

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-R-\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUDA,  
TEXAS SUPPORTING THE BARTON SPRINGS/EDWARDS AQUIFER  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT'S STANCE ON A PROPOSED PERMIT  
APPLICATION BY DRIPPING SPRINGS TO DISCHARGE EFFLUENT  
INTO ONION CREEK**

**WHEREAS,** the City of Buda recognizes that the City of Dripping Springs like other communities in Hays County is experiencing rapid population growth and must plan accordingly to ensure affordable and reliable services such as wastewater treatment for its citizens; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Buda knows firsthand the difficulty that municipalities face with such planning efforts, is cognizant of the position Dripping Spring is in, and recognizes the necessity of Dripping Springs to be able to discharge effluent in a responsible manner; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Dripping Springs has applied to the TCEQ for a TPDES direct discharge permit in the contributing zone of the Edwards and the recharge zone of the Trinity, seeking to discharge up to 995,000 gallons per day of treated municipal sewage into Onion Creek; and

**WHEREAS,** Onion Creek, the receiving stream of the proposed discharge, is an important hydrologic link between the Edwards and the Trinity and has been shown to provide recharge to the Trinity upstream of the District's boundary and is the main contributor of recharge to the Edwards, contributing an estimated 45% of its total recharge ; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Buda and other communities in Hays County rely on the Edwards Aquifer for a safe and dependable supply of drinking water for its citizens now and in the future; and

**WHEREAS,** the Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer District (BSEACD, the District) was established for the purpose of providing for the conservation, preservation, protection, recharging and prevention of waste of groundwater and of groundwater reservoirs in its jurisdictional area, including the Barton Springs segment of the Edwards Aquifer (Edwards), the underlying Trinity Aquifer (Trinity), and other aquifers (collectively referred to as (the "Aquifers")); and

**WHEREAS,** the District by scientific evaluation of existing information as well as newly collected data, has expressed concerns about the immediate and long terms

effects that provisions in the Dripping Springs permit application as currently proposed would have on the surface water/groundwater interface of the water resources shared by many communities in this area;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUDA:**

SECTION 1. The City of Buda recognizes that Dripping Springs has an obligation to its citizens to provide wastewater service in a timely and cost effective manner, and that the difficulty of planning for this type of service has become extremely complicated by the unprecedented population growth being experienced by all of Hays County.

SECTION 2 The Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer District is tasked with the protection and preservation of groundwater resources in our area and has demonstrated technical capabilities necessary to evaluate data pertinent to that effort. The District, by examination of existing data and newly completed hydrogeological investigations, has raised concerns that the Dripping Springs discharge permit application, as currently proposed, could lead to immediate and long term degradation of the water resources in Hays County that many communities are dependent on.

SECTION 3. The City of Buda supports the Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer District's opposition of the Dripping Springs draft discharge permit as it is currently proposed. At this time, the City of Buda does not oppose the City of Dripping Springs discharging additional effluent into Onion Creek provided that it can be accomplished by means that sufficiently prevents degradation to vital water resources. To that effort, the City of Buda encourages Dripping Springs to meet with the District to discuss the District's concerns about the discharge permit application as currently proposed in an effort to identify an amicable path forward.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

THE CITY OF BUDA, TEXAS

ATTEST:

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Todd Ruge, Mayor

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Alicia Ramirez, City Secretary