## RESOLUTION No.

## A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEON VALLEY, TEXAS, WAIVING OPEN RECORDS CHARGES FOR OPEN RECORDS OR-2023-341

**WHEREAS,** The City Council of Leon Valley ("Council") believes a priority of Leon Valley City Government is to ensure transparency and accountability with the public; and

**WHEREAS,** The Texas Public Information Act gives the right to people to request access to public records from the Government; and

**WHEREAS**, The Texas Public Information Act authorizes a governmental body to charge reasonable fees for the production of public records; and

**WHEREAS,** The Texas Public Information Act authorizes governmental bodies to waive fees related to release of public records; and

**WHEREAS,** The Council acknowledges that occasionally the release of specific public records is in the interest of the general public; and

**WHEREAS,** The Council has considered public input regarding Leon Valley's processing of records requests, including the perception that only certain Requestors are charged for the release of certain records; and

**WHEREAS,** The Council acknowledges that imposing charges for public records, even if reasonably assessed, can dissuade members of the public from requesting and obtaining records which are of public importance; and

WHEREAS, The Council received a written request for a waiver of fees for certain records requests; and

**WHEREAS,** The Council believes the release of records requests "OR-2023-341" might be in the interest of the general public; and

**WHEREAS**, The Council waives the fees for the fulfillment of records requests "OR-2023-341".

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEON VALLEY, TEXAS:

**SECTION 1**. The City of Leon Valley expresses intent to increase transparency with the public.

**SECTION 2**. The City of Leon Valley requests the City Manager waive the fees for the processing of open records requests "OR-2023-341".

**SECTION 3**. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and publication as required by law.

**PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED** by the City Council of the City of Leon Valley this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of December 2023.

APPROVED

CHRIS RILEY Mayor

Attest :

SAUNDRA PASSAILAIGUE, TRMC City Secretary

Approved as to Form:

City Attorney