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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### ***City Updates Community Service Sign Regulations***

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**Editors Note:** If you have any questions regarding this press release, please call City Administrator Michelle Fischer or Deputy City Administrator Ginger Faught at 512-858-4725.

**DRIPPING SPRINGS, TEXAS** – Dripping Springs City Council unanimously updated the sign ordinance regarding community service signs located on City property.

Community service signs are signs that promote a particular community event or service organized in the city by a nonprofit corporation or government agency to promote the public health, safety or welfare and enhance the community or encourage unity among residents.

The previous ordinance allowed community service signs on City property in order to provide a venue for local nonprofit organizations to advertise their events. Due to the high demand of eligible organizations, the “Triangle” location at Ranch Road 12 and Hwy 290 West in Dripping Springs has become cluttered with signs and the area has become a distraction for drivers in the busy intersection.

In an effort to reduce the number of signs, increase traffic safety, and improve the appearance to the community’s gateway, City Council approved effective immediately that the only signs to be displayed at the Triangle include events of community interest that are sponsored or co-sponsored by the City or in which the event taking place or the service being provided will be held at a City park or facility.

Additionally, the only community service signs allowed to be displayed at City parks or facilities include the advertising of events of community interest in which the event taking place or the service being provided will be held at those City parks or facilities, such as Dripping Springs Ranch Park, Founders Memorial Park, Sports and Recreation Park, Charro Ranch Park and City Hall.

Sign permits that were approved before April 21, 2015 will be honored.

Not intended to prohibit community service signs from being displayed in the City, the ordinance says that for events not held on City property, organizations will be allowed to display one sign at the location of their event and one off-premise sign on private property. These signs will require a temporary sign permit and permission of the property owner.

The newly adopted amendment to the sign ordinance also states that all community service signs within the City must include a date, place, and time of the event.

For those that prefer a location at Ranch Road 12 and Hwy 290 to post event messages, the electronic sign at Walgreens is still an available option. For more information on posting community service messages on the Walgreens sign, please contact the City at 512-858-4725.

Other alternative means of communications that can be utilized for maximum advertising and marketing exposure include the use of local newspapers, print publications and guides, social media, organization websites, and community calendars.

For more information, please contact the City of Dripping Springs at 512-858-4725.