

CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS

RESOLUTION No. 2026-R##

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS, TEXAS, ADOPTING THE LEGISLATIVE COMMUNICATIONS POLICY ATTACHED AS ATTACHMENT “A,” INCLUDING INCORPORATED LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES; SUPERSEDING RESOLUTION 2015-03 AND RESOLUTION NO. 2025-R03; AUTHORIZING ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Dripping Springs, Texas (the **City**) interacts with the Texas Legislature, state and federal agencies, and other governmental entities to convey the City’s positions on matters affecting the City, its residents, businesses, property, municipal operations, and extraterritorial jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that a unified, Council-directed legislative communications policy promotes timely, consistent, and responsible governmental affairs activities; and

WHEREAS, the City Council previously adopted a Legislative Communications Policy by Resolution 2015-03 and adopted legislative priorities for the 89th Legislative Session by Resolution No. 2025-R03; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to replace those prior actions with one controlling policy document that establishes the City’s legislative communications procedures and incorporates the City’s current legislative priorities; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the Legislative Communications Policy attached as Attachment “A” appropriately provides for Council direction, authorized advocacy, legislative monitoring, post-session implementation, responsible use of public resources, and compliance with applicable law; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that adoption of the attached policy serves a legitimate municipal public purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS, TEXAS:

- 1. Findings.** The recitals to this Resolution are incorporated into the findings of the City Council as if fully set forth in this Resolution.

2. **Adoption of Policy and Incorporated Priorities.** The City Council adopts the Legislative Communications Policy attached to this Resolution as **Attachment “A.”** Attachment “A,” including Exhibit A, Legislative Priorities, is incorporated into this Resolution for all purposes. The legislative priorities in Attachment “A” constitute the City Council’s current policy direction and official positions for the 90th Texas Legislative Session, including any special session occurring before December 31, 2027, subject to subsequent amendment by City Council resolution.
3. **Supersession.** This Resolution and Attachment “A” supersede Resolution 2015-03 and Resolution No. 2025-R03 in their entirety. No prior legislative communication policy, legislative-priorities resolution, position, or advocacy authorization remains effective unless expressly preserved by a subsequent City Council action.
4. **Authorized Implementation.** The Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, City Administration, City Attorney, department directors, and other City officers and employees are authorized and directed to implement Attachment “A” in accordance with its terms. This authorization includes the administrative and ministerial actions identified in Section 4.5 of Attachment “A,” including legislative monitoring, maintenance of the legislative tracker and implementation register, and prioritization of City-specific advocacy resources as provided in Sections 2 and 4.2 of Attachment “A,” subject to all limitations, approvals, budget authority, purchasing requirements, and other applicable law described in Attachment “A.”
5. **Limitations.** Nothing in this Resolution authorizes an expenditure, contract, procurement, lobbying or government-relations engagement, political advertising, official City position, or other action except as expressly allowed by Attachment “A,” the City’s adopted budget, applicable law, and City purchasing and approval requirements.
6. **City Records.** The City Secretary is directed to maintain this Resolution and Attachment “A” among the City’s official records.
7. **Severability.** If any provision of this Resolution or Attachment “A” is held invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall remain in effect to the fullest extent permitted by law.
8. **Effective Date.** This Resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption.
9. **Meeting:** The meeting at which this Resolution was passed was open to the public, and that public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.

PASSED AND APPROVED this, the ____ day of _____, by a vote of ____ (ayes) to ____ (nays) to ____ (abstentions) of the City Council of Dripping Springs, Texas:

CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS:

Bill Foulds, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Diana Boone, City Secretary