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**Hays County Interlocal  
Agreement  
Dripping Springs Ranch Park**

**City Council  
December 19, 2023**

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# Prior Agreement:

- Hays County provided \$1.8 million dollars for funding of the Ranch Park Event Center in 2013
- Uses by the County:
  - Hays County Livestock – 3 weeks a year (now done by separate agreement)
  - Service Agencies – 1 day a year each
  - Hays County – 4 days a year
  - Texas Agri Life Extension – 3 days per year
  - Hays County 4-H Horse Project – 3 days per year
  - Hays County 4-H Fancy Feathers – 2 days per year
- Price Fixed Entities:
  - LULAC Chapters (2 chapters – 2 days per year each)
  - Hays County Cattle Barons (2 days per year)
  - Texas Senior Pro Rodeo (2 days per year)
  - Rodeo-4-Jesus (30 Tuesday nights per year)
  - Rotary Club of San Marcos ( 1 day per year)
- Expires April 30, 2025





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## Issues with Current Agreement:

- Unclear which entities are part of the listed beneficiaries
  - Changes in entities
- No specific point of contact/decisionmaker for each use
- No description of additional fees such as cleaning or staff time
- Multiple versions controlling uses



# Proposed Agreement – Uses:

## Monday-Thursday (Non-Peak Reservation Window):

- a. Hays County: Eight (8) Monday-Thursday 12-Hour rentals per year
- b. Non-Profit/Social Service Entities: Six (6) Monday-Thursday 12-hour rentals per year
- c. Texas Agri-Life Extension: Three (3) Monday-Thursday 12-Hour rentals per year
- d. Hays County 4-H Horse Project: Twenty (20) Monday evenings per year (to end by 9 p.m.)
- e. If additional Monday-Thursday rentals are needed, a 50% discount to room rental rates apply when such rentals are timely scheduled.

## Friday-Sunday (Peak Reservation Window)

- a. Hays County, Non-Profits, and Social Service Entities named above for up to 12 events per year—12 hour rentals:
  - i. 25% discount off room rental rates if rental made over 90+ days in advance
  - ii. 50% discount off room rental rates if rental made between 45-89 days in advance
  - iii. 75% discount room rental rates if rental made between 0-44 days in advance
- b. Hays County 4-H Horse Project:
  - i. Three (3) 12-Hour rentals per year for a Horse Point Show in Main Arena.
  - ii. Saturday or Sunday will be dependent upon paid event rentals.



# Proposed Agreement – Election Uses:

## Election Days:

- First Tuesday of November 2024-2033 at no charge
- Additional day per year at no charge
- Upon written agreement by the Hays County Commissioners Court and Dripping Springs City Council, Early Voting may be approved through use of other days than those listed above or by separate written agreement when such dates are requested by Hays County and are available.



## Proposed Agreement – Additional Items:

- Commissioner of Precinct 4 decides who benefits from free or low cost uses
- Hays County will provide rental agreements and insurance
- Custodial Fees
- All other fees – additional staffing and special equipment
- Hays County users responsible for tear down or set up unless paying staffing fees
- After hours fees
- Expires December 1, 2033



## Staff Recommendations:

- DSRP Board Voted to Recommend Approval
- Staff Recommends Approval
- City Council on December 19, 2023
- Work with DSRP Staff and Hays County to work on separate Election Uses Agreement



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# Questions?



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