

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CANYON LAKE, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING AN INVOCATION POLICY FOR CITY MEETINGS

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes the long-standing democratic tradition of opening legislative meetings with invocations intended to solemnize proceedings and invite reflection; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to ensure that invocations are conducted in a manner consistent with the United States Constitution, including principles of freedom of religion and non-establishment of religion; and

WHEREAS, the City Council seeks to adopt a policy that establishes guidelines for the purpose, scope, speaker eligibility, content, procedures, and legal compliance related to invocations at City meetings.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CANYON LAKE DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. The City Council hereby adopts the Invocation Policy attached hereto as Exhibit “A”. The City Manager is authorized to amend the Policy from time to time with changes approved as to form by the City Attorney.

Section 3. In the event of a conflict between the Policy and the City’s Employee Handbook and Personnel Policy Manual, the provisions of the Policy shall apply.

Section 4. The provisions of this Resolution are severable and if any provision, clause, sentence, word or part thereof is held illegal, invalid, unconstitutional, or inapplicable to any person or circumstances, such illegality, invalidity, unconstitutionality, or inapplicability shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, clauses, sentences, sections, words or parts thereof of the Resolution or their applicability to other persons or circumstances.

Section 5. That the City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution and that the same shall be in full force and effect.

Section 6. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 17th day of February 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Jeremy Smith, Mayor

ATTEST & CERTIFIED:

I, Sheryl Garcia, City Clerk of the City of Canyon Lake, hereby attest to the Mayor's signature above and certify that the City Council duly adopted this Resolution as recorded in the vote tally stated herein.

Sheryl L. Garcia, MMC, CPM
City Clerk

Exhibit “A”

Invocation Policy

(to be attached)