

ORDINANCE NO. 01-2024-513

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 90 "VEHICLES FOR HIRE," BY REPEALING AND DELETING ARTICLE II "TOWING SERVICES," IN ITS ENTIRETY, AND REPLACING WITH A NEW ARTICLE II "TOWING AND WRECKER SERVICES"; AMENDING APPENDIX A, SCHEDULE OF RATES, FEES AND CHARGES, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING SUB-SECTION (14) "WRECKER SERVICE LICENSE" BY ADDING INSPECTION FEES; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE CUMULATIVE OF ALL ORDINANCES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley, Texas, is a home rule city acting under its charter adopted by the electorate pursuant to Article XI, Section 5 of the Texas Constitution and Chapter 9 of the local Government Code; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it is in the public interest to exercise its authority to establish certain regulations governing tow truck services pursuant to Chapter 2303 Vehicle Storage Facilities and Chapter 2308 Vehicle Towing and Booting of the Texas Occupation Code; and

WHEREAS, the fee schedule of the City of Crowley, has been codified as Appendix A, Schedule of Rates, Fees, and Charges, of the Crowley Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, Appendix A of the Code of Ordinances establishes various fees for City services associated with the administration, investigation, and implementation of ordinances and regulations applicable to the police department; and

WHEREAS, the City Council hereby finds and determines that the regulations and amendments set forth herein are in the best interest of the public and are in furtherance of the public health, safety, and general welfare

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

SECTION 1.

Chapter 90 "Vehicles for hire," by repealing and deleting Article II "Towing Services," of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Crowley, Texas, is hereby repealed and replaced as follows:

Chapter 90 VEHICLES FOR HIRE

Secs. 90-1—90-18. Reserved.

ARTICLE II. WRECKER SERVICES

Sec. 90-19. Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Abandoned vehicle has the meaning assigned in V.T.C.A., Transportation Code ch. 683.

Accident or collision means any occurrence which renders a vehicle wrecked or disabled.

Certificate holder shall mean any person possessing a current, valid certificate of registration to operate as a wrecker service company in the City of Crowley.

Certificate of Registration means a license issued by the City of Crowley to a wrecker service company to perform nonconsent tows.

Consent tow means any tow of a motor vehicle initiated by the owner or operator of the vehicle or by a person who has possession, custody, or control of the vehicle. The term does not include a tow of a vehicle initiated by a peace officer or a private property tow.

Disabled vehicle means a vehicle that has been rendered unsafe to be driven as the result of some occurrence, including, but not limited to mechanical failure or breakdown, fire or vandalism, or a motor vehicle that is in a safe driving condition but whose owner or operator is not present, able or permitted to drive so as to reasonably necessitate that the vehicle be removed by a wrecker.

Incident management tow means any tow of a vehicle in which the tow truck is summoned because of a traffic accident or to an incident.

Inspection certificate shall mean written authorization granted by the Chief of Police, under the provisions of this article and affixed to a wrecker used by a wrecker service company, indicating that the wrecker has passed the required inspection.

Junked vehicle has the meaning assigned in V.T.C.A., Transportation Code ch. 683.

Motor vehicle means every vehicle that is self-propelled.

Nonconsent tow means the towing of a vehicle without the prearranged knowledge and consent of the owner or operator of the vehicle to include incident management and private property tows.

Nonresident wrecker service company means a wrecker service company located outside of the city limits.

Owner means any person who holds legal title to a vehicle or who has the legal possession or control of a vehicle.

Parking facility means public or private property used, wholly or partly, for restricted or paid vehicle parking.

Police tow means an incident management tow or tow of a vehicle such as an abandoned, stolen, or illegally parked vehicle, or a vehicle required to be towed in connection with a custodial arrest. A police tow is one initiated by a peace officer in connection with his/her duties.

Private property tow means any tow of a vehicle authorized by a parking facility owner without the consent of the owner or operator of the vehicle.

Private property towing license refers to a state-issued license required for a wrecker used to perform a nonconsent tow authorized by a parking facility owner. A wrecker permitted for this type of tow may also be used for consent towing, but not for incident management towing, in accordance with V.T.C.A., Texas Occupations Code §2308.104.

