

CITY OF WILLOW PARK, TEXAS
ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WILLOW PARK, TEXAS AMENDING THE CITY OF WILLOW PARK CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 11 TAXATION, ARTICLE 11.04 “HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX”, BY ADDING § 11.04.008 “USE OF REVENUE FROM HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX”, PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; PROVIDING FOR SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Willow Park, Texas is a Type-A general law municipality (the “City”) located in Parker County, created in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 6 of the Local Government Code, and operating pursuant to the enabling legislation of the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, the City of Willow Park desires to create a policy for the expenditure of hotel occupancy tax and desires to amend Chapter 11 “Taxation”, Article 11.04 “Hotel Occupancy Tax” by amending and adding § 11.04.008 “Use of Revenue from Hotel Occupancy Tax” of the Willow Park Code of Ordinances and as permitted by Chapter 351 of the Texas Tax Code; and

WHEREAS, the City of Willow Park City Council finds and determines that the revision to Chapter 11 “Taxation”, Article 11.04 “Hotel Occupancy Tax” will be in the best interests of the citizens of Willow Park.

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

SECTION 1. All the above premises are hereby found to be true and correct and are hereby approved and incorporated into the body of this Ordinance as if copied in their entirety.

SECTION 2: Amendment. That Chapter 11 “Taxation”, Article 11.04 “Hotel Occupancy Tax”, of the City’s Code of Ordinances is hereby amended and revised by adding § 11.04.008 “Use of Revenue from Hotel Occupancy Tax” as set forth below:

§ 11.04.008. Use of Revenue from Hotel Occupancy Tax.

- (a) All revenue derived from the occupancy tax imposed in section 11.04.002 shall be used for the purposes permitted under state law, including Texas Tax Code, Chapter 351 as amended.
- (b) The City Manager or designee shall review all applications submitted to the City for the expenditure by the City of revenue derived from the hotel occupancy tax as permitted by city policy approved by city council, and such policy may be amended by the City Manager, if necessary. All applications received will be presented to city council for approval with staff recommendations. The City shall only make expenditures by providing grants or sponsorships as permitted by State law and in compliance with City policy.

SECTION 3: Savings/Repealing Clause. All provisions of any ordinance in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed; but such repeal shall not abate any pending prosecution for violation of the repealed Ordinance, nor shall the repeal prevent prosecution from being commenced for any violation if occurring prior to the repeal of the Ordinance. Any remaining portions of conflicting ordinances shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4: Severability. Should any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, it is expressly provided that any and all remaining portions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect. Willow Park hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance, and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase thereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, or phrases be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

SECTION 5: Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective upon its passage and publication.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
WILLOW PARK, THIS _____ DAY OF _____ 2026.

Teresa Palmer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Deana McMullen, City Secretary