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Texas

Date: October 10, 2024

To: Mayor Foulds & City Council
From: Michelle Fischer, Municipal Court Administrator

Re: Fiscal Year 2024 Municipal Court Report

The following cases were disposed of in the City of Dripping Springs Municipal Court in Fiscal Year 2024.

Cause Number 24CE0001-A

Cause Number 24CE0001-B

The defendants pled no contest to the following offenses: City of Dripping Springs Code of Ordinances: Chapter 24, Building Regulations, Section 24.02.63 Permit Required: *It is an offense for any person to build or cause to be built residential buildings or structures within the city without first applying for and receiving a permit. It is also an offense to build or cause to be built a structure within the city contrary to a permit that has been issued.* Section 24.02.182 Permit Required: *It is an offense for any person to perform any electrical work within the city without first applying for and receiving a permit. It is an offense to perform any electrical work within the city contrary to a permit that has been issued.* Section 24.02.242 Permit Required: *It is an offense for any person to perform any plumbing work within the city without first applying for and receiving a permit. It is an offense to perform any plumbing work within the city contrary to a permit that has been issued.*

The defendants complied with conditions of a deferred disposition order, including: paying special expense fees, court costs, and additional building permit fees; retaining licensed contractors registered with the City for all further work; provided City officials access to the property for inspections; providing affidavits by qualified steel and structural licensed professionals and accurately setting out the scope of the work done without permits or inspections; and satisfying the Planning Department regarding setback lines and impervious cover calculations for the property. Therefore, the case was dismissed by the Court.

Cause Numbers 24CE0002, 24CE0003, 24CE0004

The defendant pled guilty to the following offenses: City of Dripping Springs Code of Ordinances: Chapter 24, Building Regulations, Section 24.02.63 Permit Required: *It is an offense for any person to build or cause to be built residential buildings or structures within the city without first applying for and receiving a permit. It is also an offense to*

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The defendant was assessed a fine of \$500.00 plus court costs for each of the three offenses.

The presiding judge for all cases was Judge Marilyn Miller. The prosecutor for all cases was Deputy City Attorney Ryan K. Turner.

Municipal Court dockets are scheduled for every month.

City Staff issued a lot of code violation notices throughout the year for a variety of things. Almost all of them were resolved. Staff works hard to help educate violators about City regulations and assist them in coming into compliance.

The City's Code Enforcement Inspectors and Municipal Court are seeing a noticeable trend of people building without obtaining permits. The above cases were not resolved, and therefore the violations were referred to the Deputy City Attorney and complaints were filed in Municipal Court.

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