

CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS

ORDINANCE No. 2022-

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS, TEXAS, DESIGNATING A GEOGRAPHIC AREA WITHIN THE CITY AS AN EXPANSION OF A REINVESTMENT ZONE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 311 OF THE TEXAS TAX CODE, TO BE KNOWN AS REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER ONE, TOWN CENTER TIRZ, CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS, TEXAS; DESCRIBING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE ZONE; CREATING A BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE ZONE; ESTABLISHING A TAX INCREMENT FUND FOR THE ZONE; CONTAINING FINDINGS RELATED TO THE CREATION OF THE ZONE; PROVIDING A DATE FOR THE TERMINATION OF THE ZONE; PROVIDING THAT THE ZONE TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY UPON PASSAGE OF THE ORDINANCE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Dripping Springs, Texas (the “City”), pursuant to the Tax Increment Financing Act, codified at Chapter 311 of the Texas Tax Code (hereinafter referred to as the “Act”), designated a geographic area within the City as a tax increment reinvestment zone when it determined that development or redevelopment would not occur solely through private investment in the reasonably foreseeable future; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to promote the development of an expanded geographic area in the City, which is depicted in Exhibit “B” of this Ordinance, through the expansion of an existing reinvestment zone (hereinafter referred to as the “Zone No. 1”) as authorized by and in accordance with the Act; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to and as required by the Act, the City has prepared an Updated Reinvestment Zone Project Plan and Financing Plan for Reinvestment Zone Number One, City of Dripping Springs, Texas dated _____, attached as Exhibit “C” (hereinafter referred to as the “Updated Project and Finance Plan”) for the Zone; and

WHEREAS, the Zone No. 1 meets the criteria for the expansion of a reinvestment zone because it is located in the city limits and extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City and meets the criteria in Section 311.005 of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Zone No. 1 will be able to fund a significant portion of the proposed projects as listed in the attached Updated Project and Financing Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Zone No. 1 meets the other requirements of the Tax Increment Financing Act including: (a) 30 percent or less of the property in the Zone No. 1, excluding property dedicated to public use, is currently used for residential purposes; (b) the total appraised value of all taxable real property in the Zone No. 1 according to the most recent appraisal rolls of the City, together with the total appraised value of taxable real property in all other existing reinvestment zones within the City, according to the most recent appraisal rolls of the City, does not exceed 50 percent of the current total appraised value of taxable real property in the City and in the industrial districts created by the City, if any; and

WHEREAS, the improvements in the Zone No. 1 will significantly enhance the value of all taxable real property in the Zone; and

WHEREAS, notice of the public hearing on the creation of the Zone was published in the official newspaper of the City on October 7, 2022, which was not later than the seventh day before the date of the public hearing, which was held on October 18, 2022; and

WHEREAS, at the public hearing interested persons were allowed to speak for or against the creation of the Zone, the boundaries of the Zone, and the concept of tax increment financing, and owners of property in the proposed Zone were given a reasonable opportunity to protest the inclusion of their property in the Zone; and the public hearing was held in full compliance with Section 311.003(c) of the Act; and

WHEREAS, evidence was received and presented at the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, after all comments and evidence, both written and oral, were received by the City Council, the public hearing was closed on October 18, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the City has taken all actions required to expand the Zone including, but not limited to, the Act, the Texas Open Meetings Act (defined herein), and all other laws applicable to the creation of the Zone.

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

1. FINDINGS OF FACT

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

SECTION 2. ENACTMENT

Title 1, Article 1.04 and Title 1, Article 2.04 of the City of Dripping Springs Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to include the updated and expanded map attached as *Exhibit A* and updated project plan as *Exhibit B*, which is attached hereto and incorporated into this Ordinance for all intents and purposes.

SECTION 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.

SECTION 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.

SECTION 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.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage and publication.

SECTION 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 18th day of October, 2022, by a vote of ____ (ayes) to ____ (nays) to 1 (abstentions) of the City Council of Dripping Springs, Texas.

CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS:

by: _____

Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.

ATTEST:

Andrea Cunningham, City Secretary

EXHIBIT "A"