Resident wrecker service company means a wrecker service company located within the city limits.

Storage facility and *vehicle storage facility* have the meaning assigned in V.T.C.A., Occupations Code §2308.002.

Street means any roadway, alley, avenue, lane, public place, square or highway within the corporate limits of the city.

Tow truck or wrecker means a vehicle designed to be used primarily for removing wrecked or disabled vehicles which is equipped with a mechanical device used to tow, winch, or otherwise move a vehicle.

Tow truck or wrecker service company means an individual, association, corporation, or other legal entity that controls, operates, or directs the operation of one or more wreckers over a public roadway in this state, not including a political subdivision of the state, for the business of removing wrecked or disabled vehicles on the streets, regardless of whether the purpose of the removal is to repair, wreck, store, trade or purchase such wrecked or disabled vehicles.

Tow truck or wrecker operator means any person operating a wrecker to tow, winch or otherwise move a vehicle.

Vehicle means every device in, upon, or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a street, except devices moved by human power or used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks.

Sec. 90-20. Compliance with State and Federal laws.

Any wrecker service company or wrecker operator shall comply with all applicable state and federal laws when operating a wrecker in the City of Crowley. The failure of a wrecker service company or wrecker operator to comply with applicable state and federal laws is a violation of this article.

Sec. 90-21. Qualifications.

A wrecker service company desiring to contract with the City must meet the following requirements:

- (1) It has registered and received a certificate of registration and an inspection certificate for each wrecker it owns or will use.
- (2) It owns, leases, or otherwise lawfully possesses and operates a storage facility located within or at a reasonable distance to the incorporated limits of the City where all motor vehicles it tows on behalf of the City shall be stored at all times and which:
 - a. is enclosed by a permanent six-foot solid wood or steel chain link fence; and
 - b. has a gate which is locked, when there is no attendant on duty or after normal business hours.

- (3) It maintains 24-hour wrecker service and a local telephone number which is answered 24 hours a day.
- (4) It is able to respond to any location in the City within 30 minutes of being notified by telephone. Wreckers two and one-half tons or more in size must be able to respond within 45 minutes after notification.
- (5) It has someone available 24 hours a day to release any vehicle impounded within 30 minutes of a request by the Police Department.
- (6) It or the owner of the leased storage facility holds a license issued by the Texas Department of Transportation, pursuant to the Vehicle Storage Facility Act, Article 6687-9a, Revised Civil Statutes, as now enacted or as hereafter amended.
- (7) It is the holder of the required license(s) as prescribed in V.T.C.A., Occupations Code, Chapter 2308, Vehicle Towing and Booting.

Sec. 90-22. Requirements to perform nonconsent tows.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for a wrecker service company to perform nonconsent tows in the City unless the person has a certificate of registration issued by the Chief of Police, except as provided in Section 90-22(d), below.
- (b) It shall be unlawful for a wrecker operator to perform nonconsent tows in the City unless the wrecker operator is working on behalf of a wrecker service company that has a certificate of registration issued by the Chief of Police, except as provided in Section 90-22(d), below.
- (c) An applicant for a certificate of registration to perform nonconsent tows in the City shall submit, on a form provided by the Chief of Police, a verified application containing or accompanied by the following:
 - (1) The true name, the trade name, principal business address and telephone number, that is answered 24 hours a day, of the wrecker company.
 - (2) The list of wreckers proposed to be operated by the wrecker service company, including but not limited to:
 - a. The make, model, size and model year;
 - b. The vehicle identification number;
 - c. The state license plate number;
 - d. The state tow truck license number;
 - e. A photocopy of the certificate of registration issued by the State; and
 - f. The name of the owner of the wrecker listed (the wrecker company affiliate), if different from the wrecker service company.
 - (3) The name of the owner(s) of the wrecker service company or its partners or corporate officers.
 - (4) A certificate of public liability and property damage insurance, for each wrecker to be registered issued by a casualty company authorized to do business in the State of Texas, in the standard form approved by the City, containing a provision that at least ten days' prior notice of cancellation of said insurance shall be given to the Chief of

Police, by the insurance company, and with the insured provision of such policy including the City as an additional insured and the coverage provision insuring members of the public from any loss or damage that may arise to any person or property by reason of the operation of a certificate holder's business and providing that the combined single limit liability insurance coverage amount for bodily injury to or death of an individual per occurrence, loss or damage to property shall be \$1,000,000.00 for wreckers.

