

ORDINANCE NO. 5426

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DENISON, TEXAS, REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 5319 AND ESTABLISHING CLASSIFICATIONS FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT; AND ESTABLISHING ADDITIONAL FIRE FIGHTER POSITIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; FINDING AND DETERMINING THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED TO BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BYLAW; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS Chapter 143 of the Texas Local Government Code requires that the City of Denison, Texas ("City Council") establish the number of authorized positions in each civil service classification for the Fire and Police Departments by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has previously adopted Ordinance No. 5319 to comply with this statutory requirement; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that to further its lawful purposes of providing efficient and effective operation of its Fire Department, it should establish twenty-one (21) additional positions at the rank of Firefighter.

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that the Chief and the Assistant Chief positions for which testing are not required but which are filled by appointment, while members of the Fire Department, are not "classified positions" within the meaning of Chapter 143, Texas Local Government Code, and therefore should not be computed as part of the Fire Department's Classified Service; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined the number of personnel in the Firefighter position in the Fire Department shall increase as necessary for the efficient and effective operation of the Fire Department.

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

SECTION 1: The findings set forth above are incorporated as if fully set forth herein.

SECTION 2. That Ordinance No. 5319 is hereby repealed.

SECTION 3: That the number of personnel in the classifications of the Fire Department exist currently as follows:

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief (Appointed)
Assistant Chief (Appointed)
Assistant Chief 1
Battalion Chief 6
Captain 11
Engineer 9
Firefighter 33

TOTAL 60

SECTION 4: That the City Council authorizes that twenty-one (21) positions be added to the rank of Firefighter so that the number of personnel in the classifications of the Fire Department will now be, and hereafter, unless amended by ordinance pursuant to Texas Local Government Code 143.021:

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief (Appointed)	
Asst. Chief (Appointed)	
Asst. Chief	1
Battalion Chief	6
Captain	11
Engineer	9
Firefighter	54
TOTAL	81

SECTION 5: Severability. Should any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, it is expressly provided that any and all remaining portions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect. Denison hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance, and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase thereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses and phrases be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

SECTION 6: Savings/Repealing. Ordinance No. 5319 is hereby repealed in its entirety. All provisions of any other ordinance in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent they are in conflict; but such repeal shall not abate any pending prosecution for violation of the repealed ordinance or shall the repeal prevent a prosecution from being commenced for any violation if occurring prior to the repeal of the ordinance.

SECTION 6: Open Meetings. That 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 said meeting was given all as required by Section 551.041, Texas Government Code.

SECTION 7: Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective from and after its date of passage and approval.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DENISON, TEXAS, on this the 20th day of January 2026.


ROBERT CRAWLEY, Mayor

ATTEST:


Christine M. Wallentine, City Clerk

