



STAFF REPORT
City of Dripping Springs
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Submitted By: Johnna Krantz, Community Events Coordinator

Council Meeting Date: September 19, 2023

Agenda Item Wording: **Discuss and consider approval of a Temporary Street Closure Permit Application from the Dripping Springs Visitors Bureau to close portions of Mercer Street, San Marcos Street, and Old Fitzhugh Road on the weekend of October 20-22, 2023.**

Agenda Item Sponsor: Council Member Sherrie Parks

Summary/Background: The 2023 Dripping Springs Songwriters Festival will take place downtown from October 20 – October 22, with an estimated attendance of 5,000 people. The festival will occupy portions of Mercer Street and Old Fitzhugh Road, as well as 8 walkable downtown venues. The 2023 Songwriters Festival Traffic Control Plan is based on the City’s prior successful experience with similar downtown events and festivals, and is proposed in the interest of public traffic management and pedestrian safety.

This year, roads will only be closed Saturday and Sunday of the festival. Mercer Street will be closed from Bluff to San Marcos, and Old Fitzhugh Road will be closed from Mercer to the parking lot entrance south of the Masonic Lodge. Barricades near the Stevenson Building will be adjusted for better visibility. Handicapped parking will be located in the Wells Fargo Bank parking lot. There will be no road closures on Friday, October 20.

Staff Recommendation: Approval of the Temporary Street Closure request for the 2023 Christmas on Mercer event on December 2, 2023.

Attachments: 2023 Songwriters Festival TCP – Sat-Sun

Next Steps/Schedule: Issue the Temporary Road Closure Permit.