- (5) A certificate of on-hook cargo insurance to cover damage to a towed vehicle during hookup and/or towing in the minimum amount of \$500,000.00 per vehicle.
 - (6) A certificate of statutory worker's compensation insurance and employers' liability covering all employees involved in providing wrecker services in at least the minimum amount required by state law.
 - (7) A certificate of Garage Keeper's Legal Liability on a direct basis insuring against all claims, demands, or action relating to any vehicle in the care, custody, or control of the wrecker service company in the minimum amounts of:
 - a. Automobile: \$1,000,000.00
 - b. Garage: \$350,000.00
 - c. Aggregate: \$2,000,000.00
 - (8) A copy of the wrecker service company's license issued by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation, pursuant to V.T.C.A., Occupations Code, Chapter 2308.
 - (9) A copy of each wrecker operator's license issued by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation, pursuant to V.T.C.A., Occupations Code, Chapter 2308.
 - (10) A copy of the vehicle storage facility's license issued by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation, pursuant to V.T.C.A., Occupations Code, Chapter 2301.
 - (11) A copy of the wrecker service company's motor carrier certificate of registration issued by the Texas Department of Transportation.
 - (12) A fee in the amount prescribed by the fee schedule listed in appendix A to this Code. No fee payments will be returned.
 - (13) In order to obtain a license from the City, the applicant shall be required to execute a hold harmless agreement for all actions arising out of or incident to the operation of the wrecker for nonconsent tows.
- (d) This article does not apply to nor prohibit a wrecker service company that has obtained all required state issued licenses and registrations and has a place of business outside the incorporated City limits from making a consent tow within the City.

Sec. 90-23. Executed agreement for services required.

A wrecker service company desiring to contract with the City shall be required to execute an Agreement for Wrecker and Impound Services as prescribed and approved by the City. The agreement shall, at a minimum:

- (1) Require the insurance mandated by Chapter 2308 of the Texas Occupations Code, as amended;
- (2) Include the indemnification requirements of the City;

- (3) Provide that the applicant will waive fees to include, but not limited to, evidentiary tows and storage, tows of police vehicles, and tows of vehicles forfeited to the city in accordance with forfeiture laws; and
- (4) Provide that the wrecker service company will comply with the qualifications and other requirements of this article.

Sec. 90-24. Issuance of certificate of registration for nonconsent tows.

- (a) The Chief of Police or authorized designee shall register a wrecker service company and issue a certificate of registration which is determined to be in compliance with the requirements under this article. However, the Chief of Police may deny an application for a certificate of registration, if the applicant:
 - (1) Has had a certificate of registration revoked under Texas Transportation Code § 643.252, as now enacted or as hereafter amended;
 - (2) Operates a wrecker after the state registration has been revoked;
 - (3) Causes or allows the operation of a wrecker by an unlicensed driver on the public roadways;
 - (4) Operates a wrecker performing nonconsent tows without a certificate of registration on the public roadways in the City;
 - (5) Submits false information on an application for a certificate of registration;
 - (6) Fails to maintain insurance required by State law for the operation of a wrecker service company or its equipment; or
 - (7) Other legal grounds exist for denying such certificate of registration.
- (b) Each certificate of registration issued shall expire at midnight on December 31st of the calendar year of issuance, and will be renewable only upon submission of a new application and compliance with the provisions of this article and any other applicable laws, ordinances, or regulations which shall be in effect at the time of the renewal application.
- (c) Each wrecker service company that has received a certificate of registration under this article shall at all times carry a copy of its certificate of registration in each wrecker it operates.
- (d) Each wrecker service company that has received a certificate of registration under this article shall be responsible for updating the information provided in the application by submitting supplemental information on forms provided by the Chief of Police. Failure to provide updated information, including, but not limited to, replacement or additions of wreckers, drivers' license suspensions or revocations, change in insurance company, expiration of storage facility license, or other relevant information required on the application, shall be grounds for suspension or revocation of a certificate of registration.

