



To: Dripping Springs City Council
From: Tory Carpenter, AICP – Senior Planner
Date: May 17, 2022
RE: Special Event Facility

I. Overview

Staff has been approached by prospective applicants interested in operating wedding venues within the Dripping Springs City Limits. After exploring the land use chart and definitions in the zoning ordinance, staff found that this use is not listed. Per section E.1.1(c) of the zoning ordinance, if a use is not listed then it is not allowed in any zoning district. The purpose of this text amendment is to allow wedding venues and other similar uses in commercial districts after approval of a Conditional Use Permit. At their meeting on April 26, the Planning and Zoning Commission voted unanimously to approve the text amendment. The Commission’s recommended changes are shown in red below.

II. Summary of Zoning Ordinance Update

1. Use Title & Definition

***Special Event Facility** - An establishment and/or premises which is reserved by individuals or groups via appointment for limited engagement(s) to accommodate gatherings and functions, both private and public, including, but not limited to, banquets, weddings, anniversaries, receptions, and other similar celebrations. Such a use is authorized but is not required to include~~Such a use may or may not include~~: 1) kitchen facilities for the preparation or catering of food; 2) the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, only during scheduled events and not open to the general public; and 3) outdoor gardens or reception facilities.*

2. Land Use Chart Update

	AG	SF-1	SF-2	SF-4	SF-5	MR-1	O	LR	GR	CS	HO	I	GUI	PR	PP
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