

RESOLUTION NO. 15-2026

The City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, convened at a regular meeting of said Council at the City Hall of said City on the 1st day of June, 2026, when among other business, the following was transacted with a quorum of members present:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A COLLECTION FEE IN THE AMOUNT OF 30% OF DEBTS AND ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE SUCH AS UNPAID FINES, FEES, COURT COSTS, FORFEITED BONDS, AND RESTITUTION ORDERED PAID BY A MUNICIPAL COURT SERVING THE CITY, AND AMOUNTS IN CASES IN WHICH THE ACCUSED HAS FAILED TO APPEAR:

- 1) AS PROMISED UNDER SUBCHAPTER A, CHAPTER 543, TRANSPORTATION CODE, OR OTHER LAW;
- 2) IN COMPLIANCE WITH A LAWFUL WRITTEN NOTICE TO APPEAR ISSUED UNDER ARTICLE 14.06(b), TEXAS CODE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE, OR OTHER LAW;
- 3) IN COMPLIANCE WITH A LAWFUL SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER ARTICLE 15.03(b), TEXAS CODE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE;
- 4) IN COMPLIANCE WITH A LAWFUL ORDER OF A COURT SERVING THE CITY;
- 5) AS SPECIFIED IN A CITATION, SUMMONS, OR OTHER NOTICE AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 682.002, TRANSPORTATION CODE, THAT CHARGES THE ACCUSED WITH A PARKING OR STOPPING OFFENSE, AND
- 6) RATIFY AND ADOPT HEREIN ALL PRIOR CONTRACTS AND ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE CITY OF MESQUITE AS IT RELATES TO COLLECTION AND ENFORCEMENT OF SUCH DEBTS AND ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLES.

TO BE IMPOSED WHEN SUCH DEBTS, ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE AND AMOUNTS ARE MORE THAN 60 DAYS PAST DUE AND HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO AN ATTORNEY OR OTHER VENDOR FOR COLLECTION.

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Elizabeth Rodriguez-Ross introduced the resolution and made a motion that the same be adopted. Kenny Green seconded the motion for adoption of the resolution. The motion, carrying with it the adoption of the resolution, prevailed by the following vote:

AYES:	<u>Seven (7)</u>
NAYS:	<u>None</u>
ABSTENTIONS:	<u>None</u>

The Mayor thereupon announced that the motion had duly and lawfully carried and that the resolution had been duly and lawfully adopted. The resolution thus adopted follows:

WHEREAS, the City of Mesquite wishes to defray its costs of collection that it incurs under a contract for collection of delinquent court fines and fees between said City and a collection firm as authorized under the provisions of Article 103.0031, Texas Code of Criminal Procedure;

WHEREAS, under said article, the governing body of said City is empowered to authorize the addition of 30% on each debt and account receivable, including fines and fees, and on each amount in cases in which the accused has failed to appear, when each is more than 60 days past due and has been referred for collection.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, SITTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF SAID CITY, THAT:

Section 1: THE RECITALS SET FORTH IN THIS RESOLUTION ARE TRUE AND CORRECT.

Section 2: (a) A COLLECTION FEE IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND IMPOSED, AS PROVIDED BY ARTICLE 103.0031, TEXAS CODE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE, IN THE AMOUNT OF 30% OF DEBTS AND ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE, SUCH AS UNPAID FINES, FEES, COURT COSTS, FORFEITED BONDS, AND RESTITUTION ORDERED PAID BY A MUNICIPAL COURT SERVING THE CITY WHEN SUCH DEBT OR ACCOUNT RECEIVABLE IS MORE THEN 60 DAYS PAST DUE AND HAS BEEN REFERRED TO AN ATTORNEY OR PRIVATE VENDOR FOR COLLECTION; AND

(b) A COLLECTION FEE IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND IMPOSED, AS PROVIDED BY ARTICLE 103.0031, TEXAS CODE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE, IN THE AMOUNT OF 30% OF AMOUNTS IN CASES IN WHICH THE ACCUSED HAS FAILED TO APPEAR:

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(6) RATIFY AND ADOPT HEREIN ALL PRIOR CONTRACTS AND ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE CITY OF MESQUITE AS IT RELATES TO COLLECTION AND ENFORCEMENT OF SUCH DEBTS AND ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLES.

WHEN SUCH AMOUNTS ARE MORE THAN 60 DAYS PAST DUE AND HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO AN ATTORNEY OR PRIVATE VENDOR FOR COLLECTION.

DULY RESOLVED, PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, DALLAS AND KAUFMAN COUNTIES, TEXAS, ON THIS THE 1ST DAY OF JUNE 2026.

APPROVED:

Signed by:

Daniel Alemán, Jr.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sonja Land

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**Sonja Land
City Secretary**

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

Signed by:

David L. Paschall

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**David L. Paschall
City Attorney**