Sec. 90-25. Suspension and revocation of certificate of registration for nonconsent tows.

The Chief of Police may suspend or revoke a certificate of registration issued under this article, or place a wrecker service company on probation, if the wrecker service company or any of its wreckers cease to be in compliance with State law or the requirements set out in this ordinance, or for any other lawful reason.

Sec. 90-26. Inspection requirements.

- (a) Each wrecker operated by a wrecker service company holding a certificate of registration under this article must receive an inspection certificate.
- (b) In order to receive an inspection certificate, each wrecker shall meet the following minimum requirements:
 - (1) Shall display in a permanent manner the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation license number for the wrecker and the name, address, and 24-hour phone number of the holder of the certificate of registration, on both sides of the wrecker in letters not less than two inches in height;
 - (2) Shall be in a condition such that it can be safely and reliably used as a wrecker;
 - (3) Shall have a current cab card issued by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation;
 - (4) Shall carry at all times the following standard equipment:
 - a. Wrecking bar;
 - b. Safety chains;
 - c. Fire extinguisher (A,B,C Type), 5lb minimum;
 - d. Towing lights;
 - e. Broom;
 - f. Axe;
 - g. Shovel;
 - h. Traffic control reflectors or flares;
 - i. Wheel dolly (except for slide bed wreckers);
 - j. Debris container;
 - k. Two-way voice communication (mobile phone or radio).
 - (5) Shall be equipped with overhead flashing lights capable of being seen from the front and rear at a minimum of 1,000 feet;
 - (6) Light duty wrecker vehicles:
 - a. Towing capacity of at least 12,000 pounds;
 - b. Power or hand operated winch, boom or lifting device, with a rated capacity of not less than 8,000 pounds;
 - (7) Medium duty wrecker vehicles:
 - a. Towing capacity of at least 36,000 pounds;
 - b. Power or hand operated winch, boom or lifting device, with a rated capacity of not less than 20,000 pounds;
 - (8) Heavy duty wrecker vehicles:
 - a. Towing capacity that exceeds 50,000 pounds;
 - b. Capable of towing a tractor trailer or larger vehicle; and

- (9) Any other information the Chief of Police may determine is necessary for the safe operation of a wrecker.
- (c) An inspection certificate shall be denied if the safety requirements provided for in this article are not met.

Sec. 90-27. Inspection certificate.

- (a) The Chief of Police or authorized designee shall issue an inspection certificate for a wrecker if the wrecker is in compliance with the requirements in this article. An inspection fee of \$15.00 is required and shall be charged for each wrecker inspected. The inspection fee is non-refundable and shall be paid whether or not the wrecker passes inspection. The Chief of Police may deny the issuance of an inspection certificate on the same grounds as provided for in Sec. 90-26(c) above.
- (b) Each inspection certificate issued shall expire at midnight on December 31st of the calendar year of issuance, and will be renewable only upon compliance with the provisions of this article and any other applicable laws, ordinances, or regulations which shall be in effect at the time of the renewal inspection.
- (c) Each wrecker which has received an inspection certificate under this article shall have a copy of the certificate in the wrecker at all times that it is being operated by the wrecker service company.
- (d) Each wrecker service company that has received an inspection certificate for a wrecker shall be responsible for keeping the wrecker in compliance with the safety requirements provided for in this article at all times. Failure to comply with the safety requirements provided for in this article shall be grounds for suspension or revocation of an inspection certificate.

Sec. 90-28. Inspection certificate suspension and revocation.

The Chief of Police may suspend or revoke an inspection certificate issued under this article, or place a wrecker service company on probation, if the wrecker service company or any of its wreckers fail to comply with State law or the requirements set out in this article, or for any other lawful reason.

Sec. 90-29. Regulations for towing and storage of motor vehicles and wrecker operations.

