



**STAFF REPORT**  
**City of Dripping Springs**  
**PO Box 384**  
**511 Mercer Street**  
**Dripping Springs, TX 78620**

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**Submitted By:** Charlie Reed, Farmers Market Manager; Laura Mueller, City Attorney

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**Council Meeting Date:** 10/05/2021

**Agenda Item Wording:** **Discuss and consider an ordinance amending Article 6.05 Farmers Market Association, Chapter 6 Business Regulations, changing to Board, modifying meeting requirements, and related updates.** *Sponsor: Mayor Pro Tem Manassian.*

**Agenda Item Requestor:** Taline Manassian, Mayor Pro Tem

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**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. Add definitions for "agricultural producer" and "market participants". Update the "market manager" definition to reflect the chain of command.
3. 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.
4. References to the market manager reflects their position as an employee who works in the Parks Department.
5. Requires staff support of the Farmers Market and the Farmers Market Committee.

**Commission Recommendations:** The Farmers Market Board has reviewed this ordinance multiple times and recommended approval of the ordinance at its September Meeting.

**Recommended  
Council Actions:**

Approval of the Ordinance.

**Attachments:**

Ordinance-Tracked Changes. Staff Report.

**Next Steps/Schedule:**

City staff will facilitate enactment of the ordinance.