

CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS

ORDINANCE No. 2020-22

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPENDIX A: ARTICLE A1.000 (GENERAL PROVISIONS) OF THE DRIPPING SPRINGS CODE OF ORDINANCES; AMENDING THE DRIPPING SPRINGS FEE SCHEDULE SECTION 2: SIGNS, SECTION 5: ZONING, SECTION 6: DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT, SECTION 7: RESIDENTIAL BUILDING CODE, SECTION 8: COMMERCIAL AND MULTI-FAMILY BUILDING CODE, SECTION 9: PARKS & RECREATION AND ADDING SECTION 18: FEE DISCOUNTS AND WAIVERS; PROVIDING FOR THE FOLLOWING: FINDINGS OF FACT; ENACTMENT; REPEALER, SEVERABILITY; PUBLICATION; EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROPER NOTICE AND MEETING.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Dripping Springs (“City Council”) seeks to provide for reasonable fees, including for sign, zoning and permit fees (“fees”), to recoup the cost of operating and inspecting municipal facilities signage on the public’s behalf; and

WHEREAS, the City Council also seeks to provide enjoyment of its parks and recreation amenities, and acknowledges that certain fees must be established as well as, from time to time, updated to reflect costs of maintaining the facilities; and

WHEREAS, the City Council sets the fees based on the cost to the City for each service or program and so discourages additional fee waivers and discounts other than those in the fee schedule; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the attached schedule of fees is reasonable and prudent in light of the municipal resources expended in the furtherment of residential, commercial and multi-family development through inspection and permitting procedures implemented by City staff, including the City Engineer and Code Enforcement; and

WHEREAS, the fees approved and instituted by this ordinance are consistent with, and in accordance with, the annual budget for the City.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 51.001, the City has general authority to adopt an ordinance or police regulation that is for the good government, peace or order of the City and is necessary or proper for carrying out a power granted by law to the City; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Dripping Springs City Council:

1. FINDINGS OF FACT

The foregoing recitals are incorporated into this Ordinance by reference as findings of fact as if expressly set forth herein.

2. ENACTMENT

Appendix A, Article A1.000 of the City of Dripping Springs Code of Ordinances, Sections 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 18 are amended so to read in accordance with Attachment "A", which is attached hereto and incorporated into this Ordinance for all intents and purposes. Any underlined text shall be inserted into the Code and any struck-through text shall be deleted from the Code, as stated within Attachment "A".

3. REPEALER

All ordinances, or parts thereof, that are in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and the provisions of this Ordinance shall be and remain controlling as to the matters regulated, herein.

4. SEVERABILITY

Should any of the clauses, sentences, paragraphs, sections or parts of this Ordinance be deemed invalid, unconstitutional, or unenforceable by a court of law or administrative agency with jurisdiction over the matter, such action shall not be construed to affect any other valid portion of this Ordinance.

5. CODIFICATION

The City Secretary is hereby directed to record and publish the attached rules, regulations and policies in the City's Code of Ordinances as authorized by Section 52.001 of the Texas Local Government Code.

6. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage and publication.

7. PROPER NOTICE & MEETING

It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Ordinance 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. Notice was also provided as required by Chapter 52 of the Texas Local Government Code.

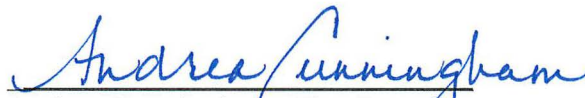
PASSED & APPROVED this, the 12th day of May 2020, by a vote of 5 (ayes) to 0 (nays) to 0 (abstentions) of the City Council of Dripping Springs, Texas.

CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS:



Bill Foulds, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:


Andrea Cunningham, City Secretary

CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS

MASTER FEE SCHEDULE

ARTICLE A1.000 (GENERAL PROVISIONS)

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SECTION 2. SIGNS

2.1 Pre-Application Conference Fee: \$50.00

2.2 Permit fees for sign permits are in the below chart. Additional information regarding permit fees for individual sign permits can be found in Appendix A of the City Code of Ordinances Chapter 26 in the Char of Sign Design Standards.

