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Via Certified Mail – Return Receipt Requested

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City of Willow Park – City Attorney
c/o Teresa Palmer
120 El Chico Trail
Willow Park, Texas 76087

Re: Annexation of property located within the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the cities of Aledo and Fort Worth

Dear City Attorney,

This letter is submitted on behalf of the Cities of Fort Worth and Aledo, Texas regarding the above-referenced matter. The Cities have been made aware of Ordinance 917-25, passed by the City of Willow Park on or about February 11, 2025, attached hereto as Exhibit A. By that ordinance, the City of Willow Park attempted to annex the right-of-way along Bankhead Highway that was located outside of the City of Willow Park's extraterritorial jurisdiction. See City of Willow Park extraterritorial jurisdiction map, attached hereto as Exhibit B. Not only was the property the City of Willow Park sought to annex not within its ETJ, as required by Section 43.014 of the Texas Local Government Code, the property was located within the ETJ of the cities of Aledo and Fort Worth. See ETJ maps of the City of Aledo and City of Fort Worth, attached hereto as Exhibits C and D. As a result, Ordinance 917-25 is void.

Please respond no later than August 28, 2025 regarding your intended steps to correct the unlawful annexation. We are willing to schedule a meeting if you have any questions or would like to discuss these issues further.

Sincerely,

Melinda Ramos, Deputy City Attorney
City of Fort Worth

Alicia K. Kreh, City Attorney
City of Aledo, Texas

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EXHIBIT A

Item 3

ORDINANCE NO. 917-25

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLOW PARK, TEXAS ANNEXING APPROXIMATELY 7,313 FEET OF EAST BANKHEAD RIGHT-OF-WAY, COMPRISING APPROXIMATELY 10.98 ACRES OF LAND, PURSUANT TO SECTION 43.1055, SUBCHAPTER C-1 OF CHAPTER 43 OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, AND PROVIDING FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE BOUNDARY LIMITS OF SAID CITY SO AS TO INCLUDE SAID 10.98 ACRES WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS, AND GRANTING TO SAID PROPERTY AND TO ALL FUTURE INHABITANTS OF SAID PROPERTY ALL OF THE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF OTHER CITIZENS AND BINDING SAID FUTURE INHABITANTS BY ALL OF THE ACTS AND ORDINANCES OF THE SAID CITY; APPROVING AN ANNEXATION SERVICE PLAN FOR THE AREA; DIRECTING FILING OF A CERTIFIED COPY OF THE ORDINANCE AND ANNEXATION SERVICE PLAN WITH THE PARKER COUNTY CLERK; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Willow Park (the "City"), at its meeting on November 26, 2024, passed a resolution declaring the City's intent to annex approximately 7,313 feet of East Bankhead Highway, comprising approximately 10.98 acres of land (the "Annexed Property") into the territorial limits of the City pursuant to Section 43.1055 of the Local Gov't Code, in accordance with the procedures provided under Subchapter C-1 of Chapter 43 of the Local Gov't Code; directing staff to prepare a Service Plan for the Annexed Property; and scheduling two (2) public hearings on the proposed annexation for January 14, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the City received a request to annex the Property from Parker County, the political subdivision that owns and maintains the East Bankhead Highway right-of-way, in accordance with Section 43.1055 (c) of the Local Gov't Code and/or has not provided a written objection to the annexation after the City provided written notice of the annexation to Parker County not later than the 61st day before the date of the proposed annexation; and

WHEREAS, at its January 14, 2025 meeting, the City Council conducted two public hearings on the proposed annexation of the Annexed Property, after properly publishing notice of the public hearings in the Community News, a newspaper having general circulation in the City, on or after the 20th day but before the 10th day before the public hearings, and the public hearings gave all interested persons the right to appear and be heard on the proposed annexation; and

WHEREAS, the above-mentioned public hearings were conducted not more than forty (40) days nor less than twenty (20) days prior to the institution of annexation proceedings; and

WHEREAS, the Annexed Property is contiguous and adjacent to the territorial boundaries of the City; and

WHEREAS, the requirements for annexation of the Annexed Property as stated in Chapter 43 of the Texas Local Government Code have been met.

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

Item 3.

