

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE October 2, 2026

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **5-Signature Memo for a Development Code amendment for data centers**

On August 11, 2026, Honorable Council Members Chad West, Paul E. Ridley, Zarin D. Gracey, Gay Donnell Willis, and Laura Cadena signed the attached request for placement of an agenda item for City Council consideration to amend Chapters 51 and 51A of the Dallas Development Code with consideration being given to: (1) amending provisions relating to communications exchange facilities; or (2) creating a new "data center" land use with appropriate regulations.

On September 21, 2026, the Honorable Mayor referred the 5-signature Memorandum to the Council Committee on Economic Development.

This memo is to inform you that the item will be scheduled for the Council Committee on Economic Development on the November agenda.

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DATE September 21, 2026

TO Jesse Moreno, Chair, Committee on Economic Development

SUBJECT **Five-Signature Memorandum Referral**

Dear Chairman Moreno:

On August 11, 2026, I received the attached memorandum titled "Request for Placement of Agenda Item – Council Member(s)." Pursuant to Section 6.2 of the City Council Rules of Procedure, I hereby refer this request to the Committee on Economic Development.

Should you have any questions, please contact my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Johnson'.

Eric L. Johnson
Mayor

c: Paul Ridley, District 14
Lorie Blair, District 8
Laura Cadena, District 6
Zarin Gracey, District 3
Bill Roth, District 11
Chad West, District 1

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DATE August 11, 2026
TO The Honorable Eric Johnson
FROM Councilmember Chad West
SUBJECT **Request for Placement of Agenda Item – Council Member(s)**

ITEM/ISSUE PROPOSED FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Pursuant to Section 6.2 of the City Council Rules of Procedure, please refer the following item to a city council committee and schedule this item for a regular city council voting agenda within 30 calendar days after receipt of this request:

A public hearing to authorize a public hearing to amend Chapters 51 and 51A of the Dallas Development Code with consideration being given to: (1) amending provisions relating to communications exchange facilities; or (2) creating a new “data center” land use with appropriate regulations.

This is a request to authorize the hearing and not the amendment to the development code at this time.

BRIEF BACKGROUND:

Texas is currently estimated to host roughly 300 or 400 data centers state-wide, with many more expected to come to North Texas, reflecting explosive growth driven largely by artificial intelligence and cloud computing demand. There exist growing land use concerns over expanding this use throughout Dallas with very little tailored oversight. Currently, the closest land use in the development code that planning and development staff have to categorize these data centers is the local utility sub-use of communications exchange facility. Communications exchange facilities are allowed by right in many non-residential and mixed-use zoning districts and the regulations for this use fall short of a more modern local regulatory landscape. We are asking staff to research best city planning and development practices in this growth area and recommend how to align our development code accordingly.

Submitted for consideration by:

Chad West, District 1

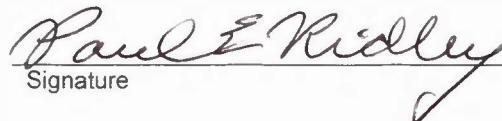
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Supporting Council Member Signatures (4 Signatures Only):

PAUL F. RIDLEY D14

Printed Name, District #


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Larin D. Gracey D3

Printed Name, District #

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Gay Donnell Willis D13

Printed Name, District #

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Laura Cadena D6

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- c: Honorable Council Members
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TO Honorable Chair and Members of the Finance Committee

SUBJECT **October 14, 2026, City Council Agenda Item #26-2883A: Adoption of the 2027 City Calendar**

Attached to this memorandum is the proposed 2027 City Calendar, which establishes the schedule for City Council briefings and agenda meetings, Council Committee meetings, budget workshops and public hearings, City holidays, and other key City activities. The proposed 2027 City Calendar is anticipated to come before the full City Council for consideration on October 14, 2026.

A notable change for 2027 is the timing of the Mayoral and City Council general election. For the first time, the City's general election will be held on the November uniform election date rather than in May. This change follows voter approval of a 2024 City Charter amendment removing the requirement that City Council elections be held in May and subsequent changes to State law authorizing the City to move its general election to November.

