

CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS
DECLARATION No. 2024- D____

**A DECLARATION OF THE CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS, TEXAS
("DRIPPING SPRINGS"), DUE TO THE APRIL 8TH, 2024 SOLAR
ECLIPSE**

WHEREAS, on April 8th, 2024, Dripping Springs, Texas will be in the direct line of a total solar eclipse that will traverse across North America; and

WHEREAS, this event is expected to see the population Dripping Springs, Texas, triple, if not quadruple, in size throughout the days leading up to and including the day of the event, leading to extreme traffic congestion, enormous strain on first responder organizations, hospital systems, food, grocery and fuel shortages, along with city and county infrastructure, threatening the safety of all residents; and

WHEREAS, the Dripping Springs City Council has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to protect the health, safety, and welfare of Dripping Springs residents and visitors that may be impacted as a result of the April 8th, 2024, solar eclipse; and

WHEREAS, the Dripping Springs City Council, in consultation with area emergency management coordinators, law enforcement officials, and fire and rescue officials, has determined that the potential exists for roads, streets and highways to be stressed to and above capacity during certain times of the event; and

WHEREAS, City Council has determined that a registration process for property owners and event venues who intend to have an eclipse event with more than 50 people is in the best interests of the public safety; and

WHEREAS, the potential stress and over-capacity of city, county, state, and federal streets, roads, and highways may create a public safety event whereby law enforcement and fire and rescue officers will be impeded from responding to calls for service; and

WHEREAS, the Dripping Springs City Council, urges all residents of Dripping Springs to be mindful of the increased traffic, avoid driving, if possible, ensure all vehicles are filled with fuel the week leading up to this event, ensure sufficient groceries and supplies are purchased well in advance, and to take all cautionary measures to ensure the safety of all persons and animals in their care.

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

Section 1. That pursuant to Section 418.108, Texas Government Code, a local state of emergency and disaster to be caused by the April 8th, 2024, solar eclipse event is hereby

declared for Dripping Springs, Texas including, to the extent permitted by law, the extraterritorial jurisdiction of Dripping Springs (“City Limits”).

Section 2. That pursuant to section 418.108(b) of the Government Code, this state of emergency for the April 8th, 2024, solar eclipse event shall continue for a period of not more than thirty (30) days from the date of this declaration, unless further extended by the Dripping Springs City Council.

Section 3. That pursuant to section 418.108(d) of the Government Code, this declaration activates the Dripping Springs Emergency Management Plans and authorizes the furnishing of aid and assistance under this declaration.

Section 4. That this declaration authorizes Dripping Springs to take any actions necessary to promote life, safety and critical infrastructure protection.

Section 5. That City Offices other than essential services shall not be open on April 8, 2024 including building inspections and permits, and planning reviews.

Section 6. That property owners and entities having events with fifty (50) or more people within the City Limits shall register on Destination Dripping Springs or email registration to eclipse@cityofdrippingsprings.com.

Section 7. That this declaration shall take effect from March 19, 2024, and after its issuance, and upon approval of the Dripping Springs City Council, shall continue in effect until terminated by the Dripping Springs City Council.

Section 8. That pursuant to this declaration, additional directives may be issued by the Dripping Springs City Council at any time deemed necessary.

That this proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

ORDERED this ____ of _____, 2024.

Bill Foulds, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Andrea Cunningham, City Secretary