

RESOLUTION NO. R-2026-44

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BASTROP, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 2 FOR THE PROVISION OF FIRE SERVICES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Bastrop currently provides fire services through the Bastrop Fire Department, which operates as a fully paid department; and

WHEREAS, the operational and capital costs associated with providing fire services continue to increase due to growth, development, and the need for additional personnel, equipment, and facilities; and

WHEREAS, Emergency Services District No. 2 ("ESD #2") serves a significant portion of Bastrop County surrounding the City and is funded through property tax revenues; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to evaluate the potential for ESD #2 to provide fire services to the City through a contractual agreement; and

WHEREAS, entering into negotiations for a potential one-year service agreement will allow the City to assess service delivery, financial impacts, and operational considerations without committing to a long-term change; and

WHEREAS, any long-term transition of fire services would require further consideration, including potential voter approval; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it is in the best interest of the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Bastrop to explore all options for efficient and effective fire service delivery;

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

SECTION 1. AUTHORIZATION

The City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to enter into negotiations with Emergency Services District No. 2 for the potential provision of fire services to the City of Bastrop, including the development of a proposed one-year contract for City Council consideration.

SECTION 2. SCOPE OF NEGOTIATIONS

The negotiations shall include, but are not limited to, service levels, personnel considerations, equipment and facility use, financial terms, and any other matters

necessary to evaluate the feasibility of such an agreement.

SECTION 3. NO COMMITMENT TO SERVICE CHANGE

This Resolution does not approve or authorize the transfer of fire service responsibilities but solely authorizes negotiations and the development of a proposed agreement for future consideration by the City Council.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED & APPROVED on First Reading by the City Council of the City of Bastrop, on this, the 24th day of March 2026.

APPROVED:

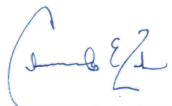
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Ishmael Harris, Mayor

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City Secretary



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