

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-29

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LEAGUE CITY, TEXAS, UPDATING
THE USE AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT
DONATION FUND ESTABLISHED THROUGH VOLUNTARY WATER BILL
CONTRIBUTIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING
AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, on January 11, 2000, the City Council of the City of League City, Texas, authorized city staff to receive voluntary contribution on residential water bills to support public safety volunteer services, including both the Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services, which at the time were staffed by volunteers; and

WHEREAS, Emergency Medical Services are now fully staffed and funded through general tax revenues, and only the Fire Department remains a volunteer organization that benefits from supplemental support for training and equipment; and

WHEREAS, the intent of the fund was, and remains, to give League City residents a mechanism to support a volunteer public safety organization through voluntary donations, separate from general tax revenue; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to formalize the current use and structure of the fund to reflect its intended purpose and ensure continued accountability and alignment with City operations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEAGUE CITY, TEXAS, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Fund Designation. The “Fire/EMS Donation Fund” shall hereafter be designated as the “Volunteer Fire Department Donation Fund.” It is classified as a Special Revenue Fund and identified as such in the City’s annual budget. This fund is supported by voluntary contributions from utility customers.

Section 2. The purpose of the Volunteer Fire Department Donation Fund is to provide financial support to the League City Volunteer Fire Department (LCVFD) Corporation for expenditures directly related to:

- Training for volunteer firefighters
- Equipment for firefighting operations
- Insurance policies that benefit the volunteer firefighters

The fund shall not be used for special events, marketing, promotional activities, or other non-operational purposes. The fund shall be included in the City’s adopted budget.

Section 3. Fund Administration. The LCVFD Corporation shall submit annual recommendations on the proposed use of funds to the City Manager during the budget development process. All expenditures are subject to approval by the City Council and/or City Manager.

Section 4. Ownership of Assets. All equipment and property purchased using the Volunteer Fire Department Donation Fund shall be the property of the City of League City upon purchase.

Section 5. Savings. All rights and remedies which have accrued in favor of the City under this Ordinance and amendments thereto shall be and are preserved for the benefit of the City.

Section 6. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid, unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

Section 7. Repealer. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed but only to the extent of such conflict.

Section 8. Codification. It is the intent of the City Council of the City of League City, Texas, that the provisions of this Ordinance shall be codified in the City's official Code of Ordinances as provided hereinabove.

Section 9. Publication and Effective Date. The City Secretary shall cause this Ordinance, or its caption, to be published in the official newspaper of the City of League City, upon passage of such Ordinance. This Ordinance shall become effective upon passage.

PASSED first reading the ____ day of _____, 2025.

PASSED AND ADOPTED the ____ day of _____, 2025.

NICK LONG
Mayor

ATTEST:

DIANA M. STAPP
City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MICHELLE L. VILLARREAL
City Attorney