



STAFF REPORT
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Council Meeting Date: October 7, 2025

Agenda Item Wording: **Consideration and approval of an ordinance amending Chapter 2, Article 2.03, Division 4 of the City of Dripping Springs Code of Ordinances to update the Electronic Signature Policy, specifically to include provisions governing the limited acceptance of digital seals on bonds.**

Agenda Item Sponsor: Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.

Summary/Background: This item proposes an update to the City's existing Electronic Signature Policy, codified in Chapter 2, Article 2.03, Division 4 of the Code of Ordinances. The amendment responds to recent inquiries and practical issues regarding the acceptance of digital seals, particularly on bonds submitted to the City.

Under this ordinance, the City will continue to modernize its business practices while also implementing safeguards to mitigate the risk of fraudulent documents. Specifically, the update:

- **Adds digital surety seals on bonds** as a permitted form of electronic signature, and
- **Limits acceptance** to cases where the digital seal is accompanied by a link to an **independent credentialing service provider** acceptable to the City

These revisions are consistent with the Texas Uniform Electronic Transactions Act (Business & Commerce Code Chapter 322) and reflect industry trends and risk management best practices.

Recommended Council Actions: Approval

Attachments: Draft ordinance