

**CITY OF KERRVILLE, TEXAS
RESOLUTION NO. 11-2022**

**A RESOLUTION CREATING AN *AD HOC* SOLAR ECLIPSE
PLANNING AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, an annular solar eclipse is predicted to occur over Kerrville on October 14, 2023; and

WHEREAS, a total solar eclipse is predicted to occur over Kerrville on April 8, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Kerrville has been included on several lists of the best locations in Texas and the United States to observe the two solar eclipses; and

WHEREAS, City Council expects an influx of visitors to Kerrville to view the two solar eclipses, significantly contributing to the local tourism economy and marketing of the community, but also contributing to increased traffic, increased use of resources, congestion, increased demand for fuel and food, and potential delays in emergency response; and

WHEREAS, City Council believes it to be in the public interest to create an *ad hoc* Solar Eclipse Planning and Emergency Management Committee to consider such issues, serve as the convening body to help organize local planning efforts, and report its findings, conclusions, and proposals to Council; and

WHEREAS, the *ad hoc* Solar Eclipse Planning and Emergency Management Committee will act in an advisory capacity to City Council in setting priorities to ensure that policies related to public safety, public health, traffic control, community events, marketing, and emergency planning are sufficient to address the crowds anticipated to visit Kerrville;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KERRVILLE, KERR COUNTY, TEXAS:

SECTION ONE. City Council hereby creates the *ad hoc* Solar Eclipse Planning and Emergency Management Committee (the "Solar Eclipse Committee") to review and consider recommendations to ensure that policies related to public safety, public health, traffic control, and emergency planning are sufficient to address the crowds anticipated to visit Kerrville on October 14, 2023 and April 8, 2024.

SECTION TWO. The Solar Eclipse Committee shall review the following topics and/or policies as to adoption or revision, or other recommendations:

- Community event planning
- Traffic control
- Crowd control
- Emergency response
- Staging areas
- Emergency communication
- Resource distribution
- Potential resource depletion
- Public health and safety
- Sufficiency of health care services

SECTION THREE. The Solar Eclipse Committee will be made up of the following individuals:

- a) Kerrville Director of Parks and Recreation, chair
- b) Kerrville Chief of Police, co-chair
- c) Kerrville Fire Chief, co-chair
- d) President and CEO of the Kerrville Convention and Visitors Bureau, co-chair

These members may appoint additional members from community and governmental organizations with which the committee will need to work to address the issues impacting the Kerrville community by the number of people expected to view the eclipse. These organizations may include, but are not limited to, Kerr County, Texas; the Texas Department of Public Safety; the Texas Department of Transportation; Peterson Regional Medical Center; Kerrville Independent School District, Schreiner University, Kerrville Chamber of Commerce, Hill Country Astronomers, and the Hill Country Alliance. The chair of the Solar Eclipse Committee shall decide the method of appointing new and replacement members.

SECTION FOUR. The Solar Eclipse Committee will convene by holding an initial meeting in February or March 2022. Thereafter, the Solar Eclipse Committee shall make periodic reports to City Council with respect to its findings and conclusions. City Council anticipates that the Solar Eclipse Committee will conclude its work within 54 months.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON this the 22 day of FEBRUARY, A.D., 2022.


 Bill Blackburn, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



William L. Tatsch, Asst. City Attorney

ATTEST:



Shelley McElhannon, City Secretary