

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE March 31, 2023

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Responses to Questions from the March 21, 2023 Government Performance and Financial Management Committee on the Development Services Update**

On March 21, 2023 the Government Performance and Financial Management (GPFM) Committee was briefed on the Development Services (DSD) update. The following information is provided as further clarifications, corrections, and answers to questions provided by City Council Members.

Question 1: The February statistic for single-family permit approvals was down from 32 to 27 days and 99% of the single-family permits were issued in 15 days. Those seem to be inconsistent. What are the statistics for those applications that were submitted in February that are not old permits from prior months?

The median number of days during City staff time for all new single-family permits decreased from 32 calendar days in January 2023 to 27 days in February 2023. This represents a 5 median day decrease for all permits issued in the month. This is the lowest it has been in the last 29 months. This is a cumulative number of all permits issued in February and may include older permits received in the previous months. The department performed all initial reviews within 15 days regardless if the permit was issued or not. This departmental performance goal is set to ensure staff are processing and reviewing permits on a timely and consistent basis. This 15-day goal provides customers with a level of predictability and assurance the City is processing their permits in a timely fashion.

In February 2023, all new single-family permits submitted that did not require customer revisions were issued in 9 median days. Of all the new single-family permits submitted for the month of February, 99% of the initial reviews were performed within the department's 15-day performance goal. The department is carefully monitoring the initial time it takes to perform the first round of reviews and is considering lowering the 15-day goal to 10 days in FY 2023-2024. This progressive approach will propel the department towards meeting the City's goal of 5 days.

Question 2: The number reported for 'Commercial Remodel' last year was 1,499 and the number reported for this year is 1,508 and the 'All Commercial Projects' reported does not add up, please clarify.

The number reported for "Commercial Remodel" last year was based on the Posse record type "Building Projects" which proved to be significantly lower than the true volume. Staff revised the methodology to improve accuracy by targeting the Posse record type "Master Permit." The previous fiscal year's numbers have been updated accordingly in Exhibit A (Attached) to reflect the new methodology.

The “All Commercial Projects” line of the entitled section “# of Commercial Plan Review Re-Submittals” is meant to sum the total number of cycle 2+ reviews that occurred in a given month.

Staff is proactively working with Data Analytics and Business Intelligence (DBI) to develop a commercial dashboard, similar to the [residential dashboard](#) for the website.

Question 3: Are we looking at privatizing opportunities for fire suppression delays in some of these areas?

Currently the third-party reviewers mandate a fire protection engineer to review fire suppression systems. Staff is working with the third-party vendors to explore additional efficiency measures. One option is exploring fire plans examiners. This will make it easier for the third-party vendor to find and secure appropriately certified and licensed professionals, not having to be a fire protection engineer.

In addition, staff is exploring the electronic option for all fire protection contractors. This was not built into ProjectDox. Staff will continue to move forward and strategize on how to receive submittals of fire protection projects from contractors electronically, saving time and delays due to the back-and-forth between the City, the contractor, and the third-party vendor.

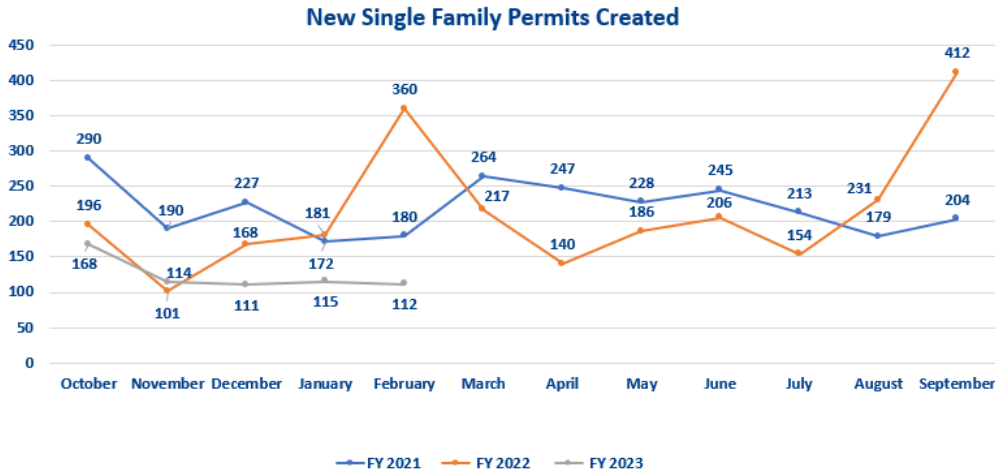
Question 4: In Fiscal Year 2021-2022, ‘Commercial New’ was reported at 1,343 permits, and this Fiscal Year a reported total of 46 permits from October 2022 to February 2023. This is a massive difference from last Fiscal Year to this Fiscal Year.

