ORDINANCE NO. 780-A

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GEORGE WEST, TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DEPARTMENT TO BE KNOWN AS THE CODE ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT; OUTLINING THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CODE ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILTY CLAUSE; A PENALTIES CLAUSE, REPEALING ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the growth, development and influx of business in the City of George West merits the establishment of a Code Enforcement Department within the City administration in order to administer and enforce the Code Of Ordinances and other applicable laws of the City; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a Code Enforcement Department will promote the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the city of George West: and

WHEREAS, the City Charter specifically grants the City Council of the City of George West, without limitation the right to establish administrative departments and distribute the work of the division;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of George West, Texas, that:

SECTION 1. That the following Ordinance is adopted establishing a department to be known as the code Enforcement Department as follows:

Section 1. **Establishment of Code Enforcement Department**.

a. The City of George West Code Enforcement Department is hereby established for the City of George West.

Section 2. **Responsibilities of Code Enforcement Department**.

a. The Code Enforcement Department shall be responsible for the supervision, administration, oversight, and enforcement of the Code of Ordinances, regulations of the City of George West and applicable laws of the State of Texas.

b. The Code Enforcement Department may be assigned such other responsibilities as deemed necessary by the City Manager.

SECTION II: SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall

be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the Ordinance.

SECTION III. CONFLICTS.

Any previously enacted Ordinances found to be in conflict herewith are expressly repealed only to the extent that such conflict exists.

SECTION IV. PENALTY PROVISION.

Any Person, firm, entity or corporation who violates any provision of this Ordinance, as it exists or may be amended, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be fined a sum not exceeding Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00). Each continuing day's violation under this Ordinance shall constitute a separate offense. The penal provisions imposed under this Ordinance shall not preclude George West from filing suit to enjoin the violation. George West retains all legal rights and remedies available to it pursuant to local, state, and federal law.

SECTION V: EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall become effective from and after the date of its final passage and publication as provided by law.

FIRST READING OF THIS ORDINANCE PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 9TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2016.

ATTEST:_____ SIGNED:_____
Noelia Martinez — Andrew Garza
Deputy City Secretary — Mayor

SECOND READING OF THIS ORDINANCE PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 30TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2016.

ATTEST:_____ SIGNED:_____
Nanette Snider — Andrew Garza
City Secretary — Mayor