ORDINANCE NO. 1419-2024

AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING THE RIVER OAKS NEWS AND THE FORT WORTH STAR TELEGRAM AS THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS OF THE CITY OF RIVER OAKS AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of River Oaks, Texas is a home rule city acting under its charter adopted by the electorate pursuant to Article XI, Section 5 of the Texas Constitution and Chapter 9 of the Texas Local Government Code; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 52.004 of the Texas Local Government Code at the beginning of the fiscal year, municipalities must designate an official newspaper; and

WHEREAS, the governing body shall publish in the municipality's official newspaper each ordinance, notice, or other matter required by law or ordinance to be published; and

WHEREAS, Texas Government Code Section 2051.044 states that a newspaper in which notices are to be published must devote not less than 25 percent of its total column lineage to general interest items; be published at least once each week; be entered as the periodical rate by the U.S. Postal Service in the county where published; and have been published regularly and continuously for at least 12 months before the governmental entity or representative publishes notice; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the statutory requirements above, the Attorney General has required in Opinion No. JC-223 that the paper must also have a de minimis number of subscribers in the city; have diverse types of subscribers; and publish items of general interest to the community; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has concluded after due and careful consideration that it is necessary to designate both <u>the River Oaks News and the Fort Worth Star Telegram</u> as the official Newspapers of the City of River Oaks, Texas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVER OAKS, TEXAS:

SECTION 1.

The findings set forth above are incorporated into the body of this Ordinance as if fully set forth herein.

SECTION 2.

The City of River Oaks pursuant to Section 52.004 of the Texas Local Government Code designates **both** *the River Oaks News and the Fort Worth Star Telegram* as the city's official newspapers.

SECTION 3.

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 19th DAY OF MARCH 2024.

MAYOR

CITY SECRETARY

EFFECTIVE: March 19, 2024

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

CITY ATTORNEY