In the prior fiscal year, the “Commercial New” and “Commercial Addition” subcategories were reported together and used a method that targeted the Posse record type “Master Permits.” Staff has since corrected last year’s numbers in Exhibit A to reflect each individual metric and applied a more accurate methodology using the Posse record type “Building Projects.” “Building Projects” are a more accurate record type for this metric as all “Commercial New” and “Commercial Addition” permits have a single “Building Project.”

Question 5: The single-family residential permits was reported at 112 created in the month of February and only 72 were issued.

The below graph and the section on the right reports a correction to the number of permits issued. In February 2023, the total number of new single-family permits submitted decreased from 115 to 112 from the previous month.

However, the department continues to issue more permits than those coming in each month. This continues to be a consistent trend. The department issued **172** new single-family permits for the month of February. This represents 53% more permits issued than those submitted by customers. The reference to **72** was a misspoken error.



A total of 112 permits were processed for the month.

172 permits were issued for the month.

Question 6: Of the 172 new single-family permits issued for the month of February, how many were processed by third-party reviewers versus in-house?

The third-party vendor does not process permits. They review and plan check new single-family projects for minimum compliance. The third-party vendor performed 26 reviews in assisting the department in the month of February 2023.

Question 7: Are you working with Budget Office to make sure we're on track that our staffing will match our needs?

Yes, the Budget Team and other City departments continue to be extremely supportive and responsive to DSD needs. Staff have scheduled ongoing meetings and working sessions to ensure the department is strategically meeting customer needs.

Question 8: Are you finding that given your staffing situation, are we going to have a massive increase in fees for permits when we try to do full-cost recovery? And this is an area we always do cost recovery?

The department is currently working with a professional consultant to evaluate our permit fees and they will be providing recommendations. The department and services delivered are 100% cost recovery based.

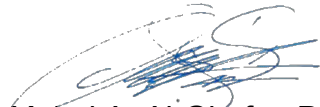
Question 9: Are we asking our third-party review teams to look at the following issues causing delays: fire suppression, engineering processing, Dallas Water Utilities, legal analysis, and the real estate offices?

Currently the department outsources fire, water, drainage, and when needed legal aid (through the City Attorney's Office) reviews to third-party vendors. The department does not utilize a third-party for real estate services.

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DSD is scheduled to present the “Development Services Monthly Technology and Metrics Review” briefing at the April 3, 2023, Economic Development Committee and a more comprehensive report will be provided at the next GPFM Committee meeting on April 24, 2023.

Should you have any questions please contact Andrew Espinoza, Director/Chief Building Official of Development Services at (214) 542-1227 or andres.espinoza@dallas.gov.



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[Attachment: Exhibit A – Commercial Plan Review Metrics]

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**Exhibit A
Commercial Plan Review Metrics**

Dallas Development Services Department Performance Goals FY2022-2023			2022			2023		
Metrics	Goal	FY21-22	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	YTD
# of Commercial Plan Review Submittals								
Commercial New	N/A	171	11	10	6	8	11	46
Commercial Additions	N/A	156	19	17	28	16	33	113
Commerical Remodels	N/A	4,179	281	247	404	281	295	1,508
Express Plan Review (Q-Team)	N/A	842	23	16	20	23	22	104
Express Plan Review Minor Commercial (Q-Team 2)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	14	14
Average # of Days for Initial Review								
New Commercial/Remodels	15 Days	12	10	10	11	10	9	10
Express Plan Review (Q-Team)	15 Days	7	5	5	2	3	2	3
Express Plan Review Minor Commercial (Q-Team 2)	15 Days	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1	1
Average # of Days Commercial Re-Submitted Reviews								
New Commercial/Remodels	7 Days	13	11	10	12	12	11	11
Express Plan Review (Q-Team)	7 Days	6	1	1	1	1	1	1
Express Plan Review Minor Commercial (Q-Team 2)	7 Days	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1	1
# of Commercial Plan Review Re-Submittals								
All Commercial Projects	N/A	3,661	87	72	72	104	92	427
Together We Are Building a Safe and United Dallas!								

