

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF DENTON REQUESTING THE STATE OF TEXAS AND TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY ("TXDPS") TO TAKE ACTION TO RESOLVE SIGNIFICANT CONCERNS AT THE TXDPS FIELD OFFICE LOCATED AT 820 N LOOP 288, DENTON, TEXAS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, public safety and the safety and security of all residents and visitors of Denton is a priority of the City of Denton; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Department of Public Safety ("TxDPS") serves as the state law enforcement agency handling various public safety responsibilities, including the administration of driver licenses through the TxDPS Driver License Division; and

WHEREAS, the TxDPS Driver License Division has a field office located in the City of Denton at 820 N Loop 288 ("Loop 288 Field Office") on a 1.571 acre parcel of land owned by the State of Texas, with an approximate building size of 7,500 square feet and 44 on-site parking spaces; and

WHEREAS, citizens have voiced significant concerns regarding the Loop 288 Field Office including, but not limited to, the facility being significantly undersized for citizen needs with an occupancy limit of 49 persons in the public area of the facility resulting in standing wait lines being formed outside of the facility to maintain compliance with State Fire Code, a lack of on-site parking requiring citizens to park off-site and attempt to cross a six-lane highway by foot or attempt to parallel park into a cut-out on Loop 288 with passing motorists traveling at speeds of 50 mph, and substantial wait times that routinely exceed two hours; and

WHEREAS, this causes great concern to the City of Denton for the safety and well-being of citizens who must visit the facility in order to comply with State driver license laws; and

WHEREAS, Loop 288 is a highly-trafficked highway with vehicles traveling at speeds of 50 mph and where, in 2017, the Denton Police Department issued 138 citations on Loop 288 between McKinney Street and University Drive with 3 crash accidents recorded; and

WHEREAS, State Representative Lynn Stucky, District 64, has inquired and began discussions with the TxDPS regarding solutions to these concerns ahead of the 2019 State Legislative Session; NOW, THEREFORE,

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DENTON HERBY RESOLVES:

SECTION 1. That the Denton City Council requests the Texas State Legislature and Texas Department of Public Safety to take action, including implementing solutions to immediately resolve the safety concerns at the Loop 288 Field Office, while identifying and funding a permanent solution(s) to provide the facilities necessary to serve the citizens of the City of Denton, Denton County, and this region, accounting for the significant growth, current and expected.

SECTION 2. That the Denton City Council requests the efforts of State Representative Lynn Stucky, District 64; Senator Jane Nelson, District 12; and other Denton County State Representatives and Senators to advocate for solutions to be authorized by the 86th Texas Legislature in 2019 and appropriated to the Texas Department of Public Safety budget.

SECTION 3. That the Mayor and City Council, City Manager, or their designees shall communicate the City's position to members of the Texas Legislature by providing testimony, letters, and other appropriate communications.

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval.

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

Mayor Chris Watts: _____

Gerard Hudspeth, District 1: _____

Keely G. Briggs, District 2: _____

Don Duff, District 3: _____

John Ryan, District 4: _____

Dalton Gregory, At Large Place 5: _____

Sara Bagheri, At Large Place 6: _____

PASSED AND APPROVED this the _____ day of _____, 2018.

CHRIS WATTS, MAYOR

ATTEST:
JENNIFER WALTERS, CITY SECRETARY

BY: _____

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:
AARON LEAL, CITY ATTORNEY

BY:  _____