

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FROM THE WOODCREEK CITY COUNCIL REGARDING  
LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL OF CHANGES IN THE HAYS TRINITY GROUNDWATER  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT ENABLING LEGISLATION**

**Before the City of Woodcreek City Council Meeting, \_\_\_\_\_, 2021**

**WHEREAS**, groundwater levels have on average been falling for many years, as indicated recently by zero flow at Jacob's Well in 2000, 2009, 2011, and 2013, and nearly again in 2020, the finger on the pulse of our aquifers; and

**WHEREAS**, groundwater stored underground in our aquifers is the only source of water Woodcreek has available for the use of its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the population of Woodcreek and the Wimberley Valley continues to grow along with demand for our valuable but diminishing water resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District (HTGCD) has a legislative mandate through Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code to preserve, conserve and prevent waste of the aquifer; and

**WHEREAS**, HTGCD is charged with protecting citizens' rights to adequate water supplies by protecting and preserving Woodcreek's groundwater resources; and

**WHEREAS**, if aquifers are not reasonably regulated by local groundwater conservation districts, irreparable damage could be done to water resources as well as private property rights by the commercial production of water that more rapidly depletes water supply; and

**WHEREAS**, to meet the demands of Woodcreek and the entire Hays Trinity region, adequate funding is required; and

**WHEREAS**, the enabling HTGCD legislation provided limited funding solely through connection fees which are limited and will soon cease to exist; and

**WHEREAS**, the Texas Legislature is reviewing updates to existing legislation to provide more funding sources to HTGCD;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Woodcreek supports pending legislation to amend the HTGCD's enabling legislation by:

1. Using a schedule to define connection fees according to meter size
2. Including reasonable production fees with connection fees as funding instruments
3. Gaining better data by allowing registration and metering of commercial wells to monitor groundwater usage

4. Enacting other amendments that might better allow the HTGCD to fulfill its mandate to protect and preserve our precious groundwater

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City of Woodcreek will continue its support of the Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District and its reasonable requests for appropriate funding to continue the important work of groundwater conservation.

PASSED AND APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_, 2021

The City of Woodcreek, Texas

Gloria Whitehead, Mayor

ATTESTATION:

Linda Land, City Secretary