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TO Honorable Members of the Government Performance and Financial Management Committee: Cara Mendelsohn (Chair), Gay Donnell Willis (Vice Chair), Tennell Atkins, Adam Bazaldua, Adam McGough, Paul Ridley, Chad West

SUBJECT **Follow-up to the March 21, 2023, Government Performance and Financial Management Committee Meeting**

During the March 21 Government Performance and Financial Management (GPFM) committee meeting, Council Members asked questions about the monthly Budget Accountability Report (BAR), specifically about Auto Pound vehicle sales, and Teen Late Recreation Late Night programming. Additionally, the committee requested follow-up information regarding overtime usage for specific departments. As requested, please see response below.

1. Dallas Auto Pound (Forecast and Volume Data)

The FY 2022-23 Auto Auction Sales budget is \$5.3 million (of the total \$7.9 million Miscellaneous Budget), and the FY 2022-23 year-end forecast is \$6.5 million. Auto auction sale revenue reflects sales from the City of Dallas Auto Pound less the 15 percent handling fee. In FY 2021-22, the city auctioned 7,549 vehicles with an average sales price of \$1,490 per vehicle. The FY 2022-23 year-end forecast reflects 5,100 vehicles auctioned (compared to 7,549 vehicles auctioned in FY 2021-22 and 8,350 vehicles auctioned in FY 2020-21), and an average sales price of \$1,490 per vehicle less the 15 percent handling fee. The FY 2022-23 year-end forecast assumes the current financial structure through June 2023 and does not include anticipated changes from the new contract. The new Auto Pound Management Contract is anticipated to go live in the third quarter of FY 2022-23.

2. Teen Recreation Programming (Locations and Monthly Data)

Currently the Teen Recreation (TRec) Late Night program is held from 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm on the first Friday of each month at nine recreation centers. Each center provides a variety of program activities and games for the teens to enjoy each session. The program goal is to host 65 teen participants each session, however Park and Recreation (PKR) has shifted gears away from offering the program every Friday night because the excitement about the program has faded. In addition to reducing the frequency of the Teen Late Night program, PKR has focused on providing more programmatic opportunities for teens to participate in throughout the week at all recreation centers.

TRec sites have experienced an average of 24 participants at each site, the average age of participants is 14.75 years of age, and the male to female ratios are heavily in favor of males. Participation varies due to transportation to and from the center (especially after dark), other extracurricular activities of potential participants, and burn-out from attending the same program. Last year, the program experienced a slight increase in participation due to daylight savings time, and PKR anticipates the same attendance experience happening again this year. PKR changed locations of centers with reported low attendance and participation and introduced the program in new centers and experienced better success.

Current List of TRec Night Sites:

- Fretz
- Jaycee Zaragoza
- Juanita J. Craft
- Lake Highlands North
- Nash Davis
- Martin Weiss
- Pleasant Oaks
- Singing Hills
- Timberglen

Below is the monthly attendance, capacity, and participation rate of program sites:

	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
Attendance	127	183	198	221	215
Capacity	455	585	585	715	585
Participation Rate	28%	31%	34%	31%	37%

3. Overtime Usage (Approved Positions, Current Headcount, and Overtime Usage Memorandum)

The Approved Positions, Current Headcount, and Overtime Usage memorandum included non-uniform overtime hours as of the February 21 payroll and the uniform overtime hours as of the February 14 payroll. The summaries below provide a brief explanation of overtime usage by requested department.

- Dallas Fire Department
 Uniform overtime hours are primarily due to higher than anticipated attrition requiring backfill to meet minimum staffing standards, and paramedic training.
- Dallas Police Department
 Uniform overtime hours are due in part to elevated attrition in the prior fiscal year, consistent demand for police services (P1 call volume), focused support for 911, the speeding/racing initiative, as well as increased response/deployment to hot spots.

