ORDINANCE NO. 938

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GEORGE WEST, TEXAS

The purpose of this policy is to provide the George West Police Department Canine Unit (GWPD K-9 Unit) with internal guidelines for the use of Police Service Canines (PS K-9). This policy is not intended to establish the standard of care for any civil or other external proceeding, and the determination of compliance with this policy is expressly reserved for internal proceedings within the George West Police Department (GWPD). The decision to use a PS K-9 in accordance with this policy shall be deemed an act of discretion and shall be reviewed in light of all information reasonably available to the officer(s) at the time the decision was made.

WHEREAS, the City of George West, Texas, acting through its duly elected City Council, desires to enact certain policies to ensure the safety of our citizens and officers to include K-9s; and

WHEREAS, the said George West Police Department K-9 Unit Policies are numbered I through XIV and attached hereto and made a part hereof for all intents and purposes; and

WHEREAS, the City of George West, Texas, acting through its duly elected City Council, desires to add the said George West Police Depatment K-9 Unit Policy; and

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

SECTION I. That the said George West Police Department K-9 Unity Policy, which are attached hereto and made a part hereof for all intents and purposes, hereby **ADOPTED** as official policies of the City of George West, Texas.

SECTION II. That the City of George West Code of Ordinances is hereby **AMENDED** by adding the George West Police Depatment K-9 Unit Policy herein, attached hereto and made a part hereof for all intents and purposes.

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 Any previously enacted Ordinances found to be in conflict herewith are expressly repealed only to the extent that such conflict exists.

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

PASSED and **APPROVED** this 23rd day of April, 2026.

CITY OF GEORGE WEST, TEXAS

By:_____
Andrew Garza, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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D'Ann Lane, CITY SECRETARY

SECOND READING PASSED AND APPROVED this 27th day of May, 2026.

CITY OF GEORGE WEST, TEXAS

By:_____
Andrew Garza, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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D'Ann Lane, CITY SECRETARY