

ORDINANCE NO. 02023-10-22

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HILLSBORO, TEXAS,
ESTABLISHING TEMPORARY CONDITIONS RELATED TO
LODGING, CAMPING, AND OTHER PROVISIONS TO
ACCOMMODATE THE SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY PRESENTED BY
THE 2024 TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE

WHEREAS, special conditions exist in relation to the Total Solar Eclipse which is to take place on Monday, April 8, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the upcoming eclipse is a unique occurrence that does not occur regularly at the same location; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that some of the requirements in the City Code can be relaxed during the time frame from April 2, 2024 till April 9, 2024 due to the special conditions that exist in relation to the eclipse.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HILLSBORO, TEXAS:

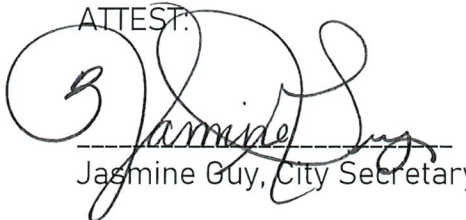
1. All of the above premises are hereby found to be true and correct legislative and factual findings of the City Council, and are hereby approved and incorporated into the body of this Ordinance as if copied in their entirety.
2. The following provisions are temporary and shall only apply to the time period between Tuesday, April 2, 2024 to Tuesday, April 9, 2024:
 - a. Location restrictions in regards to Bed and Breakfast and Short Term Rental Facilities shall be suspended.
 - b. Camping permitted at Wallace Park supersedes already established curfews.
 - c. Camping shall be permitted within the city limits during this period. A camping unit shall be a camper, tent or a recreational vehicle. A single camping unit shall be automatically permitted, one per residential or commercial parcel or lot. Permission for more than one camping unit may be given by City Staff provided the following conditions are met:
 - i. Parking, sanitation and safety plans are submitted.
 - ii. Site plans are submitted for sites one acre or greater in size.

- iii. The number of camping units (camper, tents or recreational vehicles) are submitted for each request.
 - iv. Parking may be allowed on surfaces other than concrete or asphalt.
3. The provisions of this ordinance shall be cumulative of all other ordinances or parts of ordinances governing or regulating the same subject matter as that covered herein; provided, however, that all prior ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or in conflict with any of the provisions of this ordinance are hereby expressly repealed to the extent that such inconsistency is apparent. This ordinance shall not be construed to require or allow any act which is prohibited by any other ordinance.
4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage and publication as may be required by governing law.
5. It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this ordinance be severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs or sections of this ordinance, and the remainder of this ordinance shall be enforced as written.
6. 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, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

PASSED AND APPROVED upon second and final reading at the regular meeting of the City Council held on this the 3rd day of October, 2023, by the City Council of the City of Hillsboro, Texas.


M. Scott Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jasmine Guy, City Secretary