



**STAFF REPORT**  
**City of Dripping Springs**  
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**Submitted By:** Pam King, Tourism Manager

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**Council Meeting Date:** September 17, 2024

**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 18-20, 2024.**

**Agenda Item Sponsor:** Council Member Sherrie Parks

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**Staff Recommendation:** The 2024 Dripping Springs 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Songwriters Festival will take place downtown from October 18 – October 20, with an estimated attendance of 5,000 people. The festival will occupy portions of Mercer Street and Old Fitzhugh Road, as well as 7 walkable downtown venues. The 2024 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 Friday and Saturday of the festival, as the main stage on Sunday will be behind the Stephenson Building in the grassy field. In order to facilitate access to businesses prior to the start of the festival on Friday and Saturday mornings, Mercer Street will be closed beginning at 6:00 am from just east of the Palm Social to the corner of Mercer and Old Fitzhugh.

At 12:00 (noon) on Friday, and 10:00 on Saturday, those closures will be pushed further out to extend to the west end of the Garnett parking area and San Marcos on the east end.

Roads will open at 9:00 pm both nights.

There will be a hard close on Mercer Street and College Street with ADA parking adjacent to Majama and the former Rental Shop on College Street.

Barricades will be used to block off the area being used in the field adjacent to the Stephenson Building and cones will be placed on Old Fitzhugh to deter drivers from driving onto the grass to go around the road closure on Old Fitzhugh.

Road Closed ahead and type 3 barricades will be placed at the corner of Ranch Road 12 and Old Fitzhugh, near HWY 290 and Mercer Street, just east beyond City Hall and on College Street, just north of the Mazama parking lot entrance

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Handicapped parking will be located in the in the parking lot where the new Roxy's will be located.

**Staff Recommendation:**

Approval of the Temporary Street Closure request for the 2024 Songwriters Festival

Issue the Temporary Road Closure Permit.