

FIRE CONTROL, PREVENTION & EMS DISTRICT

Thursday, March 20, 2025 at 5:40 PM

CORINTH City Hall | 3300 Corinth Parkway

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Pursuant to section 551.127, Texas Government Code, one or more council members or employees may attend this meeting remotely using videoconferencing technology.

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Please limit your comments to three minutes. Comments about any of the Fire Control, Prevention & EMS District agenda items are appreciated by the Board and may be taken into consideration at this time or during that agenda item. The Board is prohibited from acting on or discussing items brought before them at this time.

C. BUSINESS AGENDA

- 1. Consider and act on the minutes from the Fire Control, Prevention, and Emergency Management District meeting on September 5, 2024.
- 2. Hold a Public Hearing and consider approval of an Order authorizing the Imposition of the District Sales and Use Tax at a Rate of .25% on gas and electricity for the Fire Control, Prevention, and Emergency Medical Services District.

D. ADJOURN

Posted on this 17th day of March 2025, at 5:00 P.M., on the bulletin board at Corinth City Hall.

Lana Wylie

City Secretary

City of Corinth, Texas



CITY OF CORINTH Staff Report

Meeting Date:	3/20/2025 Title:	Minutes Approval – Fire Control, Prevention and Emergency Management District
Strategic Goals:	☐ Resident Engagement	☐ Proactive Government ☐ Organizational Development
	☐ Health & Safety ☐ Re	egional Cooperation Attracting Quality Development

Item/Caption

Consider and act on the minutes from the Fire Control, Prevention, and Emergency Management District meeting on September 5, 2024.

Item Summary/Background/Prior Action

Attached are the minutes, in draft form, and are not considered official until formally approved by the Fire Control, Prevention, and Emergency Management District Board of Directors.

Staff Recommendation/Motion

Staff recommends approval of the minutes as presented.



FIRE CONTROL, PREVENTION & EMS DISTRICT - MINUTES

Thursday, September 05, 2024 at 5:40 PM

City Hall | 3300 Corinth Parkway

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STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF DENTON CITY OF CORINTH

On this, the 5th day of September 2024, the Fire Control, Prevention, & Emergency Medical Services District of the City of Corinth, Texas, met in a Special Session at the Corinth City Hall at 5:40 P.M., located at 3300 Corinth Parkway, Corinth, Texas. The meeting date, time, place, and purpose as required by Title 5, Subtitle A, Chapter 551, Subchapter C, Section 551.041, Government Code, with the following members to wit:

Council Members Present:

Bill Heidemann, Mayor Sam Burke, Mayor Pro Tem Scott Garber, Council Member Lindsey Rayl, Council Member Kelly Pickens, Council Member

Council Members Absent:

Tina Henderson, Council Member

Staff Members Present:

Scott Campbell, City Manager
Lana Wylie, City Secretary
Emma Crotty, Economic Development Coordinator & Management Assistant
Patricia Adams, City Attorney
Jerry Garner, Police Chief
Chad Thiessen, Fire Chief
Lee Ann Bunselmeyer, Director of Finance & Strategic Services
Melissa Dailey, Director of Development Services
Brenton Copeland, Chief Technology Officer
Cesar Balderas, Information Technology Services Manager
Lance Stacy, City Marshal

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Heidemann called the Workshop Meeting to order at 5:45 P.M.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Please limit your comments to three minutes. Comments about any of the Council agenda items are appreciated by the Council and may be taken into consideration at this time or during that agenda item. Council is prohibited from acting on or discussing items brought before them at this time.

No comments were made.

BUSINESS AGENDA

1. Consider and act on the minutes from the Fire Control, Prevention, and Emergency Management District meeting on July 6, 2023.

Motion made by Council Member Garber: I move to approve. Seconded by Council Member Pickens.

Voting Yea: Mayor Heidemann, Council Member Burke, Council Member Garber, Council Member Rayl, Council Member Pickens

2. Receive a report and hold discussions on the impact, efficiency, and effectiveness of the fire control, prevention, and emergency medical services programs.

Chief Thiessen presented.

3. Conduct a public hearing to consider testimony and act on the fiscal year 2024-2025 budget for the Corinth Fire Control, Prevention, and Emergency Management District Annual Budget.

Mayor Heidemann opened the Public Hearing at 5:55 P.M. and immediately closed it.

No comments were made.

Motion made by Council Member Garber: I move to approve. Seconded by Council Member Rayl.

Voting Yea: Mayor Heidemann, Council Member Burke, Council Member Garber, Council Member Rayl, Council Member Pickens

ADJOURN

Mayor Heidemann adjourned the Fire Control, Prevention, and Emergency Medical Services District at 5:56 P.M.

Lana Wylie

City Secretary

City of Corinth, Texas



CITY OF CORINTH Staff Report

Meeting Date:	3/20/2025 Title:	Sales Tax Fire Control
Strategic Goals:		 ☑ Proactive Government ☐ Organizational Development egional Cooperation ☐ Attracting Quality Development

Item/Caption

Hold a Public Hearing and consider approval of an Order authorizing the Imposition of the District Sales and Use Tax at a Rate of .25% on gas and electricity for the Fire Control, Prevention, and Emergency Medical Services District.