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- Office of Community Care

Overtime in the Office of Community Care is due to the reissuance of benefits for the expanded fruit and vegetable cash value benefits for the Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC). As part of its pandemic response, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Services authorized a temporary increase cash value for WIC fruit and vegetable benefits. From the onset, this program has been authorized at the federal level for three months at a time and announced extensions tended to take place late during each three-month period. For WIC clients to receive the extended benefits, they were required to return to WIC to have the increased amount added to their already issued benefits card. This has the effect of, in some months, close to tripling the benefits issuance workload when staff would have to issue both advanced traditional benefits and reissue expanded benefits for those previously served. This process, though not the most efficient, was necessitated due to the short-term nature of each extension of the expanded fruit and vegetable cash value benefits. Due to this influx, the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) authorized local WIC agencies to use overtime and incentives to enable agencies to ensure they could keep up with these processing demands. HHSC strongly encouraged the use of overtime or other payment mechanisms to ensure adequate staffing for reissuing benefits, without impacting core operations. Additional funding was provided by HHSC to Dallas WIC to cover these overtime costs for WIC employees through March 31, 2023, up to 100 percent of current salary costs for WIC employees. The most recent extension was announced January 6, 2023, announcing the program would continue through at least September 30, 2023. This advanced announcement will enable agencies, like Dallas WIC, to issue the increased benefits in conjunction with regular advanced benefits issuance and will substantially reduce the agencies' need to rely on overtime for processing these expanded benefits.

- Public Works

Overtime usage is due to weather related emergency response and service requests (SRs) response, reduced staff due to delays in hiring, as well as implementation of street and alley Program and IMP projects, traffic control for special events (this expense is reimbursed), late concrete or asphalt deliveries, construction inspections requested by contractors (this expense is reimbursed), maintenance on major bridges, and weekend emergency SRs and citizens' complaints. In the Street Operations division, the crews that work large street and alley program projects are the same crews that respond to service request, weather related emergencies, and provide traffic control for special events. Additionally, work in this division is affected by weather, downed equipment, supply chain shortages for materials such as concrete, steel, parts, and fleet replacement. Federal changes to commercial driver's license (CDL) requirements for entry level drivers impact this division as well. Currently employees taking CDL classes are unavailable to work on production teams until the weekends and off

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days. PBW has also added inspection on Saturdays and holidays to address the concerns received by residents.

- Dallas Water Utilities

Dallas Water Utilities (DWU) is a regional provider of water, wastewater, and stormwater services and the ninth largest provider in the country of these services. DWU utilizes overtime for planned work, scheduled work that is reimbursed by third parties for expedited project delivery, inclement weather (i.e. rain, snow/ice, electrical outages, etc.), and backfill due to holidays, vacancies, etc. Overtime is used to maintain critical infrastructure, provide safe drinking water, and ensure customers continually have water, wastewater, and stormwater services 24/7/365.

Emergency events account for approximately 75 percent of the department's overtime. This is used for staff responding to emergencies such as: main breaks, water or wastewater service interruptions, water distribution burst pipes, fire protection, damaged appurtenances, service calls, weather related events that require staff to perform field operations (i.e. rain, snow/ice, electrical interruptions, etc.), continuous operation of water, wastewater and stormwater plants/stations.

The remaining 25 percent of the department's overtime is used for backfilling for critical operations (i.e., vacancies, holidays, vacations, sick leave), programs with a reimbursement for overtime by others (i.e. construction inspection to expedite public and private projects), and positions with built in overtime to maintain 24/7 operations (i.e. plant operations and emergency response schedules for 12 hour shifts).

The department continues to work with Civil Service and Human Resources to fill positions throughout the department. Since October 2022 through March 2023, DWU has filled approximately 167 positions. Positions that have been filled and continue to be advertised include front line employees (i.e. CDL related positions, meter reading technicians, laborers, equipment operators), skilled trades (i.e. electronic technicians, electricians, welders, mechanics), specialized skilled trades (i.e. water and wastewater plant operators, inspectors, chemists), and professional positions (i.e. billing specialists, supervisors, engineers, GIS related, other technology positions). We continue to work with both departments to fill positions to address our vacancy rates.

