



STAFF REPORT
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Council Meeting Date: January 7, 2025

Agenda Item Wording: **Discuss and consider approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Texas Emergency Management Assistance Teams (TEMAT) and the City of Dripping Springs and an Ordinance Establishing a Program Response and Recovery Phases of Comprehensive Emergency Management.**

Agenda Item Requestor:

Summary/Background: The Incident Support Task Force (ISTF) is a state resource, deployable under the direction of the Texas Division of Emergency Management, comprised of multi-disciplined, multi-talented, and high qualified subject-matter experts with experience in all phases of emergency management. The Incident Support Task Force maintains a reservist roster comprised of local-level government employees who may be requested to deploy to assist other local jurisdictions in the response to and recovery from disasters. In this “locals helping locals” effort, members deploy from unimpacted regions of the state to assist affected communities with all hazards.

Creating a local ordinance to establish a comprehensive emergency management plan ensures compliance with state requirements by formalizing the city’s commitment to disaster preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation. Such an ordinance provides the legal framework necessary to develop, implement, and maintain an all-hazards emergency management program that aligns with state laws and guidelines. It also demonstrates the jurisdiction’s proactive approach to safeguarding its residents and infrastructure, enabling access to state and federal resources, funding, and technical assistance during emergencies. By codifying the plan, local governments ensure consistency, accountability, and the integration of state mandates into local emergency operations.

Commission Recommendations: Emergency Management Committee recommends approval.

**Recommended
Council Actions:**

City staff recommends approval.

Attachments:

TEMAT MOU
Emergency Management Ordinance

Next Steps/Schedule: