ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2018-2019 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF DEER PARK, TEXAS, AND APPROPRIATING THE SUMS SET UP THEREIN TO THE OBJECTS AND PURPOSES THEREIN NAMED; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK:

I.

That the City of Deer Park's budget for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019 was duly prepared and filed with the City Secretary, where it was available for inspection by any taxpayer.

II.

That the budget for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019 included a part-time Animal Shelter Attendant in the Humane Services Division to perform a wide variety of services to care for the animals and maintain the shelter.

III.

That with the completion of the new Animal Shelter, which is approximately three times larger than the original facility, the work load to operate and maintain the facility, including grounds maintenance, has increased significantly.

IV.

That to better meet the needs and demands of Humane Services, the City recommends a reclassification of the current part-time position for an Animal Shelter Attendant to a full-time Animal Control Officer effective on May 20, 2019.

V.

That the additional expenditures for salaries and benefits resulting from a reclassification of the part-time Animal Shelter Attendant to a full-time Animal Control Officer would be approximately \$23,000 for the remainder of the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019.

That the City also recommends contract mowing services at an estimated cost of \$1,500.00 for the remainder of the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019 to meet the increased need for grounds maintenance at the new Animal Shelter.

VII.

That, if approved, it is necessary to amend the budget for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019 to appropriate an additional \$24,500.00 to fully fund these additional expenditures for Humane Services for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019.

VIII.

That funding for the amendment to the expenditures of the adopted budget for Humane Services for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019 will include the total amount of \$24,500.00 from the unassigned fund balance of the General Fund, which is available for this purpose.

IX.

That the regular budget of the City of Deer Park, Texas, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, be, and the same is hereby, in all respects finally approved and amended as so described and shall be, and is hereby, filed with the City Secretary of said City.

X.

That the amounts specified are for the purposes named in said budget, and they are hereby appropriated to and for such purposes.

XI.

That the City Secretary file copies of this Ordinance and of such budget with all public officers as required by the laws of the State of Texas.

XII.

It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Ordinance was adopted was open to the public, and that public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given, all as required by Chapter 551 of the Government Code of the State of Texas.

XIII.

The City Council finds that this Ordinance relates to the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare, and that approval of a 2018-2019 Budget amendment be adopted at the earliest possible moment to comply with the City Charter and Statutes of the State of Texas, and to provide protection for persons within the City, thereby creating an emergency, for which the Charter requirement providing for the reading of Ordinances on three (3) several days should be dispensed with, and this Ordinance be passed finally on its introduction, and accordingly, such requirement is dispensed with, and this Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

In accordance with Article VIII, Section 1 of the City Charter, this Ordinance was introduced before the City Council of the City of Deer Park, Texas, **passed, approved and adopted** on this the ____ day of ______, 2019 by a vote of "Ayes" and "Noes".

MAYOR, City of Deer Park, Texas

ATTEST:

City Secretary

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APPROVED:

City Attorney

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