- Equipment & Fleet Management

Overtime is primarily used to accelerate the timeliness of repairs to maintain or enhance fleet availability for customer departments. Overtime is also utilized to backfill for; training, holiday coverage, or any other staff leave so the impact to production is mitigated. Seasonal and peak demand overtime is also necessary during summer, inclement weather prep and support, and any other unplanned event requiring increased fleet availability.

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If you have any questions, please contact Janette Weedon, Director of Budget & Management Services.



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SUBJECT **Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Zoning Regulation Updates**

On April 12, 2023, City Council will consider the following agenda item:

DCA223-001: A public hearing to receive comments regarding consideration of amending Chapters 51 and 51A of the Development Code, Sections 51-4.212(13), "Service Station," 51-4.217(b)(18), "Accessory electric vehicle charging station," 51A-4.210(a)(19), "Motor vehicle fueling station," and 51A-4.217(b)(1.1), "Accessory electric vehicle charging station," and related sections with consideration to be given to appropriate zoning districts and developing appropriate standards associated with electric vehicle charging and an ordinance granting the amendments.

Background

On August 8, 2022, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 28737 which amended the Dallas Development Code to add regulations for electric vehicle (EV) charging, established that the use will be classified as "motor vehicle fueling station," and allowed EV charging to occupy 10 percent or less of a parking lot as an accessory use, which allows charging facilities to be installed without being classified as the motor vehicle fueling station use.

In Fall 2022, Development Services presented to the Building Inspection Advisory Examining and Appeals Board (BIAEA) proposed amendments to the Dallas Building Code (Chapter 53) and the Dallas One- and Two-Family Dwelling Code (Chapter 57).

- One of the proposed amendments from Development Services includes a requirement for all new construction to install EV infrastructure that would often exceed the maximum 10 percent limitation in the Dallas Development Code to be considered an accessory use.
- If EV charging exceeds the threshold to be considered accessory (10% of the required parking), it would be considered a main use, "motor vehicle fueling station use" (AKA gas station), which is prohibited in many zoning districts.

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If the Development Services amendments are adopted without an amendment to the Dallas Development Code, new construction would be required to go through the zoning change process in districts where gas stations are prohibited. For example, if a new multifamily project in a multifamily zoning district installs more than 10 percent of its parking spaces with EV charging equipment, as required by the proposed Development Services amendments, a zoning change to a district that allows gas stations would be necessary.

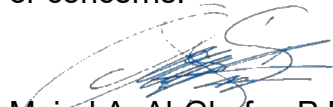
On January 5, 2023, CPC voted to recommend approval of the proposed Development Code amendments to City Council.

Planning and Urban Design Update Highlights

The proposed amendments to the Development Code include:

- Redefining when EV charging is an accessory or main use. EV charging would be considered an accessory use when it is provided on a lot with another main use, regardless of percentage. EV charging would be a “motor vehicle fueling station” (AKA gas station) main use if it is the only use on a lot.
- Allowing structures and equipment associated with EV charging that do not exceed six feet in height where an off-street parking space is allowed.
- Updating terminology to be consistent with the Development Services proposed amendment terminology.

Please contact Andreea Udrea, Assistant Director of the Department of Planning and Urban Design, at (214) 671-8911 or andreea.udrea@dallas.gov if you have any questions or concerns.



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SUBJECT **Office of Homeless Solutions – Unit Challenge Update**

The following memorandum is to provide an update on the Unit Challenge issued in December of 2022. The Unit Challenge called on property owners and managers to help us continue making progress in providing affordable housing to program participants and across a diverse set of housing options throughout the Metroplex, with the overall goal of a more collaborative system of accessible units. Below is a summary of this Challenge and how policymakers can get involved through the sharing of this information with your networks.

Results of Landlord Push and Engagement

In December of 2022, Housing Forward launched a campaign for housing units, with a goal of securing 250 units by February 28th as part of the effort to close one of the City's largest encampments. This goal was quickly exceeded through a combination of coordinating a systemwide unit strategy and continuing to be of value to landlord partners. Landlords are reporting that they are joining this effort because it is a win-win. They are benefiting from guaranteed rent, a single point of contact for support needs, and a streamlined lease up process. They have also hosted information sessions where landlords can learn more about the program, hear from peers who are participating in the program, and ask follow-up questions.