Accordingly, the 2027 Mayoral and City Council general election is scheduled for Tuesday, November 2, 2027. During the Finance Committee hearing on September 22, 2026, it was suggested that the potential runoff date be included on the 2027 City Calendar. However, we are awaiting official confirmation of the date from the Texas Secretary of State.

We welcome your feedback on the proposed city calendar. Should you have any questions, please contact Eric Dominguez, Director of Government Affairs, at eric.dominguez@dallas.gov.

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Ahmad Goree
Chief of Staff to the City Manager

DATE September 22, 2026
SUBJECT Proposed 2027 City Calendar
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SUBJECT **Annual Service Line Notifications: Lead and Copper Compliance Update**

In compliance with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Lead and Copper Rule Revisions (LCRR) and Lead and Copper Rule Improvements (LCRI), Dallas Water Utilities (DWU) will be mailing annual notifications on the Lead and Copper Service Line Inventory to DWU customers. The notifications are mailed annually to customers whose service line material is still listed as *unknown* in the Service Line Inventory. An unknown classification does not mean that lead has been found in the service line or detected in drinking water; it simply indicates that DWU does not yet have sufficient information to confirm the material.

About 200,000 residents will receive the customer notifications in October and November. Customers are strongly encouraged to participate by identifying the material of the service line on the private side, which is the pipe connecting to the water main to their property. Each notification includes a QR code linking to the Customer Service Line Survey, which provides instructions for locating and identifying the private-side service line. The survey and instructions for identifying material is available at bit.ly/CustomerServiceLineSurvey. DWU is supplementing customer-provided information with historical records, field investigations, non-invasive service line technology, and predictive modeling.

Should you require additional information, please feel free to contact Sarah Standifer, Director of Dallas Water Utilities, at Sarah.Standifer@dallas.gov.

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SUBJECT **Information & Technology Services – Data Services Fund Balance Reserve**

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the City Council with information about the Data Services Fund and the reserve balance managed by Information & Technology Services (ITS). The Data Services Fund is an Internal Service Fund.

On September 16, 2026, City Council's budget amendments utilized \$2.8 million of the budgeted fund balance which resulted in a final FY 2026-27 Data Services fund balance reserve of \$8.2 million, equivalent to 21 days of operating expenses. Although, as of 2017, the City's Financial Management Performance Criteria (FMPC) no longer requires Internal Service Funds to maintain a minimum reserve, maintaining a fund balance reserve is a prudent budgeting practice.

Prior to 2026, the Data Services Fund regularly held a reserve of no less than 30 days of operating expenditure. The Data Services Fund reserve balance is not static money: it is there to manage irregular spending cycles for software license renewals, hardware refreshes and enterprise agreements that sometimes hit in a single year, to manage unplanned emergencies, and to provide an operational backstop that keep critical systems running when something breaks.

ITS' approach to the use of fund balance reserve is to provide financial stability and ensure that essential services can continue without sudden cost increases or disruptions. The cost of IT software and services has increased steadily over time, which has led to higher IT charges for City departments. In prior fiscal years, fund balance reserve typically has been used to reduce or "buy down" those charges, helping the City manage the impact of rising costs. Fund balance reserve has also been set aside for major IT projects whose final costs are unknown in the beginning.

The Data Services fund balance reserve will continue to be evaluated annually during the budget development process and adjusted based on anticipated future costs and projected rate changes. This fund is an important tool that gives the City flexibility to respond to emergencies, manage changing costs, and plan for future projects while reducing the risk of service disruptions or unexpected financial pressures.

Should you have any questions, please contact Jeff Stovall, Chief Information Officer at (214) 671-5318 or jeffrey.stovall@dallas.gov.

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SUBJECT **October 14, 2026, City Council Agenda Item 26-3151A: Annual Membership Fees**

On October 14, 2026, the City Council agenda includes an item authorizing payment for various annual membership fees.

Department: Aviation

Funding Source: Enterprise Fund

The North American Region of the Airports Council International (ACI-NA) annual membership fee is \$140,000.00. ACI-NA represents local, regional and state governing bodies that own and operate commercial airports in the United States and Canada and advocates policies and provides services that strengthen the ability of commercial airports to serve their passengers, customers and communities. The ACI-NA Business of Airports Conference is the industry's forum to help airports and stakeholders better understand the evolving airport business model. Extensive workshops include concessions management, financial management, workforce planning, and new trends in aeronautical and non-aeronautical revenue.

