

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-48

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 14, ARTICLE V. OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR ENTITLED "SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS"; INCLUDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS, the City of Taylor, Texas, adopted ordinance No. 2023-14 establishing regulations and a permitting process for special events in the City of Taylor;

WHEREAS, the purpose of the special events permit policy is to maintain the health, safety and general welfare in the community in a fiscally prudent manner with taxpayers money and allow for economic prosperity for community business owners; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City and its residents to establish regulations and a permitting process for certain special events held in the City; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City to amend the special events permits to remove the authority of the city manager to waive the prohibition against the placement of signage for non-city or city adopted events on city property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS, THAT;

SECTION 1. The facts and recitations contained in the preamble of this ordinance are hereby found and declared to be true and correct and are incorporated by reference herein and expressly made a part hereof, as if copied verbatim.

SECTION 2. Ordinance No. 2023-14 and Section 14-164 of the Taylor Code of Ordinances is amended so that Section 14-164(d) reads as follows:

(d) The reviewers and/or their respective board or commissions may recommend to the city manager that a special event permit fee or equivalent such as city financial contribution or in-kind services be waived, reduced or combination

thereof for an event that is benefitting or assisting an identified organization that has ties to the city or has either shown a financial inability to pay the fee or other means as set forth herein. Such consideration upon the applicant's request may be considered in accordance with the following criteria:

- (1) The event provides charitable grant(s) or donations directly back to the city or community through proceeds received from the event organizer;
- (2) The event promotes local historical, cultural and arts preservation and restoration and tourism to the community as authorized pursuant to V.T.C.A. Tax Code, Ch. 351;
- (3) The event generates direct or indirect economic development benefit by ways of increase in sales, use and/or hotel occupancy tax revenue;
- (4) The event promotes or furthers any public purpose authorized pursuant to Texas Const. Art. 3, § 52-a, V.T.C.A., Texas Local Government Code Chapter 380, or any other law established for the promotion of economic development in the state.
- (5) The city is required by applicable law to waive the imposition of a fee related to application processing, equipment rental, personnel services, or similar costs which a court of competent jurisdiction has determined must be borne by the taxpayers of the city and not the person or persons causing the cost to the taxpayers.

SECTION 3. All ordinances and resolutions, or parts of ordinances and resolutions, in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed, and are no longer of any force and effect.

SECTION 4. If any provision of this ordinance or application thereof to any person or circumstance, shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions, or application thereof, of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.


SECTION 5. The Mayor is hereby authorized to sign this ordinance and the City Secretary to attest. This Ordinance shall become effective and be in full force and effect in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the City of Taylor.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED on this 12 day of October, 2023.



Brandt Rydell, Mayor

ATTEST:



Dianna McLean, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Mark J. Schroeder, City Attorney

CERTIFICATE

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF WILLIAMSON

I, Dianna McLean, being the current City Clerk of the City of Taylor, Texas, do hereby certify that the attached is a true and correct copy of Ordinance No. 2023-48, passed and approved by the City Council of the City of Taylor, Texas, on the 12 day of October, 2023, and such Ordinance was duly introduced, passed, approved and adopted at meetings open to the public and notices of the meetings, giving the dates, places, and subject matter thereof, were posted as prescribed by Government Code Section 551.043.

Witness my hand and seal of office on this 12 day of October, 2023.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Dianna McLean", is written over a horizontal line.

Dianna McLean
City Clerk