

RESOLUTION NO.22-__

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MENIFEE
DELEGATING TO DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS AND/OR THEIR DESIGNEE
THE AUTHORITY TO RESOLVE FIELD CLAIMS OF \$500 OR LESS**

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 935.4 relating to the California Tort Claims Act provides that the City may, by resolution or ordinance, delegate to an employee of the public entity the authority to deny or to pay, in whole or part, tort and other claims against the City in an amount which does not exceed \$50,000 in the same manner as would the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Meniffee Municipal Code makes other claims subject to the California Tort Claims Act as well, such as field claims; and

WHEREAS, field claims are used to resolve incidents involving damage to property and/or lost items that occur while the City is assisting the public in the field, and includes the negotiation and payment of a monetary amount to the affected party or claimant;

WHEREAS, The City often receives a number of smaller field claims for under \$500 which may be handled by a Department Directors and/or their designee and reported to the City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Meniffee does resolve as follows:

1. The City Council hereby authorizes Department Directors and/or their designee to deny, allow, compromise or settle field claims that do not exceed \$500, and thereafter to report such action to the City Council.
2. Such actions shall be taken in a manner and using the forms and procedures as the City Council would use and as are set out in the California Tort Claims Act, unless they are in conflict with the City's Field Claims Procedure, attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, in which case the Field Claims Procedure shall control.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this ____ day of December 2022.

Bill Zimmerman, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Kay Vinson
Acting City Clerk

Jeffrey T. Melching
City Attorney