Section 1. That the Annexed Property, approximately 7,313 feet of East Bankhead Highway, comprising approximately 10.98 acres, and described and depicted in attached Exhibit "A," which is incorporated herein as though set out in full, is hereby annexed to the City of Willow Park, Parker County, Texas, and that the boundary limits of the City of Willow Park be, and the same, hereby, are extended to include the Annexed Property within the city limits of the City of Willow Park, and the same shall hereafter be included within the territorial limits of said city, and the inhabitants thereof shall hereafter be entitled to all the rights and privileges of other citizens of the City of Willow Park, and they shall be bound by the acts, ordinances, resolutions, and regulations of said city.

Section 2. That the Annexation Service Plan, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "B", is approved for the Annexed Property and is the service plan for the Annexed Property.

Section 3. The City Secretary is hereby directed to file with the County Clerk of Parker County, Texas, a certified copy of this Ordinance, along with a copy of the Annexation Service Plan attached hereto as Exhibit "B".

Section 4. This Ordinance shall be effective upon its approval and adoption by the City Council on the date set forth below.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this the _____ day of February, 2025.

DOYLE MOSS, Mayor

ATTEST:

TONI FISHER, Interim City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

WILLIAM P. CHESSER, City Attorney

The Willow Park City Council, acting on Ordinance No. _____, did on the _____ day of February, 2025 vote as follows:

	<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Doyle Moss	_____	_____	_____
Eric Contreras, Place 1	_____	_____	_____
Chawn Gilliland, Place 2	_____	_____	_____
Greg Runnebaum, Place 3	_____	_____	_____
Lea Young, Place 4	_____	_____	_____
Nathan Crummel, Place 5	_____	_____	_____

City of Willow Park/Annexation East Bankhead (10.98 acres) Annexation Ordinance 02/2025