Type of Sign	Permit Required	Conditions (Section Number)	Fee
Government Sign	No	26.01.005	N/A
Real Estate	No	26.01.005	N/A
Real Estate	Yes	26.01.005	\$50.00
Real Estate-Lease Individual Units	No	26.01.005	N/A
Residential Development-Monument Identification Sign (small)	Yes	26.02.001	\$200.00 plus preapplication
Residential Development-Monument Identification Sign (large)	Yes	26.02.001	\$225.00 plus preapplication
Home Occupation	No	26.02.001	N/A
Residential-Non-Commercial Sign	No	26.02.001	N/A
Construction/Development Sign	Yes – project completion or 24 months	26.02.001	\$50.00
Multifamily Residential Complex Monument Sign (small)	Yes	26.02.002	\$200.00 plus preapplication
Multifamily Residential Complex Monument Sign (large)	Yes	26.02.002	\$250.00 plus preapplication
Multifamily Identification Wall Sign	Yes	26.02.002	\$150.00 plus preapplication
Multifamily Identification Hanging Sign	Yes	26.02.002	\$50.00 plus preapplication

Manufactured Home Park Identification Monument Sign	Yes	26.02.003	\$250.00 plus preapplication
Multifamily Construction/Development Sign	Yes	26.02.002	\$50.00 plus preapplication
Commercial Wall Sign	Yes	26.02.004	\$275.00 plus preapplication
Commercial Hanging Sign	Yes	26.02.004	\$50.00 plus preapplication
Commercial Construction/Development Sign	Yes	26.02.004	\$50.00 plus preapplication
Commercial Monument Sign-Individual Business	Yes	26.02.004	\$225.00 plus preapplication
Commercial Awning Sign (as part of Wall Sign)	Yes	26.02.004	\$50.00 plus preapplication
Restaurant Menu	Yes	26.02.004	\$225.00 plus preapplication
Wall Sign	Yes	26.02.005	\$275.00
Monument Identification Sign	Yes	26.02.005	\$250.00
Banner	Yes	26.02.007	\$25.00 per sign, plus preapplication
Single Sign in a Multiunit Project	Yes	26.02.006	\$50.00 per sign replacement in Multiunit Project
Master Sign Plan Fee	Yes	26.03.005	\$100.00 plus cost of each sign and variance requested plus preapplication
Master Sign Plan Ordinance Fee	Yes	26.03.005	\$200.00 plus cost of each sign and variance requested plus preapplication

2.3 Sign Impoundment Fee: \$25.00/sign

2.4 Sign Permit Waiver/Variance Request Fee: \$150.00/variance request

2.5 Signs erected prior to obtaining a sign permit, when required, shall be required to pay twice the normal permit fee amount.

SECTION 5. ZONING

5.1 Conditional Use Permit Application

5.1.1 Domestic Farm Animals Conditional Use Permit Application Fee: \$150.00

5.1.2 Ag Ed Short Form Conditional Use Permit Application Fee: exempt

5.1.3 Other Conditional Use Permit Application Fees: \$500.00

5.2 Zoning Classification Change Request Fee: \$500.00/lot, tract or parcel

5.3 Planned Development District Request Fee: \$5,000.00/district, plus \$150.00 per acre

5.4 Waiver/Variance/Special Exception Request Fees

5.4.1 Fences in Residential Areas Waiver/Variance/Special Exception Fee: \$250.00

5.4.2 Other Waiver/Variance/Special Exception Request Fees: \$500.00

5.5 Reimbursement of Consultant Costs for Zoning Application

5.5.1 Associated costs may include, but are not limited to, outside professional services provided by engineers, attorneys, surveyors, inspectors, lighting consultant, landscape reviewer, exterior design, and others, as required.

