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City Addresses Lawsuit

Howardwick, Texas; April 17, 2019 – The City of Howardwick, Texas announced today that it filed a lawsuit against the Howardwick Volunteer Fire Department (“Howardwick VFD”), a nonprofit corporation created on March 26, 2018 that is separate and apart from the City, seeking declaratory relief pertaining to ownership of fire vehicles which the City believes were improperly transferred to Howardwick VFD, thereby making them uninsured. The City has a duty to protect the assets of the City.

Immediately after filing the lawsuit and obtaining a temporary restraining order enjoining Howardwick VFD from any use of the fire vehicles, the City began negotiations with Howardwick VFD officials to ensure that the community remains protected. The City and the Howardwick VFD reached an agreement that the temporary restraining order will continue in effect until Howardwick VFD gets insurance coverage on the fire vehicles and provides proof thereof to the City. As soon as Howardwick VFD provides such proof, the fire vehicles can be used by Howardwick VFD to provide fire protection services to the community. Due to the pending litigation and possible other legal matters, the City will not make any additional comments.