

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-19

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TOMBALL, TEXAS, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR LEGISLATION THAT PROMOTES LOCAL FARMERS, COTTAGE FOOD PRODUCTION, AND FARMERS MARKETS WHICH ARE BEING CONSIDERED IN THE 88TH TEXAS LEGISLATURE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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WHEREAS, the promotion of local farmers and small agricultural operations is important in many communities across the state of Texas; and

WHEREAS, many small businesses, local farms, and cottage food producers promote agriculture and food security in communities; and

WHEREAS, local farmers markets function as important commerce and business development centers in a community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tomball and the Tomball Farmers Market have a long-established partnership to increase access to locally grown and made food, promote small businesses, encourage local agricultural production, and increase access to food security; and

WHEREAS, state representatives and senators are charged with working in the best interest of the citizens they represent; and

WHEREAS, the residents of the state of Texas expect their elected officials to be informed on the needs of constituents and residents of cities expect their local elected representatives to fulfill the needs of the citizens they represent;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Tomball, Texas:

Section 1. The findings set forth in the preamble of this Ordinance are found to be true and correct.

Section 2. The City Council supports legislation that promotes local farmers and farmers markets and expands cottage food production, so long as the legislation does not impede upon a community's ability to make decisions for itself nor preempt any local authority.

Section 3. The City Council directs the City Manager to provide a copy of this Resolution to the City of Tomball's elected state representatives and express the Council's support to any proposed legislation by providing a letter signed by the Mayor on behalf of the City Council.

Section 4. This Resolution is effective immediately upon its passage.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND RESOLVED this ____ day of _____, 2023.

Lori Klein Quinn, Mayor

John Ford, Mayor Pro Tem/Councilman, Position 1

Mark Stoll, Councilman, Position 2

Dane Dunagin, Councilman, Position 3

Derek Townsend, Councilman, Position 4

Randy Parr, Councilman, Position 5

ATTEST:

Tracylynn Garcia, City Secretary