



MEETING DATE: January 7, 2026

PRESENTED BY: Xavier Cervantes, AICP, CPM, Director of Planning

AGENDA ITEM: Conduct a public hearing and consideration of the adoption of an ordinance amending the code of ordinances Appendix A - Zoning, Article XII – Commercial and Industrial Area Requirements, Section 1.58 General; by Adding Subsection 3, Car Wash Establishments, by Establishing a One-mile minimum radius and Distance Requirement, Ensuring No New Car Wash Business be Established within a One-mile Radius of an Existing Car Wash. Applicant: City of Mission - Cervantes

NATURE OF REQUEST:

Project Timeline:

- January 7, 2026 – Ordinance reviewed and approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission
- January 13, 2026 – Consideration of the adoption of the ordinance by the City Council.

Summary:

- This ordinance will prohibit the establishment of new car wash businesses within a one-mile radius of an existing car wash due to the on-going drought.
- This ordinance will assist with the city's water conservation efforts.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the adoption of the ordinance.

RECORD OF VOTE:

APPROVED: _____

DISAPPROVED: _____

TABLED: _____

_____ AYES

_____ NAYS

_____ DISSENTING _____

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF MISSION CODE OF ORDINANCES APPENDIX A – ZONING, ARTICLE XII. COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL AREA REQUIREMENTS, SECTION 1.58 GENERAL; BY ADDING SUBSECTION 3, CAR WASH ESTABLISHMENTS, BY ESTABLISHING A ONE-MILE MINIMUM RADIUS AND DISTANCE REQUIREMENT, ENSURING NO NEW CAR WASH BUSINESS BE ESTABLISHED WITHIN A ONE-MILE RADIUS OF AN EXISTING CAR WASH, PROVIDING REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION.

WHEREAS, The City of Mission is a home-rule municipality possessing the full power of local self-governance pursuant to Article XI, Section 5 of the Texas Constitution; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the laws of the State of Texas, including Section 51.001 of the Texas Local Government Code, the City Council has the authority to adopt or amend an ordinance that, among other things, is for good government peace or order of Mission; and

WHEREAS, the car wash use is a prevalent business model that requires the consumption of large volumes of water; and

WHEREAS, this amendment will promote the conservation of water by requiring the installation of a water reclamation and recycling system as part of its operations model; and

WHEREAS, The Planning and Zoning Commission has reviewed the proposed amendment and has recommended approval; and

WHEREAS, The City Council of the City of Mission finds that it is in the best interest of the citizens of Mission to amend the Code of Ordinances as set forth below;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MISSION, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1: That the City of Mission Code of Ordinances, Appendix A – Zoning, Article XII. – Commercial and Industrial Area Requirements, Section 1.58, be hereby amended by adding Subsection 3, Car Wash Establishments, the language underlined (added) to read in full as follows. *The remaining sections are to remain in force.

Section 1.58. General

3. Car Wash Establishments.

A car wash establishment is defined as a facility or area for the cleaning or steam cleaning, washing, polishing, or waxing of passenger vehicles, such as, but not limited to automobiles, passenger vans, small passenger shuttles, small recreational vehicles, boats, and/or water sports equipment by machine or hand-operated facilities. A car wash may be:

- a. A single unit type that has a single bay or a group of single bays with each bay to accommodate one vehicle only; or
- b. A tunnel type that allows the washing of multiple vehicles in a tandem arrangement while moving through a structure
- c. A facility where the car wash is done entirely by hand

Car washes shall not be located within a one (1)-mile radius of another existing car wash as defined above. This will not apply to new convenience stores that have a car wash component.

Qualifying car washes shall be designed to employ a water recycling system as the primary source of water supply necessary to operate the business.

For car washes in operation at the time of the adoption of the minimum distance requirement section shall be allowed to remain in operation despite a change of ownership or the car wash operation being suspended for an indefinite length of time.

SECTION 2: REPEALER: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3: SEVERABILITY: If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court or competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and any remaining provision shall continue in effect notwithstanding the invalidity of such section, subsection, clause, phrase or portion.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE: This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage and publication as required by law.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2026, at a regular meeting of the City Council Elective Commission of the City of Mission, Texas at which a quorum was present and which was held in accordance with TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, CHAPTER 551.

CITY OF MISSION

Norie Gonzalez Garza, Mayor

ATTEST:

Anna Carrillo, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney

