#### **CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS**

### **RESOLUTION No. 2020-R31**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING A CO-SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT POLICY AND AUTHORIZING CITY STAFF TO REVIEW AND APPROVE CO-SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENTS AND FEE DISCOUNTS IN CONSIDERATION OF THE CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS FEE SCHEDULE.

- WHEREAS, the City of Dripping Springs has been and remains a recognized destination for tourists, and as a result has developed a tourism industry which is beneficial to the City, its residents, and merchants; and
- **WHEREAS**, the continued promotion and growth of the tourism industry will enhance the City; and
- **WHEREAS**, the City desires to provide a policy and procedure for events desiring a cosponsorship agreement; and
- **WHEREAS**, the City desires to provide a procedure for the request of fee discounts by events that benefit the City, its residents, and its visitors; and
- **WHEREAS,** the City finds that the adoption of the policy is in the best interest of the City, its residents, and its visitors.

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Dripping Springs City Council:

- **Section 1.** That the City of Dripping Springs Co-Sponsorship Agreement Policy attached as Attachment "A: is adopted.
- **Section 2.** City staff is directed to create an application for co-sponsorship agreements.

PASSED & APPROVED this, the 14th day of July 2020, by a vote of 5 (ayes) to 0 (nays) to 0 (abstentions) of the City Council of Dripping Springs, Texas.

**CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS:** 

Bill Foulds J.
Bill Foulds, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Andrea Cunningham, City Secretary



# **City Co-Sponsorship Policy**

## I. Purpose

The purpose of this Co-Sponsorship policy is to set forth guidelines and criteria governing the granting of City of Dripping Springs funds or in-kind services for the purpose of supporting local festivals, special events, community projects or programs. The City recognizes that Co-Sponsorships play an important role in supporting our community, as well as to promote the tourism and economic development efforts of the City. This co-sponsorship agreement is separate from a request for a grant of Local Hotel Occupancy Tax funds.

# II. Goals and Objectives

Co-Sponsorship of funds or in-kind services will be considered for special events, community projects or programs designed to accomplish one or more of the following goals and objectives:

- Promote the City of Dripping Springs as a desirable place to live, visit and do business.
- Promote the City of Dripping Springs as a visitor destination and/or bring tourism-associated revenue to the City.
- Enhance the quality of life and wellbeing of some or all residents of the community.
- Advance the City's commitment to and pride in being a multicultural community.
- Promote the historic districts.
- *Promote cultural and artistic awareness among the citizenry.*

The granting of City funds or in-kind support is evaluated according to the effectiveness and impact the particular special event, community project or program has on the community-at-large. Special attention is paid to Co-Sponsorships that promote the attractiveness of the City as a place to visit and/or live, celebrate the heritage of the City and its environs, and/or enrich the character and quality of life of its citizens.

Co-Sponsorship benefits may include:

- Up to 10% fee discount
- Banner on the Triangle or other city-owned property for specified number of days
- Required use of City Logo on marketing
- In kind donations from current city resources

Any Co-Sponsorship requesting benefits in excess of this amount must request a Donation Agreement with the City through the City Administrator.

# III. General Requirements, Eligibility Criteria and Conditions

The applicant for Co-Sponsorship of funds or in-kind services for special events, community projects or programs must meet all of the following requirements, eligibility criteria, and

### conditions:

- 1. The applicant must be a registered nonprofit corporation or 501(c)3 organization with taxexempt status. Co-application with a nonprofit corporation will make an applicant eligible to apply for co-sponsorship.
- 2. The special event, community project, or program supports the aforementioned goals and objectives.
- 3. Event and promotion must take place within the City of Dripping Springs limits or extraterritorial jurisdiction. Some limited exceptions will be made. Reason(s) for not holding the proposed event or promotion in the City of Dripping Springs must be stated on the application. Exemption from this requirement will be provided on a case-by-case basis and will favor activity promoting the City of Dripping Springs as a desirable place to live, visit and do business in.
- 4. The recipient of Co-Sponsorship funds or in-kind services shall provide the City recognition as a sponsor in exchange for the funds or in-kind services in a method consistent with other sponsors. In no event shall the recognition for the City's funds or in-kind services be less than that provided to other sponsors who have contributed the same total financial or in-kind support.
- 5. The nonprofit corporation must be ready, willing, and able to enter a contractual agreement for Co-Sponsorship with the City and provide a certificate of liability insurance.
- 6. The nonprofit corporation must comply with all City ordinances if applicable, wherein standards and procedures for the issuance of special event permits or other requirements are set forth.
- 7. The nonprofit corporation will not discriminate on the grounds of race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, age, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition or any condition related thereto.
- 8. All co-sponsorship applications will be reviewed by City Administrator once the application is complete unless the application is for a co-sponsorship for the Dripping Springs Ranch Park and Event Center (DSRP). For the DSRP co-sponsorship applications, the DSRP Board shall review all co-sponsorship applications submitted for events at DSRP. The DSRP Board shall forward recommendations for co-sponsorship applications to the City Council. For non-DSRP co-sponsorship applications, the City Administrator's decision is final. The City will inform the applicant in writing whether an application has been approved or denied.
- 9. All packets must be submitted at least ninety (90) days prior to the event and shall include: (1) a completed sponsorship application; (2) a cover letter describing how the event will benefit the City, its residents, and its visitors; and (3) a budget sheet that includes the expenses for which the sponsorship is requested. Filing of an application is not a guarantee

that it will be approved.

## 10. Items that will be considered include:

- Benefit to the community.
- Success of past events that included community involvement.
- How the event complements or conflicts with current City programming and policies.
- How the event aligns with the City's goals and objectives.