

## CO-SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT

This *Dripping Springs Ranch Park Co-Sponsorship Agreement* (“Agreement”) is for the performance of certain goods and/or services, as specified below:

1. **PARTIES:** This Agreement is hereby executed by and between the City of Dripping Springs, Texas, and the Texas Hill Country Barrel Racing Association (“Co-Sponsor”).
2. **PURPOSE:** This Agreement serves as a statement or exchange of promises between the City and Co-Sponsor. It is enacted to provide clear responsibilities and duties for the use of the Dripping Springs Ranch (Park) by Co-Sponsor.
3. **DEFINITIONS:**
  - (a) **City:** The City of Dripping Springs, a General Law, Type-A municipality located in Hays County, Texas.
  - (b) **City Administrator:** the chief administrative officer of the City, or the officer’s designee.
  - (c) **City Council:** The governing body of the City of Dripping Springs.
  - (d) **Dripping Springs Ranch Park:** The premises located at: 1042 Event Center Drive, Dripping Springs, TX, 78620.
  - (e) **Person:** a human individual, sole proprietorship, partnership, corporation, nonprofit corporation, foundation or unincorporated association, or agency.
  - (f) **Texas Hill Country Barrel Racing Association:** A Central Texas Non-Profit Barrel Racing Association open to all.
4. **DESCRIPTION:** Co-Sponsor is hereby engaged to organize and hold the following events: 2 – 6 week Buckle Series and weekly exhibitions at DSRP Event Center.
5. **SCOPE:** This Agreement applies to Co-Sponsor’s use of the Park for the reasons stated above, which shall be conducted beginning January 2025. If for any reason Co-Sponsor’s events must be moved to another date, or other events added, such changes or events added would be covered under the fee arrangement of this agreement and the availability of the rescheduled dates agreed upon by both parties in writing subject to the DSRP schedule.
6. **LOCATION:** This Agreement is fully performable in Dripping Springs, Texas and performance shall take place at the Park.
7. **OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES:**
  - 7.1 The City agrees to allow Co-Sponsor to use the DSRP Event Center Arena for the purpose of a barrel racing series at a discounted rate of \$75 per day plus other fees related

to a series (i.e. fuel, custodial, staffing) and standard weekly exhibition nights at the discounted rate of \$75 per Tuesday Night. Event Rental Agreement is due at least sixty (60) days prior to first use.

- 7.2 THCBRA will provide quarterly payments to DSRP for their practices and Events.
- 7.3 The City will have audit privileges of all accounting done at events.
- 7.4 The City confirms that it has obtained liability coverage through the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool (TML-IRP) that covers its city facilities and public areas.
- 7.5 THCBRA agrees to provide all volunteer labor needed to operate/oversee all aspects of the Event.
- 7.6 **Supplies:** Co-Sponsor agrees to provide all supplies, tools, and equipment necessary for performance under this Agreement.
- 7.7 **Utilities:** City agrees to provide Co-Sponsor with access to the following utilities for the limited purpose of Co-Sponsor's performance under this Agreement.
  - (a) Electricity
  - (b) Water
- 7.8 **Independent Contractor:** The Parties agree that Co-Sponsor is an independent contractor and is neither an agent nor an employee of the City. Co-Sponsor is solely responsible for directing and controlling Co-Sponsor's resources and staff in order to achieve the goals of this Agreement.
- 7.9 **Safety:**
  - (a) Co-Sponsor agrees to abide by all state, federal, and local rules and regulations.
  - (b) Co-Sponsor agrees to take all reasonable steps to ensure public safety and protection from fire damage.
  - (c) Co-Sponsor shall coordinate the attendance of Emergency Services personnel and Fire Department personnel if necessary for the period of time that Co-Sponsor is occupying the Park under the terms of this Agreement.
  - (d) Co-Sponsor shall coordinate the attendance of trained security guards to monitor the Park if necessary for the period of time that Co-Sponsor is occupying the Park under the terms of this Agreement.

- (e) The Co-Sponsor shall require and be responsible for obtaining liability waivers (to be provided to the City) to be signed by all arena event participants. Such waiver will be provided by the City and is required to be executed by all rodeo participants. All executed waivers must be returned to the City within seven (7) calendar days after the event.

**7.10 Site Maintenance:**

- (a) Co-Sponsor agrees not to leave waste or damage the Park.
- (b) City shall provide trash cans for the event, for the collection and disposal of solid waste generated at the event.
- (c) Co-Sponsor shall ensure that all trash is placed in the City-provided trash cans.
- (d) Co-Sponsor shall exercise reasonable care and due diligence to avoid harming the Park.

**7.11 Marketing and Use of City Logo:**

- (a) Event producers may design flyers and social media posts including a city logo, but designs must be approved by the City of Dripping Springs Communications Department and must follow the City of Dripping Springs Brand Guidelines. Event producers must give the City at least seven business days to approve before release date of flyer distribution or social media posts.
- (b) If flyers and social media are designed by the City of Dripping Springs Communications Department, event producer must supply needed graphics/logos/photos in high-resolution format and any content needed for the flyer at least three weeks before proposed release date. Once design is created, event producer will have one opportunity for proofing and corrections.

**8. DURATION:** This Agreement shall be enforceable when signed by both parties and shall be deemed terminated January 31, 2026, or as outlined below.

