



**STAFF REPORT**  
**City of Dripping Springs**  
**PO Box 384**  
**511 Mercer Street**  
**Dripping Springs, TX 78602**

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**Submitted By:** Caylie Houchin; Community Events Coordinator

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**Council Meeting Date:** September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Agenda Item Wording:** Discuss and consider approval of a Temporary Street Closure Permit application from the Dripping Springs Visitors Bureau to close a portion of Mercer Street from Bluff Street to San Marcos Street, and a portion of Old Fitzhugh Road on October 14 through 16, 2022, for the Dripping Springs Songwriters Festival. *Sponsor: Council Member Wade King*

**Agenda Item Requestor:** Pam Owens, President/CEO, Dripping Springs Visitors Bureau

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**Summary/Background:** The 2022 Dripping Springs Songwriters Festival will take place on October 14, 15, and 16. 45 songwriters will perform on 8 stages throughout downtown Dripping Springs and 4,000 people are expected to attend. The following venues plan to have stages: The Barber Shop, Acopon Brewing, Mazama Coffee, Hudson's on Mercer, Grawlix/Warehouse District, Dog 'n' Bone, Sidecar Tasting Rom, and Haus of Jayne. The Station on Mercer Street is planned to serve as a hospitality station. The Dripping Springs Visitors Bureau (DSVB) requests the city's approval to temporarily close a portion of Mercer Street from Bluff Street to San Marcos Street, and a portion of Old Fitzhugh Road on October 14 through 16, 2022, for the Dripping Springs Songwriters Festival

Due to the size and impact of the event, it was recommended by Emergency Management Coordinator, Roman Baligad, to expand the road closure to the entirety of Mercer St during the event's peak days to ensure pedestrian safety.

On Friday and Saturday, the road closure will extend from Mercer St at Bluff St to Mercer at San Marcos St with a portion of Old Fitzhugh closed. Old Fitzhugh Road will be closed to through traffic at Ranch Road 12.

On Sunday, the road closure will be reduced to a portion of Mercer St between College and San Marcos. Old Fitzhugh will be closed at Mercer St.

**Commission  
Recommendation:**

**Staff  
Recommendation:** Approve the Temporary Street Closure Permit application from the Dripping Springs Visitors Bureau to close a portion of Mercer Street from Bluff Street to San Marcos Street, and a portion of Old Fitzhugh Road on October 14 through 16, 2022, for the Dripping Springs Songwriters Festival.

- Attachments:**
- Temporary Street Closure Application
  - October 14 & 15 Traffic Control Plan
  - October 16 Traffic Control Plan
  - Map of Event

**Next Steps/Schedule:** Notify the applicant of City Council decision.