



May 28, 2019

Chris Cannon, Mayor
City Council
City of Elgin
PO Box 591
Elgin, Texas 78621

Dear Mayor Cannon and Council Members:

The 32nd Annual Hogeye Festival is scheduled for Thursday, October 24 through Saturday, October 26, 2019 on Main Street in Historic Downtown Elgin. The festival committee has been working and meeting regularly to finalize the many components of the festival. Approximately 25 people volunteer for the festival committee and approximately 100 people volunteer the day of the festival. Thank you to the City of Elgin for all the support city departments provide to make the Hogeye Festival possible.

Hogeye is a community celebration to raise funds for the City sponsored downtown revitalization project Elgin Main Street and many local non-profit groups have successful fundraisers at the festival. Crowds are estimated at 20,000 and there is tremendous media coverage for our community. The Hogeye Stroll Thursday night includes the Hogalicious Dessert Contest and the Pearls Before Swine Art Show, and drives traffic to local businesses. The Free Friday Night Street Dance Features Kenny Ortz and No Chance Band, and Saturday includes all of the festival activities – handmade arts and crafts, live music and entertainment on three stages, BBQ Pork cookoff, car show, carnival, Cow Patty Bingo, children's activities, Corn Hole Tournament and more! The event includes great volunteer support working in concert with City staff to produce a weekend of entertainment and celebration in downtown Elgin.

The Elgin Main Street Board and the Hogeye Festival Committee request:

Consider waiver of open container ordinance Consider waiver of open container ordinance for 32nd Annual Hogeye Festival Thursday, October 24 for the Hogeye Stroll from 5pm to 9pm 400 block of Main Street to Brenham Street, 2nd, First Street, Depot street, Central and Austin Street from Avenue B to Main Street, on Friday, October 25 from 7pm to midnight on Depot Street and Central Avenue from Main Street to Avenue B for the Gordon Swenson Memorial BBQ Pork Cook-off and the free street dance, and on Saturday, October 26 8am to 7pm on the festival grounds Loop 109 Main Street from the 400 block of North Main Street to the 200

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block of South Main Street, Austin Street, Central Avenue, Depot Street, 1st Street, 2nd Street, from the Union Pacific Railroad tracks to Avenue B.

Request the following street closures for Thursday October 24 Depot Street from Avenue C to Avenue A may be closed for the carnival from 6pm to 10pm. Friday October 25, Depot Street and Central Avenue to be closed from Main Street to Avenue B for the Free Friday night Street dance, carnival, and Gordon Swenson Memorial BBQ Pork cook-off from 4pm to midnight; Saturday October 26 Loop 109 Main Street from the 400 block of North Main Street to the 200 block of South Main Street, and Depot Street to Avenue B, Austin Street, Central Avenue, Depot Street, 1st Street, 2nd Street, from the Union Pacific Railroad tracks to Avenue C from 4am to 7pm.

Great things are happening in downtown Elgin – four buildings are under renovation, new business are opening and the district has a 90% occupancy rate. The Hogeye Festival directly contributes to the development, promotion and revitalization of the downtown business district and Our Town! An estimated 20,000 people attend the Hogeye Festival. The Elgin Main Street Board has been a part of the Main Street program through the Texas Historical Commission since 1990. The City of Elgin has been selected as a National Main Street Community every year since 1999.

Please let us know what additional information we can provide. Stacey Gruetzner Wilhite, festival chairperson can be reached at 512-731-7872 and I can be reached at 512-303-2567. Thank you for working with us and for helping to make this event possible. We appreciate all of the City's support relating to the logistics, planning and implementation of the festival.

Sincerely,



Ed Rivers
President



Stacey Gruetzner Wilhite
Festival chair