AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LEANDER, TEXAS

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LEANDER, TEXAS, AMENDING CITY OF LEANDER CODE OF ORDINANCES, ARTICLE 1.12 GOLF COURSE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, AN OPEN MEETING CLAUSE, AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS.

WHEREAS, it is necessary to establish policies and procedures for use of City property and facilities; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate for the costs and expenses for providing services to be funded by user fees collected from persons and entities receiving the benefit of such services as provided in the User Fees Policy;

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

SECTION 1. Findings of Fact. The findings and recitations set out in the preamble of this Ordinance are found to be true and correct, and that they are hereby adopted by the City Council and made a part hereof for all purposes.

SECTION 2. Amendment of Article 1.12 of the City Code – Golf Course. Article 1.12 of the City of Leander Code of Ordinances (the "Code") is hereby amended in its entirety to read as follows in Exhibit "A'.

SECTION 3. Amendment of Conflicting Ordinances. The above-referenced sections of the Code are hereby amended as provided in this Ordinance. All parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby amended to the extent of such conflict only. To the extent of a conflict between this Ordinance and another Ordinance of the City, this Ordinance shall control.

SECTION 4. Savings Clause. All rights and remedies of the City of Leander are expressly saved as to any and all violations of the provisions of any Ordinances affecting the golf course which have accrued at the time of the effective date of this Ordinance; and, as to such accrued violations and all pending litigation, both civil and criminal, whether pending in court or not, under such Ordinances, same shall not be affected by this Ordinance but may be prosecuted until final disposition by the courts.

SECTION 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect on the date of adoption.

SECTION 6. Severability. It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Ordinance are severable and, if any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance should be declared invalid by the

final judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Ordinance, since the same would have been enacted by the City Council without the incorporation in this Ordinance of any such invalid section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase. If any provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable.

SECTION 7. Open Meetings. It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Ordinance was passed was open to the public as required, and that public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 5 day of December 2024.

ATTEST:

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Dara Crabtree, City Secretary

CITY OF LEANDER, TEXAS

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Christine DeLisle, Mayor

EXHIBIT "A"

ARTICLE 1.12
MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE

§ 1.12.001 **Penalty.**
Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this article shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine not to exceed that as provided by state statute. Each violation shall be treated as a separate offense.

§ 1.12.002 **Fees.**
(a) Fees shall be detailed in the fee schedule found in appendix A of this code.

§ 1.12.003 **Hours of operation.**
The municipal golf course, driving range and practice facility shall be open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., seven (7) days per week with the following conditions and exceptions. The last available tee time will be one (1) hour prior to closing. Range balls may be purchased until one (1) hour prior to closing. The driving range and practice area will be closed on Tuesdays, two (2) hours prior to closing until 11:00 a.m. on Wednesdays for weekly maintenance. These hours may be adjusted due to seasonal daylight availability, weather conditions, official holidays or other special circumstances as deemed necessary by the General Manager or their designee. The restaurant shall be open as posted.

§ 1.12.004 **General rules.**
The following rules shall be followed by all persons who enter the municipal golf course property:

(1) All golfers and their guests must check in at the golf shop prior to playing;

(2) No person under the age of twenty-one (21) shall purchase, consume or have in their possession an alcoholic beverage;

(3) Alcoholic beverages, glass containers, coolers or similar items may not be brought onto the municipal golf course property, unless specifically authorized in the case of a golf tournament or other special event approved by the General Manager;

(4) Any person who damages or destroys property of the municipal golf course shall be required to pay the costs of repair and/or replacement thereof;

(5) Any person engaged in or part of any conduct considered disorderly will be subject to suspension or expulsion from the municipal golf course. Such expulsions shall be at the direction of the municipal golf course General Manager or their designee under the supervision of the Director of Parks and Recreation . Any such action can be appealed to the City Manager within five (5) business days of such action being taken;

(6) Parents are charged with the responsibility of acquainting their children with these rules and for the behavior of their children while on the municipal golf course;

(7) Children under the age of twelve (12) may not play golf unless they are supervised by an adult or other person approved by the General Manager or their designated representative;

(8) With the exception of registered service animals, as authorized by federal, state and/or local law or ordinance, pets shall not be allowed on the municipal golf course property;

(9) Proper golf attire must be worn at all times; this shall include collared or mock turtleneck shirts, flat front, pleated or Bermuda style shorts, skirts, skorts, slacks or denim pants in good repair. Cut-off shorts of any kind, t-shirts, tank top shirts, gym shorts, sweatpants, bathing suits and any attire with offensive logo material or text shall not be allowed. Golf shoes or athletic shoes may be worn on playing surfaces. Metal spiked shoes are not allowed on municipal golf course property. Protective garments such as sun sleeves, legwear, face coverings, headwear and appropriate cold weather or rain gear may be worn as needed;

Casual attire and footwear is acceptable for spectators and restaurant guests.

