

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-05-13-xx

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROLLINGWOOD, TEXAS (“CITY”) REAUTHORIZING THE USE OF ONLINE MESSAGE BOARDS OR SIMILAR INTERNET APPLICATIONS FOR CERTAIN MUNICIPAL BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND ENTITIES PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.0061; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Rollingwood (“City”) is a Texas General Law Municipality operating under the laws of the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code (the Texas Open Meetings Act) permits certain written electronic communications between members of a governmental body on an online message board or similar Internet application that is viewable and searchable by the public; and

WHEREAS, Section 551.0061 of the Texas Government Code authorizes the governing body of a municipality, by resolution, to allow boards, commissions, and similar entities of the municipality to establish and use such online message boards or similar Internet applications; and

WHEREAS, the City Council previously authorized the use of online message boards or similar Internet applications for certain municipal boards, commissions, and entities; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to reauthorize such use to promote transparency, public access, and efficient communication while maintaining compliance with state law; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the reauthorization of such online message boards or similar Internet applications serves a public purpose by allowing for a more efficient government;

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

SECTION 1. The recitals contained in the preamble hereof are hereby found to be true, and such recitals are hereby made a part of this Resolution for all purposes and are adopted as a part of the judgment and findings of the Council.

SECTION 2. Pursuant to Section 551.0061 of the Texas Government Code, the City Council hereby reauthorizes each municipal board, commission, and similar entity of the City to establish and use an online message board or similar Internet application for the purposes described in Section 551.006(a) of the Texas Government Code.

SECTION 3. This authorization shall remain in effect for a period of two (2) years from the effective date of this Resolution, unless sooner rescinded by the City Council, and may be reauthorized in the same manner as provided by law.

SECTION 4. All online message boards or similar Internet applications authorized by this Resolution shall comply with the requirements of Sections 551.006 and 551.0061 of the Texas Government Code.

SECTION 5. A municipal governing body shall require a municipal employee to monitor the message board or application for compliance with applicable law.

SECTION 6. All Resolutions, or parts thereof, which are in conflict or inconsistent with any provisions of this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and the provisions of this Resolution shall be and remain controlling as to the matters resolved herein.

SECTION 7. This Resolution shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and the United States of America.

SECTION 8. If any provision of this Resolution or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be held to be invalid, the remainder of this Resolution and the application of such provision to other persons and circumstances shall nevertheless remain valid, and the City Council hereby declares that this Resolution would have been enacted without such invalid provision.

SECTION 9. It is officially found, determined, and declared that the meeting at which this Resolution is adopted was open to the public and public notice of the time, place, and subject matter of the public business to be considered at such meeting, including this Resolution, was given, all as required by the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, as amended.

SECTION 10. This resolution shall be in force and effect from and after its final passage, and it is so resolved.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 13th day of May, 2026.

Gavin Massingill, Mayor

ATTEST:

Nikki Stautzenberger, Development Services Manager

