



# REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting: March 10, 2025

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## TEXAS 4000 FOR CANCER

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### **DESCRIPTION/BACKGROUND:**

In 2009, the Town of Claresholm first received a request from a cycling group that was travelling from Texas to Alaska in the summer months to raise funds and awareness for the fight against cancer. This group asked for a platform in Claresholm to share their cause with the community, and a fundraising BBQ was held at the same time by Kidsport. This group has been coming through Claresholm each summer since then, except for 2020 and 2021 due to COVID restrictions.

The ride originates in Austin, Texas at the University of Texas at Austin. Riders must be students of the university and must be accepted to join. Each participant is required to raise \$4,500 USD prior to the start of the race. There are three routes: Sierra, Ozarks and Rockies. The one coming through Claresholm to Alaska is the Rockies route.

<https://www.texas4000.org/>

In the past, this group has asked to stay in Centennial Park Campground for one night for free on their way through Town in order to support their cause. As they are camping in tents on the journey, they do not take up much space. This summer, they have once again asked to stay in the campground. Per their request, they plan to pass through Claresholm on Monday June 23<sup>rd</sup>, which is the 38<sup>th</sup> day of their ride. There should be about 20 riders in this group. In the past, the Claresholm Public Library has been offered as an alternative should the weather be miserable. The Library is aware and have placed it in their calendar.

Administration is recommending that Council allow the Texas 4000 for Cancer group to stay in Centennial Park Campground free of charge and that our Recreation Manager work with the Campground Attendant to facilitate their stay.

### **PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS:**

Moved by Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ to allow the Texas 4000 for Cancer Rockies group to stay in Centennial Park Campground for one night on June 23, 2025 for free of charge to support their cause of raising funds and awareness for cancer research, for the Claresholm Public Library to be offered as a bad weather alternative, and for administration to facilitate their stay.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1.) Host Package

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APPROVED BY: Abe Tinney, CAO

DATE: March 4, 2025

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