Since mid-December when the challenge began:

- 421 units have been acquired on behalf of the system.
- Over 180+ landlords and property owners are partnering

To date, over 180 landlords have joined the challenge and housed over 1,823 individuals through the Dallas R.E.A.L Time Rapid Rehousing (DRTRR) Initiative. The Initiative is on track to accelerate housing placements with new funding coming into the system via the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) unsheltered \$22.8 M award and the expansion of our encampment closure efforts.

Background Summary

Thirty-five percent (35%) more individuals have been housed than were two years ago, yet a continued barrier to progress as a system is finding available units that will accept housing vouchers and/or subsidies, to move our neighbors into. Texas is one of two states where landlords and property owners can choose not to accept a voucher or subsidy, which is not considered discrimination in the state.

Housing Forward has added a Landlord Engagement team within their organization that has dedicated staff members to work with landlords and property owners to bring more units into the system. Housing Forward has found that the relationships the Landlord Engagement professionals build from the beginning of the process are critical to ensuring the properties feel supported, with a dedicated liaison they can reach out to when anything comes up, which is key to a successful partnership.

Our neighbors who need more support are provided housing opportunities with robust wrap-around services through case management that helps promote stability and wellbeing. In addition to the Housing Forward Landlord Engagement team having ongoing relationships with partner landlords as an added layer of support, there are also specific benefits and incentives for landlords that join the rehousing effort which helps to eliminate financial risks and promotes wellbeing and stability, by improving the rental experience for both landlords and low-income households:

- Guaranteed rent for the duration of the lease (12 months, 18 months, or ongoing for some neighbors where appropriate)
- Wrap around services to ensure tenants are supported to fulfil their lease obligations
- Single point of contact for Landlords' support needs
- Streamlined lease up process and reduced admin / paperwork
- Liaison with the housing authority or other payers
- \$1,000 landlord incentive per signed lease
- All application and pet fees paid

To continue making progress on ending homelessness, the All Neighbors Coalition is calling on more properties to join us to diversify housing options across Dallas and Collin Counties.

Join Housing Forward [for an online information session](#) to learn how you can welcome tenants into your community and the financial incentives available.

Share this memo and the attached tool kit with your networks and landlords to join the challenge!

We thank you for your continued support in providing housing and stability to our unsheltered neighbors, should you have any questions please reach out to me or the Director of the Office of Homeless Solutions, Christine Crossley at Christine.Crossley@dallas.gov.

Service First,



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Let's Bring Our Neighbors Home Unit Push Media Kit

Suggested Language:

The Let's Bring Our Neighbors Home campaign is a community wide effort to make more housing units available for our vulnerable neighbors. We have the resources and ability to ensure everyone in our community has a safe, stable place to call home, but more available housing units are needed.

A comprehensive incentive package is now available for landlords and property owners who will join us in providing safe homes for community members. Participating landlords will receive guaranteed rental income for 12+ months, \$1000 sign on bonus for each unit leased, and on-call support from a landlord liaison. Participating households are receiving supportive services with the sole focus of fostering long-term housing stability.

Join me and the many nonprofits working to serve our unhoused neighbors and together we can bring our neighbors' home. Interested landlords should sign up here to receive more information or join Housing Forward for an online information session on December 13th at 3pm.

Main Talking Points:

- Let's Bring Our Neighbors Home is calling on landlords and property owners to make more housing units available for our vulnerable neighbors who need safe, stable housing
- In exchange, landlords will receive
 - Guaranteed rent for 12+ months
 - \$1,000 per signed lease
 - On call support from landlord liaisons and case managers with the sole focus of fostering positive landlord and tenant relations and long-term housing stability
- Interested landlords should [sign up here to](#) receive more information or join Housing Forward for an [online information session](#) on December 13th at 3pm.

Please DO use Hashtags on your posts to help with exposure:

→ #EndHomelessness #LetsBringOurNeighborsHome #HousingForward
#CallingAllLandlords

Please DO Tag Housing Forward on your posts.

→ Twitter: @HousingNTX

→ Facebook: @HousingForwardNTX

→ Instagram: @HousingForwardNTX

→ LinkedIn: @HousingForwardNTX

[Unit Push Graphics](#)

Here's some suggested copy to use to make it easy:

Twitter suggested copy: @HousingNTX is looking for housing units immediately available across Dallas & Collin Counties. Our programs include guaranteed rental income for 12+ months & \$1,000 incentive for each signed lease.

