

CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS

ORDINANCE No. 2024-__

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS, TEXAS AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 24: BUILDING REGULATIONS: ARTICLE 24.02. TECHNICAL AND CONSTRUCTION CODES AND STANDARDS; DIVISION 4. ELECTRICAL CODE; ADOPTING THE UPDATED NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE; AND PROVIDING FOR THE FOLLOWING: FINDINGS OF FACT; ENACTMENT; REPEALER; SEVERABILITY; CODIFICATION; EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROPER NOTICE & MEETING.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Dripping Springs ("City Council") seeks to promote reasonable, sound, and efficient construction within the City of Dripping Springs ("City"); and

WHEREAS, Texas Local Government Code Section 51.001 provides the City general authority to adopt an Ordinance or police regulations that is for the good government, peace or order of the City and is necessary or proper for carrying out a power granted by law to the City; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Chapter 214, to protect the public health, safety, and welfare, the National Electrical Code was adopted as the municipal electrical construction code in this state; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that the adoption of the updated National Electrical Code standards, with codified local amendments, is necessary to facilitate proper inspection activities by the City relating to building standards within the corporate city limits of the City of Dripping Springs, Texas, in the extraterritorial jurisdiction of Dripping Springs, and for commercial buildings served by City utilities, relating to public safety, health, and general welfare; and

WHEREAS, the City Council seeks to apply up-to-date regulatory systems to projects to the extent reasonably possible and within the confines of the law; and

WHEREAS, City Council recognizes the potential of the proposed amendments to significantly improve and benefit the residents and stakeholders of Dripping Springs without compromising safety standards;

WHEREAS, after public hearing held by the City Council on _____, 2024, the City Council voted to approve the proposed amendment; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS, TEXAS, THAT:

1. FINDINGS OF FACT

The foregoing recitals are incorporated into this Ordinance by reference as findings of fact as if expressly set forth herein.

2. ENACTMENT

Chapter 24, Article 24.02 of the Building Regulations of the Dripping Springs Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read in accordance with *Attachment "A"* and which is attached hereto and incorporated into this Ordinance and the City Code for all intents and purposes. Additions to the Ordinance text are double-underlined and deletions are struck-through.

3. REPEALER

All ordinances, or parts thereof, that are in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and the provisions of this Ordinance shall be and remain controlling as to the matters regulated, herein.

4. SEVERABILITY

Should any of the clauses, sentences, paragraphs, sections, or parts of this Ordinance be deemed invalid, unconstitutional, or unenforceable by a court of law or administrative agency with jurisdiction over the matter, such action shall not be construed to affect any other valid portion of this Ordinance.

5. CODIFICATION

The City Secretary is hereby directed to record and publish the attached rules, regulations and policies in the City's Code of Ordinances as authorized by Section 52.001 of the Texas Local Government Code.

6. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage and publication.

7. PROPER NOTICE & MEETING

It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Ordinance was passed was open to the public, and that public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551. Notice was also provided as required by Chapter 52 of the Texas Local Government Code.

PASSED & APPROVED this, the ___ day of _____, 2024, by a vote of ___ (ayes) to ___ (nays) to ___ (abstentions) of the City Council of Dripping Springs, Texas.

CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS:

by: _____
Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.

ATTEST:

Diana Boone, City Secretary

CHAPTER 24: BUILDING REGULATIONS

ARTICLE 24.02. -TECHNICAL AND CONSTRUCTION CODES AND STANDARDS

DIVISION 4. ELECTRICAL CODE

Sec. 24.02.181. Adopted.

The city hereby adopts a certain document, one copy of which is on file in the office of the city secretary, being marked and designated as the [2023](#) edition of the "National Electrical Code," as may be amended. Such document, as may be amended, is hereby adopted as the electrical code of the city, and as such shall apply to all electrical construction applications, excluding single- and two-family residences (which are covered under the International Building Code). No appendices are adopted. The city council may establish procedures for the administration and enforcement of the electrical code, and may adopt local amendments to the National Electrical Code.