ORDER DATED SEPTEMBER 5, 2023

AN ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF GRAYSON COUNTY, TEXAS, ADOPTING THE 2021 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE WITH LOCAL AMENDMENTS KNOWN AS THE GRAYSON COUNTY FIRE CODE.

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court (the "Court") of Grayson County, Texas (the "County") hereby determines adoption of The 2021 International Fire Code with Local Amendments Known as The Grayson County Fire Code (hereinafter referred to as the Grayson County Fire Code) is necessary to ensure health, safety, and welfare of life and property within the County, and accordingly The Grayson County Fire Code is attached hereto as "Exhibit "A" and hereby incorporated into this Order for all purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Court hereby finds that adoption of The Grayson County Fire Code is necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of life and property within the County, by requiring permits relating to the construction of commercial establishments, public buildings, and multifamily residences; and

WHEREAS, the Court hereby finds that adoption of The Grayson County Fire Code is necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of life and property within the County, by conducting inspections structures to ensure safety standards are met; and

WHEREAS, the Court hereby finds fires pose a serious threat to human life and the preservation of property, and the spread of fire itself can be abated and curbed through requiring structures observe and maintain safety standards; and

WHEREAS, the Court hereby finds fires pose a threat to the trees, foliage, and wildlife present in the County; and requiring structures to observe and maintain safety standards is essential to preserving the natural beauty of our community;

WHEREAS, on August 29, 2023, after giving proper legal notice, the Court held a public hearing where members of the community and interested persons were given the opportunity to speak and present evidence for and against The Grayson County Fire Code; and

WHEREAS, the Court hereby determines that The Grayson County Fire Code must be adopted to promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the community as well as to protect property and the natural beauty of the County, and, NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF GRAYSON COUNTY, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. THAT the facts and matters set forth in the preamble of this Order are hereby found to be true and correct.

<u>SECTION 2.</u> THAT the purpose of The Grayson County Fire Code is to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of life and property within the County.

SECTION 3. THAT as provided in Chapter 233 of the Local Government Code, the Court hereby orders the enactment of The Grayson County Fire Code;

<u>SECTION 4.</u> THAT The Grayson County Fire Code shall be effective until amendment and further order of the Court.

<u>SECTION 5.</u> THAT all other Orders or parts of Orders in conflict or inconsistent herewith are, to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency, hereby repealed.

SECTION 6. THAT in the event any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, provision, sentence, or part of this Order, or the application of the same, to any person or circumstance shall for any reason be adjudged invalid or held unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect, impair, or invalidate this Order as a whole or any part or provision hereof other than the part declared to be invalid or unconstitutional; and, the Court, declares that it would have passed each and every part of the same notwithstanding the omission of any such part thus declared to be invalid or unconstitutional, or whether there be one or more parts.

SECTION 7. THAT this Order shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ORDERED this 5th day of September, 2023.

Bruce Dawsey, County Judge Grayson County, Texas

ATTEST:

Deana Patterson, County Clerk

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