

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE September 17, 2021

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Status Update on Temporary Parklet Program**

Convention and Event Services – Office of Special Events (CES-OSE) launched the Temporary Parklet Program on May 18, 2020, as authorized by the COVID-19 Economic Recovery and Assistance Ad Hoc Committee. On June 24, 2020, City Council approved amendments to the Special Events Ordinance - Chapter 42A (Resolution No. 20-0970) allowing the permitting of temporary parklets through December 31, 2020.

On December 9, 2020, given the ongoing occupancy restrictions related to COVID-19, City Council approved (Resolution No. 20-1879) an extension of the temporary parklet program through April 30, 2021. Concurrently, City Council approved amendments to Chapter 42A to create the “Dallas Street Seats” program. The amendments allow CES-OSE to permit a more permanent seating structure on public right-of-way through July 31, 2022. This new program requires a higher level of financial investment and a more complex review of each unique location.

Recognizing the continued financial stresses on businesses and the continued emergency, on April 28, 2021, City Council approved (Resolution No. 21-0677), an additional extension allowing temporary parklets to remain in place through September 30, 2021 while applicants transitioned to Street Seats.

From a peak of 20 temporary parklets, 14 are still operational. Given that restaurants still face economic challenges related to COVID-19 variants that may financially delay their ability to transition into the newer program, CES-OSE staff will be requesting City Council approval of an additional amendment to Chapter 42A which extends the temporary parklet program through November 30, 2021. The ordinance amendment will require updated property authorizations from each existing applicant. Staff anticipates recommendation will be placed on the October 13th City Council agenda.

If you have additional questions, or require further information, please contact me or Rosa Fleming, Director of CES.

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