THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF WALLER §

AN ORDER OF WALLER COUNTY, TEXAS ADOPTING A POLICY RELATED TO THE EXPENDITURES OF INCUMBENT COUNTY AND PRECINCT OFFICERS WHO HAVE NOT BEEN RENOMINATED OR REELECTED AND SETTING AN EXPENDITURE AMOUNT OVER WHICH APPROVAL IS NECESSARY.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code § 130.908, during the time following the date the results of the official canvass of the primary or election returns are announced, the Commissioners Court must approve any expenditure by an incumbent county or precinct officer who was not renominated or reelected that is over any amount set by the Commissioners Court;

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court desires set an amount over which an expenditure must be approved by Commissioners Court and adopt a policy related to expenditures by incumbent county and precinct officers who have not been renominated or reelected to their office;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED, by the Commissioners Court of Waller County, Texas that:

1. **Expenditure Approval Required**: Any expenditure that exceeds $1,000.00, and which is made by an incumbent county or precinct officer who has not been renominated or reelected must be approved by Commissioners Court if the expenditure is made during the time following the date the results of the official canvass of the primary or election returns are announced until the officer leaves his or her office.
2. **Affected County and Precinct Officers**: This policy applies to the following elected county and precinct officers:

   County Judge
   County Commissioners
   County Constables
   County Sheriff
   County Treasurer
   Justices of the Peace
   County Tax Assessor Collector
   County Clerk
   District Clerk
   County Court at Law Judges
3. **Travel and Education**: No expenditures for education or travel associated with education will be permitted if required education hours are met for the remaining term. If required education hours have not been met, any approved travel associated with training and education must be no higher than the block rate associated with the training course.

4. **Delayed and Separate Bills**: Expenditures may not be held or delayed for presentation of payment, or split into separate invoices to avoid this policy.
5. **Pre-Approval**: Any cost, expenditure, or financial obligation that equals or exceeds $1,000.00 must be pre-approved by Commissioners Court. If a cost, expenditure, or financial obligation is not pre-approved, any associated bill or invoice will not be paid by Waller County. Any such bill or invoice is the personal responsibility of the outgoing county or precinct officer who incurred the expense.
6. **Compliance Verification**: Any county or precinct officer that has not been renominated or reelected shall provide all documents requested by the County Treasurer and County Auditor to ensure compliance with this policy.
7. **Severability**: If any word, article, phrase, paragraph, sentence, clause, or provision of this Order shall be adjusted by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Order which can be given effect without the invalid provision, and to this end the provision of this Order is declared to be severable.
8. **Effective Date**: This policy shall take effect immediately from and after the date of this Order.

ADOPTED, this 30th day of September, 2026, by the vote of the Commissioners Court of Waller County, Texas.

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Carbett "Trey" Duhon, III, County Judge

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John A. Amsler, Commissioner Pct. 1 Walter Smith, Commissioner Pct. 2

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Kendric D. Jones, Commissioner Pct. 3 Justin Beckendorff, Commissioner Pct. 4

ATTEST:

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Debbie Hollan
County Clerk