

**AMERICAN LEGION POST 295  
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS POST 6115**

Elgin City Council  
City of Elgin Texas  
310 N. Main Street  
Elgin, Texas 78621

Dear City Council:

The purpose of this letter is to address the proposed Elgin Parade Ordinance amending Section 34-4 item (a) of the City Code. The members of the American Legion and the V.F.W. organize the City's Veterans' Recognition Parade each November in honor of those who have fought for the freedoms we hold so dear. With adoption of the amended code, the cost in fees to the City would make the event cost prohibitive for our veteran organizations to host this annual recognition event.

If the amendment is adopted by the City, we at the American Legion and V.F.W. ask that all fees be waived for the annual Elgin Veterans' Recognition Parade sponsored by our organizations in perpetuity. These fees include support from City staff, police, as well as use of Veterans' Memorial Park and any other associated fees.

Both American Legion and V.F.W. are nonprofit organizations dedicated to helping veterans in the local community as well as numerous other community sponsorships and support. The annual Veterans' Recognition Parade is not a fund raiser nor does any entity profit from the recognition and celebration of our freedom through this activity. This annual parade purely displays the appreciation the citizens of Elgin have for our veterans and associated groups.

This year marks the 100th anniversary of both our veteran organizations. With this year's celebration, the parade will be extra special including greater participation from surrounding military, veteran, civic, city and business organizations in order to provide the only military parade for the citizens of Elgin.

We look forward to the City Council providing us with a waiver of all fees for this year's and all future Veterans' Recognition Parades held in November.

For God and Country,

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