

## CITY OF LYFORD, TEXAS

Ordinance No. 13-01-14, known as the Lyford Abandoned, Junked and Nuisance Motor Vehicle Ordinance, adopted January 28, 2013, is amended by Ordinance No. 2026-05-02 adopted on May 27, 2026.

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 13-01-14 OF THE CITY OF LYFORD, TEXAS, KNOWN AS THE LYFORD ABANDONED, JUNKED AND NUISANCE MOTOR VEHICLE ORDINANCE; ADDING THE CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER TO ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY FOR DIVISION 3; UPDATING THE ADMINISTRATIVE FEE; CORRECTING A CLERICAL ERROR IN SECTION 13-3-12; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Lyford, Texas finds that junked and abandoned vehicles on public and private property within the City constitute a public nuisance that is detrimental to the safety, welfare, and appearance of the community; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission desires to designate the Code Enforcement Officer as an additional enforcement official for Division 3 of Ordinance No. 13-01-14 to complement the existing enforcement authority of the Chief of Police; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that the administrative fee established in Ordinance No. 13-01-14 is insufficient to recover the actual costs of enforcement and abatement and desires to update that fee to reflect current costs; and

WHEREAS, a clerical error in Section 13-3-12 of Ordinance No. 13-01-14 requires correction;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LYFORD, TEXAS, AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION 1. TITLE**

This Ordinance shall be cited as an amendment to the "LYFORD ABANDONED, JUNKED AND NUISANCE MOTOR VEHICLE ORDINANCE." All provisions of Ordinance No. 13-01-14 not expressly amended herein shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 2. AMENDMENT TO SEC. 13-3-9 — AUTHORITY TO ENFORCE**

Section 13-3-9 of Ordinance No. 13-01-14 is hereby amended to add the Code Enforcement Officer as an authorized enforcement official for Division 3. The following subsection is added to Section 13-3-9:

The Code Enforcement Officer, or any city employee designated by the City Administrator to serve in that capacity, is authorized to inspect properties for junked vehicles visible from a public

place or public right-of-way; document violations by written report and photograph; issue citations for violations of Division 3; and serve or post notice as provided in Section 13-3-11.

All other provisions of Section 13-3-9, including the existing authority of the City of Lyford and the Chief of Police and the Chief of Police's authority to delegate to regularly salaried police department employees, remain unchanged.

### **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT TO SEC. 13-3-15 — ADMINISTRATIVE FEE**

Section 13-3-15 of Ordinance No. 13-01-14 is hereby amended to read as follows:

The City of Lyford is authorized to assess an administrative fee of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) for action taken by the city in order to abate violations of this division. The administrative fee shall be added to any and all other charges incurred by the city. The city is authorized to file a lien against the property from which the junked vehicle was removed for any and all delinquent charges, including the administrative fee specified in this section. The City Commission may by resolution adjust the administrative fee amount to reflect changes in actual administrative costs without requiring a full ordinance amendment.

### **SECTION 4. CLERICAL CORRECTION TO SEC. 13-3-12 — PUBLIC HEARING**

Section 13-3-12(a) of Ordinance No. 13-01-14 is hereby corrected to replace the reference to "section 94-3-11" with "Section 13-3-11." This is a clerical correction only and does not constitute a substantive amendment to any provision of Ordinance No. 13-01-14.

### **SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY**

If any provision of this ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance and the application of its provisions to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected.

### **SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE**

This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage, approval, and publication of the caption as required by law.

### **SECTION 7. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES**

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 27 DAY OF MAY, 2026.



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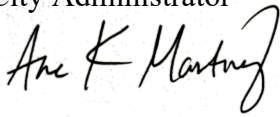
Pablo Morales, Mayor

Attest:



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Antonio "Tony" Chavez,  
City Administrator



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Ana K. Martinez  
City Secretary