- (a) *Impoundment.* It shall be the duty of the Police Officer investigating an accident or collision within the City to impound any motor vehicle involved therein when, in the judgment of such Police Officer, the potential for criminal prosecution exists as a result of such accident or collision, or when it is necessary to impound such vehicle to secure evidence, or when the owner or occupant of the same is unable or fails to have such vehicle removed. It shall be the duty of the Police Officer investigating a vehicle blocking traffic or in connection with an investigation outside the City to impound such vehicle.
- (b) *Accidents covered.* The prohibitions and requirements of this article shall apply to all accidents occurring on a street, regardless of whether or not the final resting place of a vehicle is upon a street immediately after the accident. This article shall be construed to include those accidents in which a vehicle, immediately before becoming wrecked or disabled, was either driven off a street intentionally, because of some real or imagined emergency, or maliciously or suicidal, or was driven off a street unintentionally or left the streets driverless.

- (c) *Certain emergencies excepted.* The prohibitions and requirements of this article shall not apply to any person who necessarily must act immediately to prevent death or bodily injury to any person involved in an accident.
- (d) *Removal of wreckage and debris.*
 - (1) Each wrecker service company called to the scene of a collision shall completely remove from the street all resulting wreckage or debris, including all broken glass, before leaving the collision site.
 - (2) Each wrecker service company called to the scene of a collision shall also be responsible for the absorption and removal of all liquid spills of 25 gallons or less. All liquid that is removed from collision scenes in the City shall be properly contained, stored and disposed of in accordance with applicable state and federal statutes and regulations.
- (e) *Wreckers must notify police of disabled vehicles.* Wrecker operators, when called by the owner of a disabled vehicle, shall notify the police telecommunications operator before proceeding to the location of the disabled vehicle within the corporate limits of the city.

Sec. 90-30. Weekly reports.

- (a) Each permitted wrecker service company that had in its custody at any time between Monday, 9:00 a.m., of one week and Monday, 9:00 a.m., of the following week, a vehicle removed from the City as result of a nonconsent tow, is required to prepare a written list of such vehicles and furnish a copy of the list for the prior week to the Police Communications Center on or before 5:00 p.m. on Monday of each week.
- (b) The list shall contain:
 - (1) A description of each vehicle by make, model and license number;
 - (2) The owner's name;
 - (3) The time and date vehicle was received;
 - (4) The disposition of the vehicle if the vehicle is no longer in the custody of the wrecker service company. The disposition must include:
 - a. The date and time the vehicle was released; and
 - b. To whom the vehicle was delivered.

Sec. 90-31. Wrecker Service Contract(s) Authorized.

- (a) The City shall have the right to contract with one wrecker service company for all incident management tows in the City, for the towing of City owned vehicles, or for the towing of any vehicle made necessary in the exercise of City's police and governmental functions, and to store or impound such vehicles on the parking facility of such wrecker service company.
- (b) The fees for incident management tow services shall be set by contract between the wrecker service company and the City.
- (c) The City may call any wrecker service company or use any wrecker in cases where the contracted wrecker service company is unable to respond as required by the contract, when there exists an emergency situation, or when deemed necessary by the Chief of Police or his authorized representative. In all such cases, a report will be forwarded to the Chief of Police describing the circumstances involving such use.

Sec. 90-32. Administrative disposition of violations.

In lieu of or in addition to any criminal prosecution or civil remedy for the violation of any provision of this article, the Chief of Police shall have, as to the holders of any certificate of registration or inspection certificate, or as to any applicant therefore, the duty and authority to enforce the provisions of this article by administrative action in accordance with the principles and procedures set forth hereinafter.

