

CITY OF JOSHUA, TEXAS

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOSHUA, TEXAS, EXPRESSING NO CONFIDENCE IN THE CHIEF APPRAISER AND CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE JOHNSON COUNTY CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT; MAKING FINDINGS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Joshua, Texas ("City"), is a home-rule municipality located in Johnson County; and

WHEREAS, residents of the City have been subjected to multiple and excessive property appraisals and valuations, resulting in excessive property taxation; and

WHEREAS, even with state property tax limitations, including amendments to the Texas Constitution approved by the voters in November 2023, property taxes in Johnson County continue to skyrocket, with no end in sight; and

WHEREAS, Vance Castles, Vice Chair, and Toby Ford, member, of the Board of Directors of the Johnson County Central Appraisal District have taken little or no action to address skyrocketing property appraisals and valuations in Johnson County, and moreover, approved an employment contract for Chief Appraiser Jim Hudspeth that included an excessively generous, and potentially very costly, severance provision; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City Council to express its displeasure with (1) the continuation of excessive property appraisals and valuations, and (2) those members of the Johnson County Appraisal District Board of Directors who are accountable for such and other excessive expenditures, including the Chief Appraiser's employment contract with its potentially costly severance provision.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOSHUA, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1

All of the above premises are hereby found to be true and correct and are hereby approved and incorporated into the body of this Resolution as if copied in their entirety.

SECTION 2

The City Council hereby expresses its lack of confidence in Vance Castles, Vice Chair, and Toby Ford, member, of the Board of Directors of the Johnson County Central Appraisal District, and Jim Hudspeth, Chief Appraiser, and admonish them to immediately address and take action relative to excessive property appraisals and valuations in

Johnson County and further, the City Council expresses its lack of confidence in Vance Castles and Toby Ford for having approved an employment contract for Chief Appraiser Jim Hudspeth that included an excessively generous, and potentially very costly, severance provision.

SECTION 3

This Resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its date of passage.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOSHUA, TEXAS, ON THIS 27TH DAY OF JUNE, 2024.

Scott Kimble, Mayor

ATTEST:

Alice Holloway, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Terrence S. Welch, City Attorney