

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEABROOK, TEXAS, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR HOUSE BILL 4538 DURING THE 89TH TEXAS LEGISLATIVE SESSION SUPPORTING FUNDING TO ASSIST WITH THE REMOVAL OF DERELICT VESSELS FROM TEXAS WATERWAYS AND REFERENCING SECTION 40.108 OF THE TEXAS NATURAL RESOURCES CODE

WHEREAS, the City of Seabrook is a coastal community dedicated to preserving and protecting its natural waterways, bayous, and coastal environments, which are vital to the economic, recreational, and ecological well-being of the region; and

WHEREAS, derelict and abandoned vessels in navigable waterways pose significant environmental hazards, impede navigation, diminish coastal aesthetics, and place a financial burden on local governments; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 4538, introduced in the 89th Texas Legislative Session by Representative Paul, amends Section 11.032 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code and creates Section 40.163 of the Natural Resources Code to establish a dedicated Derelict Vessels and Structures Account; and

WHEREAS, under H.B. 4538, a portion of vessel registration fees collected by the Parks and Wildlife Department will be transferred monthly to the General Land Office to support the removal and disposal of derelict vessels and structures described in Section 40.108(a) of the Natural Resources Code; and

WHEREAS, this measure provides essential funding and support to coastal and waterfront communities such as Seabrook in addressing the challenges of abandoned marine debris without relying solely on local resources; and

WHEREAS, the City of Seabrook recognizes the importance of proactive stewardship of marine and coastal assets and believes H.B. 4538 provides a sustainable and collaborative approach to protecting Texas waters;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEABROOK, TEXAS, THAT:

Section 1. The City Council of Seabrook expresses its full support for H.B. 4538 in the 89th Texas Legislative Session.

Section 2. The City urges the Texas Legislature to pass H.B. 4538 and encourages the Governor of Texas to sign the bill into law upon passage.

Section 3. A copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the offices of Representative Paul, and the appropriate House and Senate committees for Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs.

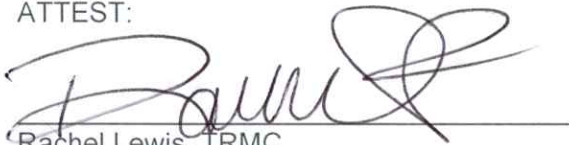
PASSED AND APPROVED, this 15th day of April, 2025.

CITY OF SEABROOK, TEXAS



Thomas G Kolupski
Mayor

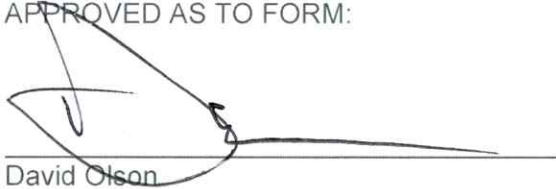
ATTEST:



Rachel Lewis, TRMC
City Secretary



APPROVED AS TO FORM:



David Olson
City Attorney