



**STAFF REPORT**  
**City of Dripping Springs**  
**PO Box 384**  
**511 Mercer Street**  
**Dripping Springs, TX 78620**

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**Submitted By:** Andrea Cunningham, City Secretary

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**Commission Meeting Date:** November 18, 2021

**Agenda Item Wording:** Discuss and consider recommendation regarding Amendments to the Emergency Management Commission Ordinance related to the Texas Open Meetings Act.

**Agenda Item Requestor:** Andrea Cunningham, City Secretary

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**Summary/Background:** In order to allow the Emergency Management Commission more flexibility to be present where a quorum notice would be required, staff is recommending that the Texas Open Meetings Act requirement be stricken. After discussions with City Attorney Laura Mueller, there are no statutory requirements that require this commission to adhere to the Act. Additionally, the city may remove the requirement while still maintaining the authority, duties and responsibilities of the commission. Below is a chart of impact the proposed changes will have on the commission.

	Current Ordinance	Proposed Ordinance
Require Agenda Posting	✓	X
Require Quorum Notice	✓	X
Require Quorum for Meeting	✓	X
Require In-Person Meeting	✓	X
Require City Hall Meeting Location	✓	X
Allow Videoconference	X	✓

**Recommended Commission Actions:** Staff recommends the commission provide direction on proposed changes to the commission.

**Attachments:** Proposed Ordinance

**Next Steps/Schedule:** If approved for recommendation, present to City Council at the December 7, 2021, regular meeting for consideration.