

**RESOLUTION NO. 4208**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DENISON, TEXAS AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR COLLECTION OF COURT-IMPOSED FINES, FEES, AND COSTS BETWEEN THE CITY AND A COLLECTION FIRM, AND PROVIDING FOR AN ADDITIONAL 30% FEE TO DEFRAY COSTS OF COLLECTING DELINQUENT COURT-IMPOSED FINES, FEES, AND COSTS, PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 103.0031 OF THE TEXAS CODE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Denison, Texas (the "City") wishes to defray its costs of collection that it incurs under a contract for collection of delinquent court fines, fees, and costs between the City and a collection firm, and to impose an additional fee in the amount of thirty percent on each debt or account receivable that is more than sixty days past due and which has been referred to an attorney for collection as authorized under the provisions of Article 103.0031 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure ; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 2254.1036 of the Texas Government Code requires municipalities entering into a contingent fee contract for legal services only if the municipality gives written notice containing the required disclosures outlined in Section 2254.1036; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has determined that it is in the public interest to ensure the prompt payment of delinquent court-imposed fines, fees, court costs, and other debts as provided by said statute; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has complied with the written notice disclosure requirements of Section 2254.1036; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Article 103.0031, the City Council of the City (the "City Council") authorizes the City Manager to enter into a contract with a private firm, Perdue Brandon Fielder Collins & Mott L.L.P. (Perdue), to provide services for the collection of debts and accounts receivables ordered to be paid by the municipal court serving the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council deems it in the public interest to pass this resolution authorizing an additional collection fee for the collection of delinquent fines, fees, court costs, and other debts.

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

**SECTION 1. FINDINGS.** The foregoing recitals are hereby found to be true and correct and are hereby adopted by the City and made a part of this resolution for all purposes and findings of fact.

**SECTION 2. AUTHORIZATION OF CONTRACT.** In accordance with Article 103.0031, the City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Perdue to provide services for the collection of debts and accounts receivables ordered to be paid by the municipal court serving the City.

**SECTION 3. COLLECTION FEE.** In accordance with Article 103.0031, there is hereby imposed an additional fee of thirty percent (30%) on all debts and accounts receivable, including fines, fees, and court costs, restitution, that are more than sixty (60) days past due and have been referred to Perdue for collection.

**SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY.** If any provision of this ordinance is found to be invalid for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction, the validity of the remaining provisions shall not be affected.

**SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This resolution shall be effective from and after its date of passage.

**PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON THE 15TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025.**

  
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Robert Crawley, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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Christine Wallentine, City Clerk