5.5.2 Required consultant costs will be billed at cost plus 20% to cover the City's additional administrative costs.

5.6 Zoning Determination Letter Request Fee: \$50.00/parcel

5.7 Zoning Ordinance Amendment Request Fee: \$500.00/request

5.8 Public Notice Signage: \$25.00

5.9 Planned Development District Amendment Fee: \$1,000.00

5.10 Planned Development District Minor Modification Fee: \$500.00

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SECTION 6. DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

6.1 Development Agreement Fee: \$5,000.00/agreement, plus \$75.00 per acre

6.2 Reimbursement of Consultant Costs for Development Agreement

6.2.1 Associated costs may include, but are not limited to, outside professional services provided by engineers, attorneys, surveyors, inspectors, lighting consultant, landscape reviewer, exterior design, and others, as required.

6.2.2 Required consultant costs will be billed at cost plus 20% to cover the City's additional administrative costs.

- 6.3 **Public Notice Signage:** \$100.00 (\$75.00 deposit returned upon return of the sign in good condition).
- 6.4 **Development Agreement Amendment Fee:** \$1,000.00
- 6.5 **Development Agreement Minor Modification Fee:** \$500.00

SECTION 7. RESIDENTIAL BUILDING CODE

7.1 Single Family Dwelling Construction or Improvement of a Residential Building Permit Fees: Includes fees for Building Permit, Inspections & Plan Review for new construction. Includes move in of existing dwelling, enlargement, remodel, alteration, finish-out, major repair, enclosing garage, carport, deck, balcony, porch, swimming pool, hot tub, spa, etc., and electrical, mechanical, and plumbing work.

New Residential Construction	
<i>Square Footage (S.F.)</i>	<i>Fee</i>
0 – 1,500 S.F.	\$942.00
1,501 – 10,000 S.F.	\$942.00 for the first 1,500 S.F. plus \$0.35 for each additional S.F. up to and including 10,000 S.F.
Over 10,000 S.F.	\$3,760.00 for the first 10,000 S.F. plus \$0.15 for each additional S.F. over 10,000 S.F.
Alteration/Addition for Residential Construction	
<i>Trade Permits</i>	<i>Fees</i>
Building, Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing, Fuel Gas and similar	\$120.00 per trade
Other project types not listed above	\$192.00 per trade

- 7.2 Mobile & Modular Home Move In Permit Fee (includes fee Move In Permit, Inspections & Plan Review):** \$450.00
- 7.3 Residential Inspection Fee (for inspections not included in building permit fees):** \$100.00
- 7.4 Residential Demolition/Moving Permit Fee:** \$100.00
- 7.5 Replacement Permit Fee (lost or damaged):** \$25.00
- 7.6 Waiver/Variance Request Fee:** \$500.00
- 7.7 Work begun without permit(s) shall be double the normal permit fee amount.**

7.8 Trade Registration Fees

7.8.1 Mechanical, Electrical and Irrigation Master/Contractor Registration: \$100.00 annually

7.8.2 Mechanical, Electrical and Irrigation Journeyman Registration: \$25.00 annually

7.9 Residential Swimming Pool Permit Fee: \$450.00

7.10 Administrative Outdoor Lighting Review: \$25.00 (if reviewed by outside consultant due to complexity, fees will reflect consultant’s costs and city’s administrative fee)

SECTION 8. COMMERCIAL AND MULTI-FAMILY BUILDING CODE

8.1 Commercial and Multi-Family Construction Building Permit Fees: Includes fess for Building Permit, Inspections & Plan Review.

