

City of Dripping Springs

Ordinance Title

ORDINANCE No. 2025-040

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS, TEXAS, ADOPTING THE 2024 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE, REGULATING AND GOVERNING THE SAFEGUARDING OF LIFE AND PROPERTY FROM FIRE, MEDICAL, AND EXPLOSION HAZARDS; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS AND COLLECTION OF FEES; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS; ADOPTING LOCAL AMENDMENTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEALER, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING FOR PROPER NOTICE AND MEETING.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Dripping Springs (“City Council”) finds that the adoption of the most current International Fire Code (IFC) standards is necessary to facilitate proper inspection activities relating to building standards within the City of Dripping Springs (“City”) and its extraterritorial jurisdiction, and to promote public safety, health, and general welfare; and

WHEREAS, the City Council seeks to apply up-to-date regulatory systems to projects to the extent reasonably possible and within the confines of the law; and

WHEREAS, Texas Local Government Code Section 51.001 provides the City general authority to adopt an Ordinance or police regulations that is for the good government, peace or order of the City and is necessary or proper for carrying out a power granted by law to the City; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Chapters 214 and 216, to protect the public health, safety, and welfare, the 2024 International Fire Code; as the municipal fire code; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Dripping Springs:

1. FINDINGS OF FACT

The foregoing recitals are incorporated into this Ordinance by reference as findings of fact as if expressly set forth herein.

2. ENACTMENT

Chapter 8 of the City's Code of Ordinances is hereby amended by repealing and replacing Article 8.02 (Fire Code) in its entirety, to read as set forth in Exhibit "A," which is attached hereto and incorporated for all intents and purposes. Any underlined text shall be added to Article 8.02 and any text that is struck through shall be removed.

3. REPEALER

All ordinances, or parts thereof, that are in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and the provisions of this Ordinance shall be and remain controlling as to the matters regulated herein.

4. SEVERABILITY

Should any of the clauses, sentences, paragraphs, sections, or parts of this Ordinance be deemed invalid, unconstitutional, or unenforceable by a court of law or administrative agency with jurisdiction over the matter, such action shall not be construed to affect any other valid portion of this Ordinance.

5. CODIFICATION

The City Secretary is hereby directed to record and publish the attached rules, regulations, and policies in the City's Code of Ordinances as authorized by Section 52.001 of the Texas Local Government Code.

6. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall be effective on July 1, 2026, subject to publication as provided for by law.

7. PROPER NOTICE & MEETING

It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Ordinance was passed was open to the public, and that public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551. Notice was also provided as required by Chapter 52 of the Texas Local Government Code.

PASSED & APPROVED this, the ____ day of _____, _____, by a vote of ____ (ayes) to ____ (nays) to ____ (abstentions) of the City Council of Dripping Springs, Texas.

CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS:

by: _____

Bill Foulds, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Diana Boone, City Secretary