- (1) The proper and safe functioning of the wrecker service company has critical impact on the health, safety, and welfare of the public and involves use of the public streets of the City of Crowley often in circumstances necessitating prompt removal of dangerous obstructions to traffic on said streets. Accordingly, the privilege of any person to engage in the wrecker service company in the City of Crowley shall be subject to strict regulation in order to protect the public.
- (2) For purposes of invoking any administrative remedy against a certificate holder, the acts or omissions of any agent or employee of said holder shall be considered to be the acts or omissions of said holder.
- (3) Administrative remedies which the Chief of Police may employ to enforce the provisions of this article include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Suspension or revocation of any certificate of registration; or
 - b. Suspension or revocation of any inspection certificate.
- (4) Grounds for suspension or revocation of a certificate of registration include:
 - a. any conduct in the wrecker service company which endangers the life or safety of any person;
 - b. violations of the provisions of this article;
 - c. violation of the Zoning Ordinance or Fire Prevention Code of the City of Crowley;
 - d. failure to maintain in effect any insurance required by this article; and
 - e. fraud or theft in the conduct of the wrecker service company.
- (5) Grounds for suspension or revocation of an inspection certificate include responding to a nonconsent tow call when said wrecker:
 - a. Is in such condition that it cannot safely tow a vehicle;
 - b. Is not then covered by insurance as required in this article; or
 - c. Does not then meet all requirements for an inspection certificate.

Sec. 90-33. Prohibited acts, conditions, offenses and affirmative defense.

- (a) *Wreckers prohibited at accident scene unless called.* No person shall drive a wrecker to or near the site of an accident within the corporate limits of the City unless such person has been called to the site by the owner of the vehicle or by the Police Department of the City. It is further provided that each such wrecker operator, when called by the owner of a wrecked vehicle, shall notify the police telecommunications operator before proceeding to the scene.
- (b) *Solicitation prohibited.* No person shall solicit in any manner, directly or indirectly, on the streets of the City, at or near the site of an accident within the City, any business regarding

wrecked or disabled vehicles, regardless of whether the solicitation is for the purpose of removing, repairing, wrecking, storing, trading or purchasing said vehicle.

- (c) *Certificate of Registration required.* It shall be unlawful for a person to operate a wrecker for nonconsent tows within the city limits without possessing a certificate of registration issued by the Chief of Police.
- (d) A person who violates a provision of this article is guilty of an offense.
- (e) It is an affirmative defense to prosecution of a violation of this article hereof that the person is engaging in:
 - (1) The transportation of a vehicle by a nonresident wrecker operator from some point outside the city to some destination within the city;
 - (2) The transportation of a vehicle by a nonresident wrecker operator from some point outside the city and traversing the city to some other destination outside of the city;
 - (3) The transportation of a vehicle by a wrecker operator at the request or with the consent of the owner or operator of that vehicle (consent tow).

Sec. 90-34. Penalty for violation of article.

Any person who violates, disobeys, omits, neglects or refuses to comply with, or who resists the enforcement of any of the provisions of this article in the City of Crowley shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction therefore, shall be fined in an amount not to exceed \$500.00 for each offense.

SECTION 2.

That Sub-Section (14), "Wrecker Service License", of Appendix A: Schedule of Rates, Fees and Charges, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Crowley, Texas, be and is hereby amended as follows:

- (14) *Wrecker service license.*

License Fee - Per tow truck/wrecker	\$15.00
Inspection Fee - Per tow truck/wrecker	\$15.00

SECTION 3.

This ordinance shall be cumulative of all provisions of ordinances of the City of Crowley, Texas, except where the provisions of this ordinance are in direct conflict with the provisions of such ordinances, in which event the conflicting provisions of such ordinances are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4.

It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause sentence, paragraph or section of this ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this ordinance, since

the same would have been enacted by the City Council without the incorporation in this ordinance of any such unconstitutional phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section.

SECTION 5.

That all rights or remedies of the City of Crowley, Texas, are expressly saved as to any and all violations of the City Code or any amendments thereto regarding solid waste that have accrued at the time of the effective date of this ordinance; and as to such accrued violations, and all pending litigation, both civil or criminal, same shall not be affected by this ordinance but may be prosecuted until final disposition by the courts.

SECTION 6.

The caption of this ordinance stating in substance the purpose of this ordinance shall be published one (1) time in a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Crowley, Texas upon passage hereof.

SECTION 7.

This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage and publication is required by law, and it is so ordained.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2024.

CITY OF CROWLEY, TEXAS

Billy P. Davis, Mayor

ATTEST:

Carol Konhauser, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Rob Allibon, City Attorney