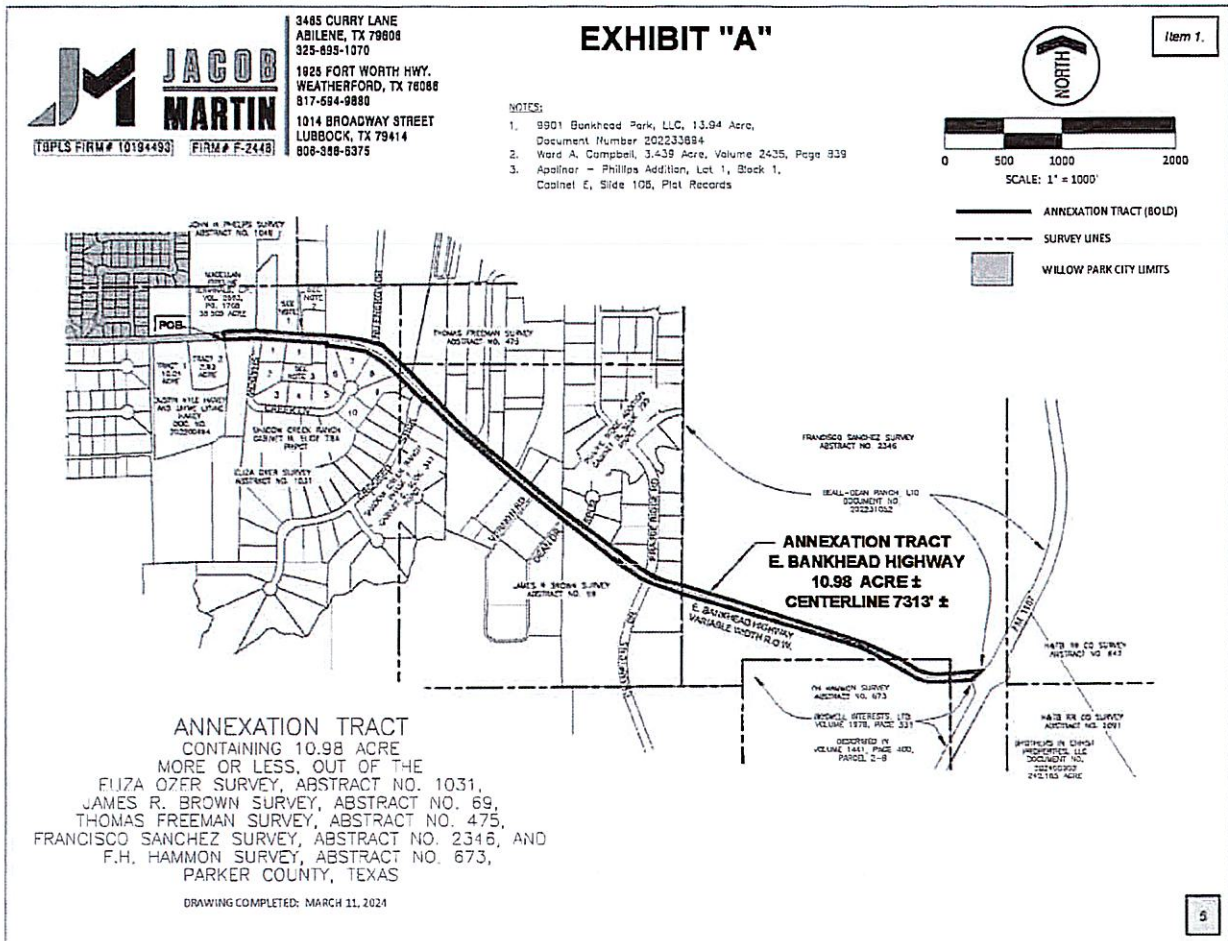


EXHIBIT B

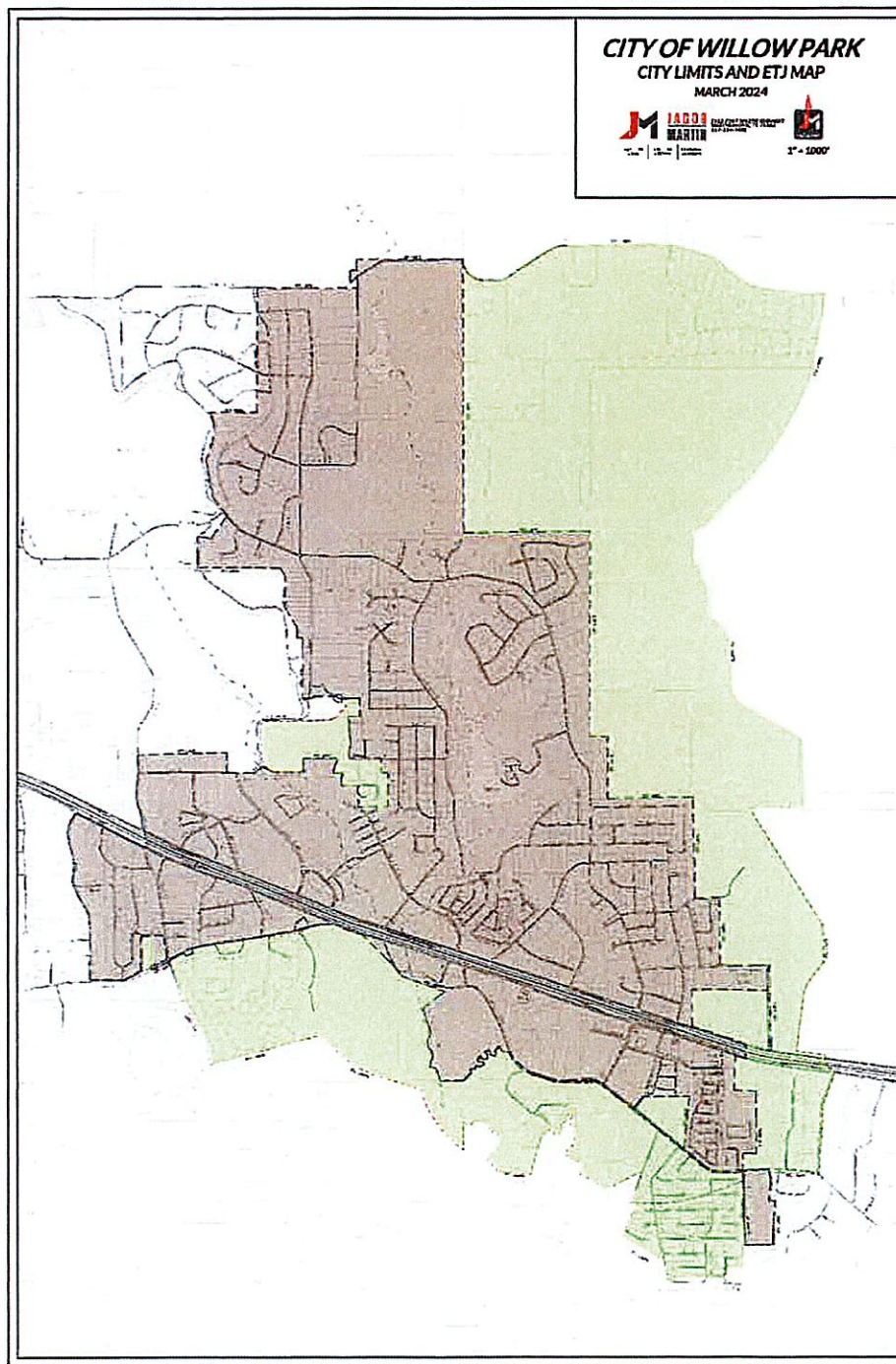


