



# Seguin Police Department



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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Mayor Donna Dodgen  
City Council Members Joe Rea, David Eveld, Jim Lievens, John Carlsson, Paul Gaytan, Monica Carter (Mayor Pro Tem), Jason Biesenback, and Bill Keller  
City Manager Steve Parker

**FROM:** Rusty Suarez, Assistant Chief of Police

**REF:** Trail Rider Ordinance

**DATE:** April 20, 2026

Mayor Dodgen / City Council Members / City Manager Parker,

We are here to present a proposed city ordinance pertaining to Organized Equine Trail Rides due to the impact on city resources used to facilitate their travel and stay in Seguin. It is not the City's intention to prohibit horses or casual trail riding within city limits. Rather, this effort focuses on large, organized trail rides, particularly those hosted by outside organizations, which require significant public safety and city facility resources.

While such events may carry cultural and historical significance, the conditions of a growing city require a more structured approach. The proposed consideration of a city ordinance would provide the City with clear authority to establish permitting requirements, determine approved routes, set staffing and scheduling limits, implement cost recovery measures, and evaluate alternative traffic control options. Such an ordinance would promote consistency, transparency, and fairness while ensuring that public safety resources are managed responsibly.

Ultimately, this action seeks to balance the continuation of community traditions with the City's responsibility to protect public safety and ensure fiscal accountability as Seguin continues to grow.

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