

CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS, TX

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-_____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 26 OF THE DRIPPING SPRINGS CODE OF ORDINANCES; AMENDING ARTICLE 26.02 SPECIFIC SIGN REGULATIONS BY DISTRICT; ALLOWING NEW SMALL BANNERS; ALLOWING ADDITIONAL ELECTRONIC SIGNS; REMOVING REQUIREMENT FOR SOME VARIANCES AND PERMITS; SIMPLIFYING APPLICATION PROCESS; AND REMOVING SHORT TERM TEMPORARY SIGNS; AND OTHER RELATED CHANGES: FINDINGS OF FACT; AMENDMENT; REPEALER; SEVERABILITY; CODIFICATION; EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROPER NOTICE AND MEETING.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Dripping Springs (“City Council”) seeks to support businesses and promote economic development within the municipality; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that allowing additional banners and electronic signs on nonresidential property and lessening variance and permit requirements will assist owners of nonresidential property to maintain visibility within the community; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that reasonable rules and regulations governing the placement of signs are necessary to maintain the aesthetic quality and safety of the City; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapters 211 and 216 of the Texas Local Government Code, the City has the authority to regulate signs; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 51.001, the City has general authority to adopt an ordinance or police regulation 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, the City Council finds that the amendments imposed by this Ordinance are reasonable, necessary, and proper for the good government of the City.

WHEREAS, after public hearing held by the City Council on October 21, 2025, the City Council voted to approve the ordinance; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Dripping Springs, Texas, that:

SECTION 1. FINDINGS OF FACT

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

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT

Chapter 26 of the City of Dripping Springs Code of Ordinances is hereby amended so to read in accordance with Attachment “A”, which is attached hereto and incorporated into this Ordinance for all intents and purposes. Any double underlined text shall be inserted into the Code and any struck-through text shall be deleted from the Code, as stated on Attachment “A”.

SECTION 4. REPEALER

To the extent reasonably possible, ordinances are to be read together in harmony. However, 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.

SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY

Should any of the clauses, sentences, paragraphs, sections, or parts of this Ordinance, including Attachment “A”, 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.

SECTION 6. 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 52.003 of the Texas Local Government Code, as well as publish in the official newspaper as authorized by Section 52.011 of the same code.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall take immediate effect upon the date of final passage noted below, or when all applicable publication requirements are satisfied in accordance with the City Code of Ordinances and the laws of the State of Texas.

SECTION 8. 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 _____, 2025, by a vote of ____ (*ayes*) to ____ (*nays*) to ____ (*abstentions*) of the City Council of Dripping Springs, Texas.

CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS:

By: _____
Bill Foulds Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Diana Boone, City Secretary

ATTACHMENT “A”