The American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE) annual membership fee is \$80,000.00. AAAE is a professional organization for airport executives, representing thousands of airport management personnel at public-use commercial and general aviation airports. AAAE provides aviation industry professional development programs; networking and training opportunities; legislative representation in Washington, D.C. as well as breaking news and industry updates. During the annual conference, Dallas Love Field interacts with industry leaders nationwide while receiving the latest training on industry standards and regulations. Education tracks cover geospatial technologies, emergency management, Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS), Advanced Air Mobility (AAM), airside operations, safety, emerging technologies, airport executives, managers, landside, and much more.

Department: Non-Departmental

Funding Source: General Fund

Oncor Cities Steering Committee annual membership fee is \$153,000.00. The Oncor Cities Steering Committee was created to provide a means for cities in the Oncor service area to pool their resources and prevent duplication of effort while participating in electric utility rate proceedings before the Public Utility Commission. The City of Dallas participated with this committee in the 1990, 1993, 2008, and 2011 rate cases. The city also participated

with this Committee in the various regulatory proceedings relating to Senate Bill 7 and electric deregulation. The Oncor Cities Steering Committee is actively involved in rate cases, appeals, rulemakings, and legislative efforts impacting the rates charged by Oncor Electric Delivery (formerly known as TXU Electric Delivery) within the City. The current annual assessment for the City of Dallas is based on \$0.11 per capita.

Texas Coalition of Cities for Utility Issues (TCCFUI) annual membership fee is \$49,500.00. TCCFUI was organized in 1996 to (a) collect, analyze, discuss, and distribute information on utility related matters; (b) participate and develop positions in utility regulatory body rulemaking dockets and on bills proposed in the legislature relating to utility matters; and (c) work cooperatively on matters relating to utility franchises and fee issues.

Atmos Cities Steering Committee (ACSC) annual membership fee is \$67,253.00 (5 cents per capita). ACSC is a coalition of cities served by Atmos. The coalition coordinates efforts among cities to review Atmos rate filings and minimize duplication of effort. ACSC also participates in other regulatory proceedings and legislative meetings representing cities in matters related to natural gas distribution and pipeline rates.

North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) annual membership fee is \$141,000.00. NCTCOG services its member governments and the region in a variety of ways, including comprehensive regional planning in transportation, environmental resources, and human services. The NCTCOG aggressively works to strengthen ties with State and Federal agencies and has become an information resource for regional and local economic development efforts.

Department: Dallas Fire-Rescue
Funding Source: General Fund

The Texas Commission on Fire Protection (TCFP) annual membership fee is \$115,680.00. The TCFP establishes and enforces statewide professional standards for fire protection personnel and fire departments in Texas. Dallas Fire-Rescue's (DFR) annual TCFP expenses support the maintenance and renewal of required state certifications for applicable fire personnel and help ensure departmental compliance with state training, credentialing, and professional standards.

Department: Dallas Water Utilities
Funding Source: Enterprise Fund

Water Research Foundation (WRF) annual membership fee is \$413,381.00 for Dallas Water Utilities (DWU). The WRF is an international nonprofit scientific and educational organization that conducts cost-effective, peer-reviewed research to improve drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater systems. Dallas has been a WRF member since 1986. With over 1,200 utilities worldwide, WRF pools funding to maximize research impact and develop practical solutions to shared challenges. Membership provides access to applied research, a comprehensive technical library, and collaborative resources that support sound regulation and address complex issues such as regulatory compliance requirements, climate resilience, water reuse, and infrastructure management. Participation in WRF enables DWU to apply proven solutions, avoid duplicative research costs, and improve operational efficiency. It also supports staff development, enhances competitiveness for external funding, and ensures Dallas has a voice in shaping national water research priorities. This investment strengthens DWU's ability to improve water quality, support regulatory compliance, and enhance service delivery-contributing to the city's long-term resilience, efficiency, and public health.

Please contact me or Janette Weedon, Director of Budget & Management Services, if you need additional information.



For

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Chief Financial Officer

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