

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS AMENDING THE DENTON DESIGN CRITERIA MANUAL; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE STORMWATER FACILITY MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, A SAVINGS CLAUSE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance No. DCA18-0009q, the City Council of the City of Denton (“Council”), a Texas home-rule municipal corporation (the “City”) adopted the newly revised Denton Development Code, superseding and expressly repealing Chapters 31, 34 and 35 of the 1991 Code of the City of Denton, Texas, as amended, and leaving all other Chapters intact and superseding and expressly repealing the 2002 Denton Development Code, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Denton Development Code established a process whereby the policies, regulations, and procedures relating to zoning and development within the City and its regulatory extraterritorial jurisdiction are legislatively established by the Council after public hearing in accordance with state law; and

WHEREAS, the creation of specific design standards and methodologies (the “Denton Design Criteria Manual”) are delegated to City staff possessing the necessary and appropriate licensure and expertise who may also consult with their peers in both the public and private sectors, consistent with the policy direction of Council through Section 2.11 of the Denton Development Code; and

WHEREAS, the Development Criteria Manual process is intended to benefit the public and the development community by empowering City staff to more quickly implement new and improved materials and methods as they are developed, in accordance with generally accepted design standards of the industry, as appropriate to achieving an equal or greater public benefit for costs expended, for issues not involving policymaking decisions; and

WHEREAS, the latest version of the Denton Design Criteria Manual was last prepared and approved by City Council Ordinance No. 23-1856 in June 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Denton Design Criteria Manual will be adopted by this ordinance; and

WHEREAS, after providing notice and conducting a public hearing as required by state law, the City Council finds that these changes to the Denton Design Criteria Manual are consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and Denton Development Code and are in the public interest; NOW THEREFORE,

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DENTON HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. The findings and recitations contained in the preamble of this ordinance are incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2. The Denton Design Criteria Manual is hereby amended and shall read as contained in Exhibit “A.” Previous versions of the Denton Design Criteria Manual are superseded by the attached amended version.

SECTION 3. The Council hereby approves the Stormwater Facility Maintenance Agreement and affidavit attached as Exhibit “B” and delegates authority for execution by the City Manager or their designee without any further authority, guidance, or direction from the City Council. The City Manager, or their designee, is further authorized to carry out the rights, duties, obligations, and responsibilities of the City related thereto.

SECTION 4. Council hereby expressly delegates the authority to take any additional actions that are deemed necessary or advisable by the City Manager, or their designee, or may be required or permitted to be performed by the City of Denton under this ordinance to the City Manager of the City of Denton, or their designee.

SECTION 5. It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this ordinance was passed was open to the public as required by law, and that public notice of the time, place, and purpose of the meeting was given as required by state law.

SECTION 6. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word in this ordinance, or the application thereof to any person or under any circumstances is held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance, and the City Council of the City of Denton, Texas hereby declares it would have enacted such renaming provisions despite any such invalidity.

SECTION 7. Save and except as amended hereby, all the provisions, sections, subsections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, and phrases of the Code of Ordinances and Denton Development Code shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 8. This ordinance shall become effective March 1, 2026.

[signature page to follow]

The motion to approve this ordinance was made by _____ and seconded by _____, the ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote [___ - ___]:

	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Gerard Hudspeth, Mayor:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Vicki Byrd, District 1:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Brian Beck, District 2:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Suzi Rumohr, District 3:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Joe Holland, District 4:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Brandon Chase McGee, At Large Place 5:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Jill Jester, At Large Place 6:	_____	_____	_____	_____

PASSED AND APPROVED this, the _____ day of _____, 2026.

GERARD HUDSPETH, MAYOR

ATTEST:
INGRID REX, CITY SECRETARY

BY: _____

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:
MACK REINWAND, CITY ATTORNEY

BY: *Marcella Lunn*