# **ORDINANCE NO. 1466-2025**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1.10.002, "UNAUTHORIZED USE OF CORPORATE SEAL OR OTHER INSIGNIA," OF ARTICLE 1.10 "CORPORATE SEAL" OF CHAPTER 1, "GENERAL PROVISIONS," OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF RIVER OAKS, TEXAS TO REGULATE THE USE OF THE CITY LOGO AND OTHER INSIGNIA WITHIN THE CITY; ADOPTING THE CITY LOGO; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE IS CUMULATIVE OF ALL ORDINANCES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION IN THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**WHEREAS**, the City of River Oaks, Texas ("City") 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 Local Government Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the city previously adopted regulations regarding the use of the corporate seal and other insignia; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council deems it necessary to amend these regulations to avoid confusion on the use of other insignia, including the City logo; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council deems it in the public interest to adopt regulations contained herein.

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

#### **SECTION 1.**

Section 1.10.002, "Unauthorized Use of Corporate Seal or Other Insignia," of Article 1.10, "Corporate Seal," of Chapter 1, "General Provisions," of the Code of Ordinances, City of River Oaks, Texas is amended in its entirety to read as follows:

"It is an offense to use any city or city department official flag, seal, badge, logo, slogan, or other insignia, or any colorable representation thereof, in any written or spoken form:

- (1) For a commercial purpose; or
- (2) In a manner that could cause someone to believe that the city or a city department sponsors or approves the use without first obtaining express written authorization from the city manager."

## **SECTION 2.**

The official City logo attached hereto as "Exhibit A" is hereby adopted and incorporated herein for all purposes.

## **SECTION 3.**

This Ordinance shall be cumulative of all provisions of ordinances and of the Code of Ordinances, City of River Oaks, Texas, as amended, except where the provisions of this Ordinance are in direct conflict with the provisions of such ordinances and such Code, in which event the conflicting provisions of such ordinances and such Code are hereby repealed.

#### **SECTION 4.**

It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this Ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section of this Ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this Ordinance, since the same would have been enacted by the City Council without the incorporation in this ordinance of any such unconstitutional phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section.

#### **SECTION 5.**

Any person, firm, or corporation violating any of the terms and provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined in accordance with Section 1.01.009 of the Code of Ordinances, City of River Oaks, Texas. Each such violation shall be deemed a separate offense and shall be punishable as such hereunder.

# **SECTION 6.**

All rights and remedies of the City of River Oaks are expressly saved as to any and all violations of the provisions of the Code of Ordinance, City of River Oaks, as amended, or any other ordinances affecting the use of the City seal or other insignia 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 7.**

The City Secretary is directed to publish in the official newspaper of the City, the caption and penalty clause of this Ordinance one time as authorized by Chapter 5, Section 5.02(c) of the Charter of the City of River Oaks.

# **SECTION 8.**

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as required by law, and it is so ordained.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 18th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2025.

MAYOR

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CITY SECRETARY

# EXHIBIT A ORDINANCE # 1466-2025 NOVEMBER 18, 2025

