



STAFF REPORT
City of Dripping Springs
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FMB Meeting Date: 9/16/2021

Agenda Item Wording: Discuss and consider City Council recommendation regarding an Amendment to the Farmers Market Association Board Ordinance related to committee formation.

Agenda Item Requestor: Gouri Johannsen, Chair

Summary/Background: The Farmers Market Board requested changes to its formation ordinance in order to provide flexibility in its meetings as an advisory body. Simultaneously with this change, the ordinance was also changed to conform with other board and committee ordinances and to reflect the Board's relationship with city staff and the Farmers Market itself. The proposed changes include:

1. Changing the Farmers Market Board to a Committee that is not restrained by the Texas Open Meetings Act as an advisory board. Tex. Att'y Gen. Op. No. GA-0957 (2012). A quorum of the Committee is still needed to act as a Committee, but the Committee will have more flexibility in how it holds its meeting. A monthly meeting is still listed as a requirement to be consistent with other boards and committees.
2. Update the mission of the market.
3. Add definitions for "agricultural producer" and "market participants". Update the "market manager" definition to reflect the chain of command.
4. Update the format of the Membership and Meetings provision to be consistent with other ordinances. There is still eight members who serve 2-year terms who are appointed by the City Council.
5. References to the market manager reflects their position as an employee who works in the Parks Department.
6. Requires staff support of the Farmers Market and the Farmers Market Committee.

**Commission
Recommendations:**

The Farmers Market Board has reviewed this ordinance multiple times.

**Recommended
Board Actions:**

Recommend a recommendation of approval of the ordinance to the City Council. In the alternative, changes to the ordinance can be recommended to the City Council.

Attachments:

Ordinance-Tracked Changes. Ordinance-Clean. Staff Report.

Next Steps/Schedule:

Recommendation of the Farmers Market Board will be sent to City Council to be reviewed at the October 5, 2021 City Council meeting.