<https://mdhadallas.jotform.com/223335113786152> #BringNeighborsHome

Facebook suggested copy: Calling ALL Landlords and Property Owners to join us in providing safe homes for vulnerable neighbors in our community.

@HousingForwardNTX wants to support each of you with guaranteed rental income for 12+ months and \$1,000 incentive for each signed lease. Our program will pay market rent

reliably. Participating households come with wrap-around supportive services or case manager with the sole focus of fostering positive landlord and tenant relations and long-term housing stability. Let's bring our neighbors home together.

Register your interest in joining our Let's Bring Our Neighbors Home campaign!

<https://mdhadallas.jotform.com/223335113786152>

OR

Join Housing Forward for an online information session on December 13th at 3pm to learn how you can welcome tenants into your community and the financial incentives available.

https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMlcuqhrz8jGtRRfrQwNjUbigcZ6UfJud3Z?fbclid=IwAR3cVc9I_XU01JQG6LEb8CVwKg7dJ-F-PgUytRVP1NWibleq_-txTq6HTiM

#EndHomelessness #BringOurNeighborsHome #HousingForward #LandlordEngagement

Instagram suggested copy:

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CITY OF DALLAS

DATE April 3, 2023

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Landscape Equipment Transition (LET) Implementation**

The Office of Environmental Quality & Sustainability (OEQS) briefed the Environmental Commission (EVC) on March 8th, 2023, and the Environment & Sustainability Committee (ENVS) on March 6th, 2023, respectively, providing status updates on the plan for landscape equipment transition (LET) implementation. OEQS will provide monthly status updates on program implementation. The following provides a summary of steps taken over the previous month towards advancing this City Council goal:

Technical Support Contract:

Contract with Modern Geosciences continues for technical support services including but not limited to; research of other communities' implementation, including related codes and ordinances; creation of the community survey; and development of the detailed internal and external transition plans. A draft plan is scheduled for review in April. Staff continue to meet with the technical consultant on a bi-weekly basis to coordinate efforts towards this project. Residential and Commercial Surveys were created and are in circulation and distribution. Surveys were distributed at budget town halls and the North Texas Climate Symposium.

Stakeholder Engagement Efforts:

Staff have continued internal and external stakeholder meetings.

- Internal: OEQS continues to hold bi-monthly meetings with City departments that use landscape equipment to attain feedback on meeting City transition goals. Departments are working towards their conversion goals. Vendor demonstrations and talks on battery lifespans have been held.
- External: OEQS continues to engage members of the public, including homeowners, landscape companies, landscape associations, and the Dallas Independent School District (DISD). While working City Events, staff has distributed surveys of equipment use to gauge awareness and inventory.
- The technical consultant has developed a community survey and has been deployed for community feedback on the program. This survey has been provided to the public in several different ways, including through the OEQS media campaign, other departments (e.g., DWU Bill inserts), Council and EVC newsletters, libraries and community centers, and other entities.

Physical Equipment Inventory:

Staff developed and distributed a template for use by departments when identifying equipment inventory. These were compiled into a comprehensive inventory of the City's current equipment. Inventory has been compiled into a centralized list and each department is working towards the 2023 incremental goal for transition.

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Program Media Campaign:

OEQS has implemented the LET media campaign with multi-lingual outreach and continued engagement to reach affected business and residents.

Regulatory Engagement:

Given the regions' current severe non-attainment status related to ozone, City staff have held related conversations with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (March 10th) and the North Central Texas Council of Governments (March 24th) to discuss coordination of efforts towards a LET Plan.

Should you have any questions, please reach out to Carlos Evans, Director, Office of Environmental Quality & Sustainability at 469-617-1925 or carlos.evans@dallas.gov.



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Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE April 3, 2023

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **88th Texas Legislature – Legislation relating to Environment and Sustainability**

On October 26, 2022, the Dallas City Council adopted the 88th Texas Session Legislative Program (Resolution 22-1637), the legislative priorities include supporting legislation that focuses on resource sustainability, conservation, climate change, and environmental equity to build a more resilient city.

