

CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS

RESOLUTION No. 2026-R##

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS, TEXAS, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE 2026 FOUNDERS DAY POLITICAL EXPRESSION POLICY; AUTHORIZING IMPLEMENTATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THAT POLICY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Dripping Springs, Texas sponsors and supports the annual Founders Day Festival and related parade activities as civic events intended to serve residents and visitors in an orderly, safe, and family-oriented manner; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that the 2026 Founders Day Festival will involve limited booth space, operational constraints, pedestrian-flow considerations, and related event-management concerns requiring clear rules for administration of vendor booths and parade participation; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed a proposed 2026 Founders Day Political Expression Policy establishing rules for political-expression-related vendor booths, political expression by registered parade participants, and campaign-related conduct by officials attending in an official capacity; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that adoption of the policy will promote orderly event administration, reduce disruption, preserve the civic and family-oriented character of the Festival, allocate limited event space, and provide clear and evenhanded standards for participants and City officials; and

WHEREAS, the City Council intends that the policy be administered consistent with applicable law, including constitutional principles governing municipal events and any other applicable federal, state, and local legal requirements; and

WHEREAS, the City Council further finds that it is in the public interest to approve and adopt the 2026 Founders Day Political Expression Policy in substantially the form presented to the Council.

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

- 1. Finding of Fact:** The above and foregoing recitals are hereby found to be true and correct and are incorporated as finding of fact.
- 2. Adoption:** The document titled “2026 Founders Day Political Expression Policy”, attached to this Resolution as Exhibit “A”, is hereby approved and adopted.

3. **Administration:** The City Administrator, the Parks & Community Services Director, the Parks & Community Services Assistant Director, the Community Events Coordinator, and their respective designees are authorized and directed to implement and administer the approved policy, and to take such ministerial and administrative actions as are reasonably necessary to carry out the policy in consultation with the City Attorney.
4. **Severability:** If any provision of this Resolution or the policy approved by it is determined to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable, that determination shall not affect the remaining provisions, which shall remain in full force and effect to the fullest extent permitted by law.
5. **Effective Date:** The resolution shall be effective from and after its approval and passage.
6. **Meeting:** The meeting at which this Resolution 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.

PASSED AND APPROVED this, the ____ day of _____ 202____, by a vote of ____ (ayes) to ____ (nays) to ____ (abstentions) of the City Council of Dripping Springs, Texas:

CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS:

Bill Foulds, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Diana Boone, City Secretary