



Proclamation

Community Wildfire Protection Plan

Whereas, Texas is experiencing unprecedented growth and development in areas that were once rural, coupled with an increase in the occurrence of wildfires; and

Whereas, it is in these areas where development meets vegetation or the wildland urban interface that the greatest risk to public safety and property from wildfire exists; and

Whereas, the best defense for wildfire protection is preparedness and public education concerning the dangers that wildfire poses to the residents and natural resources of the City of Weston; and

Whereas, a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) is authorized under the provisions outlined in Title 1 of the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003; and

Whereas, a CWPP is a document developed collaboratively between local government, state government, and other stakeholders in consultation with federal agencies that identifies how a community will reduce risks by addressing structural ignitability, prioritizing hazardous fuel reduction efforts on public and private lands and recommending measures for homeowners and communities to reduce ignitability; and

Whereas, communities with a CWPP receive priority when state and federal funding is allocated for mitigation and a CWPP is the most effective way to keep our community safe from wildfire; and

Whereas, the Weston City Council urges all residents of the City and this community to participate in the implementation of a Community Wildfire Protection Plan in accordance with the Healthy Forests Restoration Act.

Now, Therefore, I Jim Marischen, on behalf of the members of the City Council, and by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Weston, Texas, do hereby agree to partner with the Weston Volunteer Fire Department to develop a CWPP for the Weston Fire Department District, and to support its adoption within the City of Weston.

James M Marischen, Mayor, City of Weston