**9. TERMINATION:**

**9.1** This Agreement may be terminated by mutual consent of the parties.

**9.2** This Agreement may be terminated by either party without prejudice upon written notice to the other party via certified mail, return receipt requested, thirty (30) days prior to commencement of the use of the Park.

**9.3** Termination shall release each party from all obligations of this Agreement, except as specified below.

**9.4** Termination of this Agreement, as provided above, shall not prohibit or impair any claim by either party based upon any breach of this Agreement.

**9.5** The City shall determine if Co-Sponsor shall be relieved of Co-Sponsor's obligation to participate at the Park due to inclement weather.

**9.6 Force Majeure:** In situations in which Co-Sponsor's participation at the Park is delayed, cancelled or suspended due to Acts of God, severe weather, natural disaster, state of public emergency, or strike, the terms of this Agreement are waived.

**10. MANDATORY DISCLOSURES:** Texas law requires that vendors make certain disclosures. Prior to the effective date of this Contract, the Contractor has submitted to the City a copy of the Conflict-of-Interest Questionnaire form (CIQ Form) approved by the Texas Ethics Commission (Texas Local Government Code Chapter 176). The Contractor shall submit a Form 1295 to the Texas Ethics Commission. The Contractor also confirms it is in compliance with all Texas requirements related to government contracts including: (1) no boycott of Israel; (2) not listed as a foreign terrorist organization by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts; (3) Contractor does not have a policy or practice of discriminating against firearm entities or firearm trade associations; (4) Contractor does not boycott energy companies; and Contractor is compliant with all other Texas laws including any additional disclosure requirements).

**11. INDEMNIFICATION:** CO-SPONSOR AGREES TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS THE CITY AND ITS AGENTS AND EMPLOYEES FROM AND AGAINST ALL CLAIMS, DAMAGES, LOSSES, AND EXPENSES, INCLUDING ATTORNEY'S FEES, ARISING OUT OF OR RESULTING FROM THE CITY'S ASSOCIATION WITH CO-SPONSOR UNDER THIS AGREEMENT, PROVIDED THAT ANY SUCH CLAIMS, DAMAGE, LOSS, OR EXPENSE IS/ARE ATTRIBUTABLE TO BODILY INJURY, SICKNESS, DISEASE OR DEATH, INJURY TO OR DESTRUCTION OF TANGIBLE PROPERTY, INCLUDING THE LOSS OF USE RESULTING THEREFROM, AND IS/ARE CAUSED BY ANY NEGLIGENT OR WILLFUL ACT OR OMISSION OF CO-SPONSOR, AND ANYONE ACTING UNDER THE DIRECT EMPLOYMENT OF THE CITY.

**12. CONTROLLING LAW & VENUE:** Any and all disputes that may arise in relation to this Agreement shall be subject to the laws of the State of Texas. Venue for any disputes arising under this Agreement shall be in *Hays County, Texas*.

**13. NOTICES:** Any notice provided for by this Agreement and any other notice, demand or communication which either party may wish to send to the other, shall be in writing and given by (a) hand delivery, (b) express overnight delivery service, or (c) registered or certified United States mail, return receipt requested. Notices shall be addressed to the party for whom such notice, demand or communication is intended at such party's address as set forth below.

**To the City:**  
City of Dripping Springs  
Attention: City Administrator  
Post Office Box 384  
Dripping Springs, Texas 78620

**Co-Sponsor:**  
Texas Hill Country Barrel Association  
Attention: Molly Azopardi  
PO Box 1380  
Dripping Springs, TX 78620

- 14. HEADINGS:** The headings and titles to the Articles, Paragraphs and Subparagraphs of this Agreement are inserted for convenience only and shall not be deemed a part hereof nor affect the construction or interpretation of any provision hereof.
- 15. ASSIGNMENT:** Neither Party shall assign, sublet, or transfer any interest in this Agreement without written consent of the other Party. Nothing herein shall be construed as giving any rights or benefits hereunder to anyone other than the City and Co-Sponsor.
- 16. BINDING ON SUCCESSORS:** This Agreement shall be binding upon, and shall inure to the benefit of, the parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns.
- 17. SEVERABILITY:** Any provisions of this Agreement prohibited or unenforceable by law shall be ineffective without affecting any other provision of this Agreement or shall be deemed to be severed or modified to conform to such law, and the remaining provisions of this Agreement shall remain in force, provided that the purpose of this Agreement can be achieved. To the full extent, however, that the provisions of such applicable law may be waived, they are hereby waived to the end that this Agreement be deemed to be a valid and binding agreement enforceable in accordance with its terms.
- 18. MERGER:** This instrument, and all Attachments affixed hereto, constitutes the entire Agreement between the City and Co-Sponsor. To the extent there are any conflicts between this Agreement and the attachments, this Agreement shall govern. This Agreement supersedes all other agreements, oral or written, made with respect to the participation at the Park.
- 19. MODIFICATIONS:** All amendments or modifications to the Agreement must be in writing. No modification shall be effective until approved by both parties.
- 20. COUNTERPARTS:** This Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, and all of such counterparts together shall constitute but one and the same instrument.

**BE IT HEREBY AGREED & APPROVED,** for good & valuable consideration, as described herein, the sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged.

**[signature page follows]**

**CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS:**

**TEXAS HILL COUNTRY BARREL  
RACING ASSOCIATION:**

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Michelle Fischer  
City Administrator

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Name:  
Title:

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Date

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