

## **ORDINANCE NO. 26-0008**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TRINITY, TEXAS, REGULATING PARKING AND OBSTRUCTIONS IN PUBLIC ALLEYS; PROVIDING EXCEPTIONS; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT; PROVIDING A PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

### **Section 1. Findings and Purpose**

The City Council finds that public alleys must remain reasonably clear to provide access for emergency vehicles, utility providers, sanitation services, municipal operations, and adjoining property owners. The purpose of this ordinance is to protect the public health, safety, and welfare by preventing obstructions within public alleys.

### **Section 2. Parking and Obstructions**

Except as provided in this ordinance, no person shall park, stop, stand, or leave unattended any vehicle, trailer, equipment, material, or other object in a public alley in a manner that obstructs, impedes, or interferes with the safe and normal use of the alley by vehicles, pedestrians, emergency responders, utility providers, sanitation services, or adjoining property owners.

### **Section 3. Loading and Unloading**

A vehicle may temporarily stop in a public alley only while actively loading or unloading passengers or property, provided the vehicle is attended, does not unnecessarily obstruct traffic, and is moved immediately upon completion of the activity.

### **Section 4. Exemptions**

This ordinance does not apply to:

1. Police, fire, emergency medical service, or other emergency vehicles while performing official duties.
2. City-owned or City-authorized vehicles while performing official municipal services.
3. Utility providers or contractors performing work authorized by the City.
4. Residents whose property includes a lawfully established parking space or parking area accessed from a public alley, provided the vehicle is parked entirely within the parking area and does not extend into or obstruct the alley.

### **Section 5. Enforcement**

This ordinance may be enforced by any City Police Officer, Code Enforcement Officer, or other employee authorized by the City.

A vehicle or other obstruction found in violation of this ordinance may be ordered removed immediately. If it is not removed, the City may remove or cause it to be removed in accordance with applicable law.

Failure to comply with a lawful order to remove a vehicle or obstruction from a public alley constitutes a separate violation of this ordinance.

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### **Section 6. Penalty**

A violation of this ordinance is an offense punishable as provided in the City's General Penalty Ordinance.

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### **Section 8. Repealer**

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

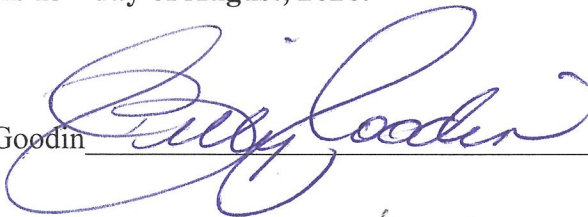
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### **Section 7. Severability**

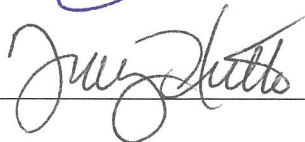
If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or provision of this ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The City Council declares that it would have adopted this ordinance regardless of the invalidity of any one or more provisions.

**PASSED AND APPROVED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2026.**

Mayor of Trinity, Texas - Billy Goodin

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ATTEST: City Manager – Tracy Hutto

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