

#### OLD TOWN RIGHT-OF-WAY USE AGREEMENTS

Old Town Design Standards Review Committee: February 14, 2024

# **RIGHT-OF-USE AGREEMENTS**

The City utilizes a right-of-way (R-O-W) use agreement for any improvement or use within a publicly dedicated right-of-way or easement. The current process is detailed Section 3.3 of the City's Design Manual.

The following list identifies examples of items that require an agreement:

- Masonry fences or any part of a fence that is masonry
- Retaining walls greater than 3 feet or, if the wall supports a structure, less than 3 feet
- Private storm drains or area drains
- Swimming pool decks
- Wood decks, patios, and gazebos
- Buildings, signs, or other permanent improvements

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- Prior to 2016, Old Town easement and right-of-way use agreements were administratively handled by the Director of Engineering.
- Starting in 2016, City management directed staff to take Old Town easement and right-of-way use agreements forward for review and approval by the City Council for any improvement or use within a publicly dedicated right-of-way.
- There are currently six different Old Town establishments that have approved easement and right-of-way use agreements: Grumps, Old Texas Brewing, Babe's Chicken House, Eagle's Point, Spice Rack, and Old Town Station.

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- Most recently, the Council Policy and Valuation Policy Committee has conducted two meetings (11.2.23 and 1.24.24) to discuss revisions to the current process for right-of-way use agreements.
- The Committee intends to recommend to the City Council that all right-of-way use agreements located in Old Town will proceed to the Old Town Design Standards Review Committee for review and then to City Council for consideration.
- The Committee has directed staff to provide a report and seek the OTDSRC's feedback on criteria for plan submittals and possibly adding design professionals to its membership.



# **RECENTLY APPROVED AGREEMENT (SPICE RACK)**



### **RECENTLY APPROVED USE AGREEMENT (OTB)**



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# CRITERIA FOR PLAN SUBMITTALS

Staff is proposing the following plan submittal details:

- Facility Details provide a detail and/or cross-section of the private facilities to be placed in the R.O.W/easement. Vertical alignment of existing and proposed facilities must be shown.
- Colored architectural or technical renderings that detail the proposed improvements, building materials specifications, height and coverage.
- If applicable, standardized details for outdoor dining (e.g. colored renderings, number of tables, chairs, lighting, etc.)
- If in Old Town, must adhere to the Old Town Design Standards
- What other elements would be helpful to consider?

## COMMITTEE FEEDBACK

#### The OTDSRC :

- The committee shall consist of nine members, and one member must reside or own a business in Burleson Old Town Overlay district, one member shall be the seated President of the Burleson Heritage Foundation.
- As the role of the OTDSRC changes, the Council Policy and Valuation Committee would like your feedback on the following considerations: any suggested changes to the number of members; composition of membership (i.e. design professionals); any necessary changes to the application and/or staff deliverables and materials, etc.

## RECOMMENDATION

- Staff is requesting the OTDSRC's feedback and recommendations.
- If additional information or discussions are needed, staff will conduct additional briefings.