Value of Construction	Fees
\$1.00 - \$10,000.00	\$160.00
\$10,001.00 - \$25,000.00	\$200.00 for first \$10,000.00 plus \$16.00 for each additional \$1,000.00, or fraction thereof, to and including \$25,000.00
\$25,001.00 - \$50,000.00	\$450.00 for first \$25,000.00 plus \$12.00 for each additional \$1,000.00, or fraction thereof, to and including \$50,000.00
\$50,001.00 - \$100,000.00	\$725.00 for first \$50,000.00 plus \$8.00 for each additional \$1,000.00, or fraction thereof, to and including \$100,000.00
\$100,001.00 - \$500,000.00	\$1,100.00 for first \$100,000.00 plus \$7.00 for each additional \$1,000.00, or fraction thereof, to and including \$500,000.00
\$500,001.00 - \$1,000,000.00	\$3,525.00 for first \$500,000.00 plus \$6.00 for each additional \$1,000.00, or fraction thereof, to and including \$1,000,000.00
\$1,000,001.00 and up	\$6,125.00 for first \$1,000,000.00 plus \$4.00 for each additional \$1,000.00, or fraction thereof, to and including

8.2 Replacement Permit Fee (lost or damaged): \$25.00

8.3 Waiver/Variance Request Fee: \$500.00

8.4 Work begun without a permit shall be double the normal permit fee amount.

8.5 Commercial Demolition Permit Fee: \$200.00

8.6 Trade Registration Fees

8.6.1 Mechanical, Electrical and Irrigation Master/Contractor Registration: \$100.00 annually

8.6.2 Mechanical, Electrical and Irrigation Journeyman Registration: \$25.00 annually

8.7 Administrative Outdoor Lighting Review: \$100.00 (if reviewed by outside consultant due to complexity, fees will reflect consultant’s costs and city’s administrative fee)

SECTION 9. PARKS & RECREATION

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9.11 Community Service Programs

9.11.1 Summer Day Camp

	Resident/ETJ	Non-Resident, Not-for-Profit	Kids Camp at Home
DS Coyote Kids Camp – Half Day (8 a.m. – 12 p.m.)	\$80.00/week	\$85.00/week	\$50/week
DS Coyote Kids Camp – Full Day (8 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.)	\$160.00/week	\$170.00/week	\$50/week
DS Coyote Kids Camp Extended Care (7:30 a.m. – 8 a.m.; 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.)	\$50.00/week	\$55.00/week	N/A
DS Coyote Kids C.I.T. (12 – 14 years old only)	\$75.00/week	\$80.00/week	N/A
Late Pick-Up Fee	\$5.00 per 10 minutes	\$5.00 per 10 minutes	N/A

9.11.2 Fitness/Wellness/Enrichment Programs

	Resident/ETJ	Non-Resident, Not-for-Profit
Tot-Time – Drop-In	\$3.00	\$5.00
Tot Time – 10 Punch Pass	\$27.00	\$45.00
Tot Time – 20 Punch Pass	\$51.00	\$75.00
Tot Time – Annual Pass	\$100.00	\$150.00
Tween Scene	\$5.00	\$10.00
Tween Scene – 10 Punch Pass	\$45.00	\$90.00
Tween Scene – 20 Punch Pass	\$75.00	\$170.00
Tween Scene – Annual Pass	\$150.00	\$240.00

9.12 Additional Course and Event Offerings

The Parks and Recreation Department may offer additional events or courses that are not listed in this Fee Schedule. The fees for these events will be set by the Parks and Recreation Director, with approval by the City Administrator, prior to the event or course. Any fees for an event or

course shall reflect the direct and administrative costs of the event or course to the City.

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SECTION 18. FEE DISCOUNTS AND WAIVERS

18.1 Fee discounts and waivers discouraged

Fee discounts and waivers are discouraged. The City of Dripping Springs' fees are based on the actual cost to the City for providing the goods, services, and reviews.

18.2 Request for Discounted Fees

Any person may submit an application for a fee waiver at the time of application for the underlying permit or service. The City Administrator shall review each request and may approve up to a ten percent (10%) fee waiver based on the application and whether such discount will serve a public purpose. The City Administrator's decision is final. An application under this section cannot be made if another discount based on a previous agreement with the City has been granted including but not limited to: (1) sponsorship agreements; and (2) development agreements.