

CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS

RESOLUTION No. 2020-R

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS, TEXAS, SUPPORTING THE PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION DURING THE 87TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE (2021), TO ALLOW FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF MUNICIPAL HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX REVENUE BY THE CITY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS IN MUNICIPAL PARKS.

WHEREAS, the City of Dripping Springs (“City”) has adopted a municipal hotel occupancy tax ordinance in order to raise revenue for the promotion of tourism and the hotel and lodging industry in the City; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that the City parks are popular attractions visited year-round by a significant number of tourists and visitors to the City and surrounding area; and

WHEREAS, the City parks are utilized for multiple large annual events and festivals that are attended by a significant number of tourists and visitors to the City and surrounding area; and

WHEREAS, the City parks are in need of additional improvements and amenities and connectivity to lodging establishments and tourist attractions, as the current demand for certain City park facilities and amenities frequently exceeds the operating capacity of said improvements and amenities, due to the large attendance at annual festivals, events, and related tourist activities held on City parks and would benefit from connectivity and additional public facilities; and

WHEREAS, the City’s tourism and hotel and lodging industries would benefit from the expenditure of municipal hotel tax revenue on construction of improvements and connectivity to the City parks, as tourists and visitors frequently visit the City parks, and improvements to the City parks will increase the quality and number of amenities available at said City parks for use and enjoyment by tourists and visitors to the City and surrounding area; and

WHEREAS, the City’s tourism and hotel and lodging industries would benefit from the expenditure of municipal hotel tax revenue on construction of trails and sidewalks that connect city parks to lodging establishments and other tourist attractions, which will increase the use and enjoyment by tourists and visitors of lodging establishments, parks, tourist attractions, and related public facilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS, TEXAS:

Section 1. That the City Council adopts the findings and recitals set forth in the preamble of this Resolution.

Section 2. That the City Council supports the passage of legislation during the 87th Regular Session of the Texas Legislature (2021), that would allow for the expenditure of municipal hotel occupancy tax revenue by the City of Dripping Springs for construction of improvements in municipal parks and trails/sidewalks that connect parks, lodging establishments, and other tourist attractions, and related public facilities.

PASSED AND APPROVED this, the 18th day of August 2020, by a vote of ____ (ayes) to ____ (nays) to ____ (abstentions) of the City Council of Dripping Springs, Texas.

CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS:

Bill Foulds, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Andrea Cunningham, City Secretary