On January 20, 2026, the City Council discussed the

issue as a report and presentation item and heard from both law firms. Ultimately, the City Council directed City staff to secure the services of Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP, for delinquent tax collection services. Accordingly, this item is brought before the City Council to begin the process of terminating the City's contract with Perdue Brandon Fielder Collins & Mott, LLP, pursuant to the terms of the agreement between the parties.

RECOMMENDATION:

None.

PRIOR ACTION/INPUT (Council, Boards, Citizens):

On December 17, 2025, the Finance Committee discussed this item and requested staff to bring the item to the full City Council without a recommendation from the committee. On January 20, 2026, the City Council discussed its delinquent tax collection services during a report and presentation item and heard from both Perdue Brandon Fielder Collins & Mott, LLP, and Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP.

REFERENCE:

None.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

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