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To: [Andrea.Cunningham](mailto:Andrea.Cunningham@cityofdrippingsprings.com)
Subject: Re: Newspaper of Record
Date: Thursday, September 30, 2021 3:08:05 PM

I just figured this out for our report to the Texas Press Association. Paid electronic copies per our report – Average No. during preceding 12 months – 1,958. No of single issue paid electronic nearest to filing date – 2,107.

Newspapers are required to file these with the USPS and print them in the newspaper. Those are my numbers, based on the week of Sept. 22, 2021.

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On Sep 30, 2021, at 10:17 AM, Andrea Cunningham
<acunningham@cityofdrippingsprings.com> wrote:

Hi Cyndy,

Can you send me your internet subscribers as well?

Thank you,
Andrea

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From: Andrea Cunningham
Sent: Monday, September 27, 2021 10:44 AM
To: csb [haysfreepress.com](mailto:csb@haysfreepress.com) <csb@haysfreepress.com>
Subject: RE: Newspaper of Record

It is entirely up to you. You are more than welcome to send a representative or you can submit the letter as suggested below. I understand that getting here on Tuesday presents challenges, and I am sure we all understand

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From: csb [haysfreepress.com](mailto:csb@haysfreepress.com) <csb@haysfreepress.com>
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City of Dripping Springs
c/o Andrea Cunningham

Dear city council members,

I just want to say that it was an honor in years past when you allowed each Dripping Springs newspaper to alternate the designation of the newspaper of record. I have had a reporter there in person occasionally, but I know she is zooming in every time you have a meeting, or following up if the video goes down. I believe our readers enjoy both our city and school coverage, and also out countywide stories. We take pride in our work and being honored by the Texas Press Association and South Texas Press Association shows the depth of our work for our local communities.

We are proud of our long connection with the city of Dripping Springs. My cousin is a principal here in town and he and his family live in Dripping Springs. We love coming here to visit cousins, as my own family lives in the center of Hays County – not inside any municipality.

I have attended the council meetings in the past to answer any questions from the council when the newspaper of record vote was being taken. However, on this particular Tuesday, I have a staff person out and we have to upload the newspaper to the printers by 8 p.m., so I cannot attend. If you have any particular questions, please feel free to call me at 512-753-2700. I would be happy to talk with any of you about any particulars about the News-Dispatch.

Sincerely,



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To the Council of the City of Dripping Springs, Texas
Subject: Official Newspaper of Record for Dripping Springs

The City of Dripping Springs is very fortunate to have two good newspapers, both members of the Texas Press Association, and both in business since the early eighties. The father of a former member of this Council at one time was in business as the owner of one of these newspapers.

This Council should strive to treat all its citizens and businesses fairly and any slight indication of favoritism should be acknowledged as being unsuitable and undesirable. What this Council has done by naming one newspaper the City's official newspaper of record over a period of consecutive years is not just giving the impression of showing favoritism, it has been unjust, dishonest and perhaps immoral in action by obviously showing favoritism.

Reasoning or an excuse in the past for the Council's decision making has been the expense involved in changing the official newspaper of record. There should be no reason or excuse for being treated unfairly and, after all, that's what budgets are for.

It is my expectation this Council can recognize its wrong doing and make the necessary correction by changing the official newspaper of record to the one newspaper that has not been shown the proper respect due from this Council. In addition, the Council should vote to rotate the official newspaper of record every two years as long as both of these newspapers remain in business and serve the community.

I am not an employee of the News Dispatch or Hays Free press. I have been voluntarily covering Dripping Springs High School sports for the News Dispatch for about 27 years because our student athletes were not receiving the recognition they deserve from the Austin newspaper, and I still do so for the same reason.

Sincerely,
Wayland D. Clark
Not a resident of the City of Dripping Springs, but a
Hays County Resident since 1979