

RESOLUTION NO. 4152

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DENISON, TEXAS ADOPTING GUIDELINES FOR AN AMNESTY PROGRAM PRIOR TO THE 2024 WARRANT ROUND-UP AND OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council (the “Council”) of the City of Denison, Texas (the “City”) wishes to establish a temporary amnesty program to allow violators with outstanding warrants to reduce their fine(s) by donating cans of food to the City, who will then distribute those cans to local food banks; and

WHEREAS, the Council wishes to reduce the burden on local law enforcement by decreasing the number of outstanding arrest warrants; and

WHEREAS, upon conclusion of the temporary amnesty program, the Council wishes City officials to return to regular enforcement of arrest warrants and fines.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DENISON, TEXAS:

SECTION 1: Findings Incorporated. The findings set forth above are incorporated into the body of this Resolution as if fully set forth herein.

SECTION 2: Temporary Amnesty Plan Established. During the period of February 12, 2024, through March 1, 2024, any violator with an arrest warrant and corresponding fine may bring ten (10) cans of food to the City for a seventy-five-dollar (\$75) reduction in the fine owed. A violator with an arrest warrant and corresponding fine may bring twenty (20) cans of food to the City for a one hundred-twenty-five-dollar (\$125) reduction in the fine owed. Donations may only be made during normal City business hours at the Municipal Court window located on the 1st floor of City Hall, 300 W. Main St., Denison, Texas.

SECTION 3: Ending Date and Time for Temporary Amnesty Program. This temporary amnesty program shall conclude following the City’s close of business on March 1, 2024.

SECTION 4: Savings/Repealing. All resolutions, or parts thereof, which are in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and the provision of this Resolution shall be and remain controlling as to the matters resolved herein.

SECTION 5: Effective Dates. This Resolution shall be in force and effect immediately upon final passage until the ending date of the temporary amnesty program specified herein, and it is so resolved.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DENISON, TEXAS on this the 5th day of February 2024.



JANET GOTT, MAYOR

ATTEST:



Christine Wallentine, City Clerk