Item Summary/Background/Prior Action

SB 575, enacted during the 81st Texas Legislature Regular Session, authorizes local taxing authorities to impose a sales tax on the residential use of gas and electricity. This legislation allows cities, counties, and other local governmental entities to generate additional revenue to fund various community needs, including public safety and emergency services.

Cities that adopted sales tax effective October 1, 1979 or later may not impose its local sales tax residential use of gas and electricity. Cities that imposed local sales tax prior to that date could have retained the tax by ordinance or could reimpose it if they did not retain the exemption. The City of Corinth did retain the exemption effective May 1, 1979 (the city has imposed a city sales tax since July 1, 1972) and imposes its sales tax on residential use of gas and electricity.

The city has the opportunity to impose a sales tax on residential utility consumption, specifically targeting funding for the Fire Control, Prevention, and Emergency Medical Services District. The local sales tax would be applied to residential use of gas and electricity, with the collected funds earmarked for supporting the operation and services of the district.

Financial Impact

The imposition of this sales tax is projected to generate an additional \$50,000 in revenue which will directly support public safety initiatives, including fire response services, and community-based emergency preparedness programs.

Staff Recommendation/Motion

Staff recommends approval of an order imposing the District sales and use tax at a rate of .25% on residential gas and electricity for the Fire Control, Prevention, and Emergency Medical Services District.

CITY OF CORINTH, TEXAS ORDER NO. 25-01

CORINTH FIRE CONTROL, PREVENTION AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DISTRICT

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CORINTH FIRE CONTROL, PREVENTION, AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DISTRICT, ("FIRE DISTRICT") AUTHORIZING THE IMPOSITION OF THE DISTRICT OF SALES AND USE TAX AT THE RATE OF .25% ON GAS AND ELECTRICITY FOR RESIDENTIAL USE; PROVIDING FOR NOTIFICATION TO THE STATE COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, PROVIDING FOR NOTICE TO GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANIES WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; PROVIDING FOR SAVINGS AND REPEAL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on November 3, 2020, the City of Corinth, Texas, eligible voters of the City of Corinth, Texas ("City" or "Corinth") authorized the establishment of the Corinth Fire Control, Prevention and Emergency Medical Services District ("Fire District") pursuant to Chapter 344 of the Texas Local Government Code; and

WHEREAS, the Fire District, whose boundaries are coterminous with City's corporate boundaries, imposes sales and use tax at the rate of .25% as provided by Chapter 363 of the Texas Local Government Code and Section 321.106 of the Texas Tax Code; and

WHEREAS, Corinth imposes a tax on the residential use of gas and electricity pursuant to Section 321.105 of the Texas Tax Code; and

WHEREAS; Section 321.1055 of the Texas Tax Code provides authority for the Fire District Board of Directors to approve by a majority vote of the membership of the Board of Directors following a public hearing an order or resolution authorizing the imposition of the Fire District sales tax authorized by Section 321.106 of the Texas Tax Code on receipts from the sale, production, distribution lease or rental of, and the use, storage, or other consumption within the Fire District of gas and electricity for residential use; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Texas Tax Code §321.1055(b) the Board of Directors of the Fire District held a public hearing and considered public comments provided on the imposition of the Fire District sales tax as authorized by Texas Tax Code §321.106, at the rate of one-quarter of one-percent on receipts from the sale, production, distribution lease or rental of, and the use, storage, or other consumption within the Fire District of gas and electricity for residential use as authorized by the Texas Tax Code; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FIRE DISTRICT:

Section 1. <u>Findings Incorporated.</u> The findings set forth above are incorporated into the body of this Order as if fully set forth herein.

Section 2. Sales Tax Imposed on Gas and Electricity for Residential Use. The Fire District sale tax,

at the rate of one-fourth of one percent, is hereby authorized and imposed on receipts from the sale, production, distribution lease or rental of, and the use, storage, or other consumption within the Fire District of gas and electricity for residential use as authorized by the Texas Tax Code §321.1055.

Section 3. <u>Notice to Comptroller's Office and Publication</u>. The City Secretary is directed to forward to the State Comptroller's office by certified mail return receipt requested or registered mail a copy of this Order. The City Secretary also is directed to cause this Order to be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the Fire District.

Section 4. Notice to Gas and Electric Companies. The City Secretary is directed to forward by certified mail return receipt requested or registered mail a copy of this Order and a copy of the Fire District's boundaries to each gas and electric company whose customers are subject to the tax imposed by this Order.

Section 5. <u>Severability</u>. If any section, article, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase or word in this Order is held invalid or unconstitutional by a Court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Order, and the Board of Directors hereby declares it would have passed such remaining portions of this Order despite such invalidity, which remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 6. <u>Savings/Repeal</u>. All provisions of any Order in conflict with this Oder are hereby repealed to the extent they are in conflict. Any remaining portion of conflicting Orders shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 7. Effective Date. This Order shall be effective upon its passage.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED AND ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CORINTH FIRE CONTROL, PREVENTION AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DISTRICT ON THE 20TH DAY OF MARCH 2025.

	CITY OF CORINTH
	Bill Heidemann, Mayor
ATTEST:	
Lana Wylie, City Secretary	
APPROVED AS TO FORM:	
Patricia A. Adams, City Attorney	