

**CITY OF HASKELL, ARKANSAS**  
**ORDINANCE NO. 09-2025**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 13-2024 ESTABLISHING THE  
HASKELL CARES BOARD, TO UPDATE BOARD COMPOSITION AND CLARIFY  
THE ROLE OF CITY EMPLOYEES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance No. 13-2024 established a board for the purpose of regulating monies spent within the donation account pertaining to donation funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the original ordinance provided that the board would consist of the Mayor, Fire Chief, Police Chief, Public Works Director, and three citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council now desires to amend Ordinance No. 13-2024 to remove city employees from direct access or control of the Haskell Cares donation account, while still allowing city employees to serve in an advisory role to the board;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HASKELL, ARKANSAS:**

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.**

Ordinance No. 13-2024 is hereby amended to read as follows with respect to the composition and function of the Haskell Cares Board:

**Board Composition:**

The Haskell Cares Board shall consist of the following members:

- President: **Jerry Stroud**
- Secretary/Treasurer: **Emaline Stroud**
- Board Member: **Karen Welch**
- Board Member: **Jackie Fannery**

**Role of City Employees:**

City employees shall not have access to or control over the Haskell Cares donation account or its funds.

City employees may serve only in an advisory capacity to the Haskell Cares Board, for the limited purpose of identifying community members in need of assistance and providing recommendations to the Board.

**SECTION 2. HASKELL CARES ORGANIZATION – NONPROFIT REQUIREMENT  
AND BOARD DISSOLUTION**

The Haskell Cares Organization shall establish a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation recognized by the Internal Revenue Service on or before June 30, 2026.

Upon either (a) confirmation of the granting of 501(c)(3) status or (b) the arrival of June 30, 2026, whichever occurs first, the Haskell Cares Board shall be automatically dissolved.

Failure to obtain 501(c)(3) status by June 30, 2026, shall result in the expiration of the Haskell Cares Board's authority and operations.

### **SECTION 3. REPEALER.**

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

### **SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY.**

If any section, clause, or provision of this ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions.

### **SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE.**

It is hereby found and determined that immediate implementation of this amendment is necessary to ensure proper financial oversight and transparency regarding community donation funds; therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this ordinance shall take effect and be in full force immediately upon its passage and approval.

**Passed and Approved, this day 13<sup>th</sup> of October 2025.**

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clyde Crookham, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Taylor Finley, City Clerk/Recorder/Treasurer