EXHIBIT C

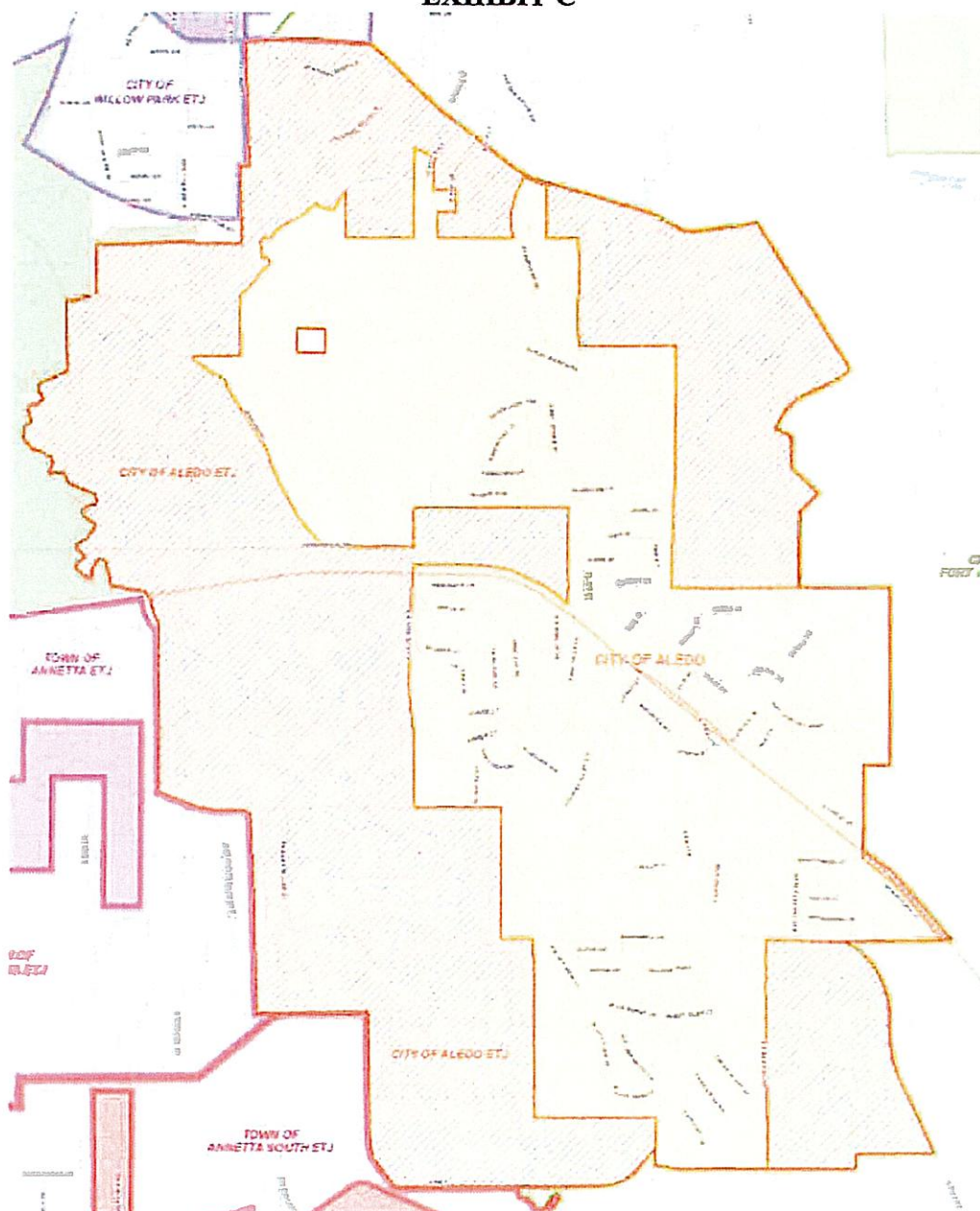


EXHIBIT D

