AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS, AMENDING ORDINANCE 11374-2023 TO DEFINE THE NUMBER OF AUTHORIZED POSITIONS WITHIN THE GRAND PRAIRIE FIRE DEPARTMENT IN EACH CLASSIFICATION BEGINNING 01/01/2024

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Prairie has established a fire department to provide first-class public safety response to fire, rescue, and emergency medical calls; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Prairie is experiencing significant growth in the southern sector of the city and the fire department is responsible for protecting life and property of this population growth; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department has a duty and obligation to keep their first responders, including Police, Fire, and Public Works safe while operating on the highway; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 11374-2023 established the authorized positions within the fire department to be 239 plus 5 over hires at the rank of firefighters with the positions defined as 1 Fire Chief, 3 Assistant Chiefs, 9 Battalion Chiefs, 20 Captains, 26 Lieutenants, 42 Driver Engineers, and 143 Firefighters for a strength of force of 244 if all over hires are filled.

WHEREAS, Effective January 1, 2024, the authorized positions will be 255 plus 5 over hires at the rank of firefighters with the positions defined as 1 Fire Chief, 3 Assistant Chiefs, 9 Battalion Chiefs, 24 Captains, 26 Lieutenants, 48 Driver Engineers, and 149 Firefighters (includes 5 over hires) for strength of force of 260 if all over hires are filled.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Effective January 1, 2024, the authorized positions will be 255 plus 5 over hires at the rank of firefighters with the positions defined as 1 Fire Chief, 3 Assistant Chiefs, 9 Battalion Chiefs, 24 Captains, 26 Lieutenants, 48 Driver Engineers, and 149 Firefighters (includes 5 over hires) for a strength of force of 260 if all over hires are filled.

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are specifically repealed.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval and accordingly ordained.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS, ON THIS THE 12TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2023.

APPROVED:

Ron Jensen, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Secretary

City Attorney