

**CITY OF EVERMAN, TEXAS
RESOLUTION NO. 2023-06-03**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EVERMAN, TEXAS IN SUPPORT OF ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP WITH TARRANT AREA FOOD BANK TO INCREASE ACCESS TO FOOD THROUGH RETAIL HOME DELIVERY AND EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE SERVICES; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH TARRANT AREA FOOD BANK; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, addressing issues of hunger, poverty, and food access are of vital importance to the Tarrant Area Food Bank, Kroger, Tarrant County, City of Everman, City of Forest Hill, City of Fort Worth, and City of Mansfield; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 90,000 residents living in low access areas including more than 13,000 who live in poverty across the City of Everman, City Forest Hill, City of Mansfield, and the Historic Southside neighborhood within the City of Fort Worth; and

WHEREAS, more than 11,000 individuals living in these low access areas across Everman, Forest Hill, Mansfield, and the Historic Southside Neighborhood rely on emergency food resources and services provided by the Tarrant Area Food Bank annually; and

WHEREAS, the Tarrant Area Food Bank, Kroger, Tarrant County, City of Everman, City of Forest Hill, City of Fort Worth, and the City of Fort Worth are committed to establishing a public-private partnership as an important step to improving food access in every part of our community and combatting hunger across our communities by providing emergency food resources to those in need; and

WHEREAS, the formation of this public-private partnership will establish the framework of a working relationship and partnership to increase access to healthy food within these target areas low access to food stores; and

WHEREAS, the mission of this partnership will be to provide neighbors living in low-access areas with a sustainable option for purchasing groceries with home delivery via an online retail grocery

store and to assist neighbors experiencing hunger and financial hardship by providing emergency food support through the Tarrant Area Food Bank's emergency home delivery and traditional emergency food services.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Everman Texas:

SECTION 1. That the City Council of the City of Everman hereby recognizes the establishment of this public-private partnership between Tarrant Area Food Bank and the City of Everman to improve food access and call this observance to the attention of residents across our communities and authorizes the City Manager to execute the Memorandum of Understanding relating thereto in substantially the form of that attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference as Exhibit "A".

SECTION 2. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the _____ day of June, 2023.

APPROVED:

Ray Richardson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mindi Parks, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

John D. Oliver, Asst. City Attorney
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EXHIBIT A

[Memorandum of Understanding with Tarrant Area Food Bank]