



# City of Dripping Springs

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## **Agenda Item Report from:** Laura Mueller – City Attorney; Chad Gilpin—City Engineer

<b>Council Meeting Date:</b>	March 7, 2023								
<b>Agenda Item Wording:</b>	<b>Discuss and consider approval of an Ordinance Amending the Fee Schedule of the City of Dripping Springs as it relates to sidewalk fee-in-lieu. Sponsor: Mayor Foulds, Jr.</b>								
<b>Agenda Item Requestor:</b>									
<b>Summary/Background:</b>									
<p>This is the update to the Fee Ordinance reflecting changes related updates to the sidewalk fee-in-lieu ordinances. These ordinances are designed to give developers and the City an option to work through an administrative process to pay fee-in-lieu instead of building sidewalks where they are impractical or infeasible. The fee-in-lieu funds will be used in a Sidewalk Fund to build sidewalks and related infrastructure on public property and public right of way to provide connectivity throughout the City.</p> <p>The fee is proposed to be raised from the existing fee of \$8/sf to \$12/sf. This amount was calculated by City Engineer, Chad Gilpin based on actual contractor bids for public sidewalk projects in Dripping Springs from late 2021 through 2022.</p> <p><u>The recommended fee is \$12/sf based on the following:</u></p> <table> <tr> <td>Sidewalk:</td> <td>\$7.77/sf</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Design/Bid (20%):</td> <td>\$1.55/sf</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ramps/Benches/Etc. (20%):</td> <td>\$1.55/sf</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Total:</b></td> <td><b>\$10.87/sf</b></td> </tr> </table> <p>Plus a small percentage for the possibility of overruns and the cost of calculating and reviewing the request for fee-in-lieu which is where the \$12/sf comes from.</p>		Sidewalk:	\$7.77/sf	Design/Bid (20%):	\$1.55/sf	Ramps/Benches/Etc. (20%):	\$1.55/sf	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$10.87/sf</b>
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<b>Commission Recommendations:</b>	N/A
<b>Actions by Other Jurisdictions/Entities:</b>	N/A
<b>Previous Action:</b>	Sidewalk Fee-in-Lieu amount was approved by City Council at \$8/sf on July 14, 2020.
<b>Recommended P&amp;Z Action:</b>	Staff recommends approval.
<b>Alternatives/Options:</b>	Approval Approval with Changes Denial--Fee remains at \$8/sqft
<b>Attachments:</b>	Draft ordinance and fee schedule. Projects used for calculations
<b>Related Documents at City Hall:</b>	N/A
<b>Public Notice Process:</b>	If approved, newspaper notice is required. Then the Planning Department will publicize the change as appropriate.
<b>Public Comments:</b>	N/A
<b>Next Step/Schedule:</b>	N/A