(10) Persons who are hosting an authorized tournament or special event may not bring outside food or beverages without meeting the terms and conditions of a golf course tournament or special event agreement approved by the General Manager;

(11) With the exception of clearly marked and authorized parking areas, roadways and driveways, motorized vehicles (i.e., trucks, cars, motorcycles, etc.) shall not be allowed on golf course property without the prior consent of the golf course General Manager or their designee;

(12) Except as related to authorized golf or special event activities, walking, jogging and/or general exercise, bicycling, dog walking, or other similar activities shall not be allowed on municipal golf course property;

(13) Persons on the municipal golf course property not playing golf, after course hours of operation, or without the permission of municipal golf course staff shall be guilty of trespassing; and

(14) Swimming, fishing, boating, camping, or hunting on municipal golf course property shall be prohibited.

§ 1.12.005 **Rules applicable on playing area.**
The following rules shall apply to the municipal golf course playing area:

(1) Tee times may be reserved up to seven (7) days in advance by the general public and ten (10) days in advance by members and City of Leander residents.

(2) A maximum of four (4) players per start time is allowed, unless specifically authorized by golf shop staff. Single players and twosomes may be paired with other individuals or groups to constitute four (4) person groups to maximize play.

(3) Guests will maintain the proper pace and position on the golf course as determined by the General Manager or their designated representative. Guests falling behind shall be given one (1) verbal warning and may be required to skip a hole to regain position or allow the group behind them to play through. Guests who fail to regain proper pace or position may be asked to leave the property at the discretion of the General Manager or their designated representative.

(4) Guests shall not practice pitch, chip, or lob shots on or around the practice putting green.

(5) A ball shall never be played from any putting green with any club, or in any manner, that will cause damage to the green. The ball must be lifted and dropped to one side of the green in accordance with United States Golf Association (USGA) Rules, without penalty.

(6) Golf bags shall not be placed on the greens.

(7) Searching for a lost ball shall be limited to three (3) minutes.

(8) Searching for, retrieving, using or removing any golf balls other than those belonging to you or someone in your immediate group shall be prohibited.

(9) All trash must be placed in trash receptacles provided on the municipal golf course.

(10) Every player on the course must have a set of golf clubs.

(11) Providing golf instruction of any kind is not allowed without the expressed written consent of the municipal golf course General Manager.

§ 1.12.006 **Cart use rules.**
The following rules shall apply to all golf carts on the municipal golf course:

(1) Guests renting golf carts must sign a rental agreement prior to the use of a cart. The person signing the agreement shall be responsible for any damage incurred during the rental period. Golf carts must be returned to the cart return area immediately following the completion of a paid round;

(2) Carts shall not be rented to any person under the age of eighteen (18), and carts shall not be rented to anyone who is not in the possession of a valid driver's license. Persons under the age of eighteen (18) shall not be allowed to drive a golf cart on municipal golf course property at any time;

(3) All carts shall remain on the concrete cart paths at all times unless otherwise stipulated by golf shop staff. Carts shall not be driven on or through the rough at any time;

(4) When approaching from the fairway, carts must remain on the concrete cart paths around tees and greens or at least thirty (30) yards from the putting surface. Accommodations will be made to meet ADA requirements when requested;

(5) There shall not be more than two (2) persons in any golf cart at one time;

(6) All riders of golf carts must remain seated at all times;

(7) Privately owned golf carts are subject to inspection and approval by the General Manager or their designated representative prior to being allowed on the municipal golf course property. Once approved, privately owned golf carts may be used after a waiver has been signed by the operator and after the payment of the applicable trail fees as stated in Appendix A. Such carts shall follow all other rules for golf carts; and

(8) Any person riding in a golf cart as a spectator is subject to a spectator fee as found on the fee schedule in Appendix A.