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the Environment and Sustainability Committee with a high-level overview of proposed state legislation that may have an impact on the City. This list includes bill updates through Wednesday, March 29, 2023. Prior bill summaries that have been briefed to the committee via memorandum can be found [here](#).

Environment-related bills include, but are not limited to the following:

H.B. 642 (Reynolds) – Environmental Justice: would establish a Texas Environmental Justice Advisory Council to work in correlation with the TC

H.J.R. 27 (Craddick) – Grow Texas Fund: would amend the Texas Constitution to, among other things: (1) create the Grow Texas Fund (Fund) within the state treasury; (2) authorize the legislature to appropriate money from the Fund for use in areas of the state from which oil and gas are produced and then only to address infrastructure needs in areas of the state determined by the legislature to be significantly affected by oil and gas production; and (3) authorize the grant of money from the Fund to state agencies and other political subdivisions for an authorized purpose.

S.B. 254 (Eckhardt) – Gas Tax: would increase the rate of the state gasoline tax and diesel fuel tax from 20 to 40 cents per gallon.

H.B. 1158 (Darby) – Clean Energy Projects: would: (1) remove the requirement that an application for a permit for an advanced clean energy project under the Clean Air Act had to be received by the commission before January 1, 2020; (2) add to the list of programs that may be considered for a new technology implementation grant: (a) the installation of a system to reduce or eliminate carbon dioxide emissions; and (b) projects that utilize technology to capture, use, reuse, store, or sequester carbon dioxide emissions for the principal purpose of preventing carbon dioxide from entering the atmosphere and are constructed integral or adjacent to a petrochemical plant or an electric generation facility, including a facility powered by coal, natural gas, hydrogen, or ammonia; and (3) exempt from the sales tax components of tangible personal property used in connection with the capture, use, reuse, storage, or sequestration of carbon dioxide emissions for the

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principal purpose of preventing carbon dioxide from entering the atmosphere. **Left Pending in committee on March 27, 2023.**

- Companion: [S.B. 2243](#) (Johnson)

[H.B. 26](#) (Ordaz Perez) – Medical Waste Facilities: would require applicants for a facility to store, process, or dispose of medical waste to provide notice of the application to state, county, city, and tribal government officials. **Heard in committee on March 30, 2023.**

- Companion: [S.B. 173](#) (Blanco)

[H.B. 441](#) (Lopez) – Administrative Penalties: would require the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to notify state representatives and senators where the violation for which the penalty is being assessed occurred.

[S.B. 471](#) (Springer) – Complaint Fees: Would impose fees on citizens who file more than 3 complaints before TCEQ in a calendar year, charging them a fee for filing any additional complaints. **Left pending in committee on March 13, 2023.**

Concrete Plant & Related Environmental Permitting Bills:

[H.B. 344](#) (Jarvis Johnson) – Notification: states that if a proposed permanent concrete batch plant is located in a municipality over 1.9 million population, all residents located within 440 yards of the site must be notified in writing by mail within a specified period of time after the application is filed (75 days) or technically completed (30 days), whichever is earlier.

[H.B. 2391](#) (S. Thompson) – Hearing Request: would provide for a municipality to request a hearing on a concrete batch plant along with those persons who permanently reside within 440 yards of the proposed facility.

- Companion: [S.B. 0705](#) (Miles)

[H.B. 2905](#) (Goodwin) – Criteria for Permitting: would include the consideration of cumulative impacts regarding a concrete batch plant permit. The bill also establishes new criteria regarding notice, monitoring, noise, etc. surrounding an application.

[H.B. 137](#) (Thompson) – Concrete Plants: would place restrictions on and create requirements for notification regarding issuance of air quality permits for large cities and counties.

[H.B. 124](#) (Jarvis Johnson) – Concrete Plants: would limit the state law under which the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality may issue an air quality permit for a concrete plant located in an area of a city not subject to zoning regulations and require that such a plant comply with certain notice and hearing requirements.

[H.B. 94](#) (Jarvis Johnson) – Concrete Plant: would provide that, in determining whether to approve an application for a standard permit for a concrete batch plant, the executive

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director of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality must base the decision, in part, on a consideration of the potential harm to local property values and the location of the facility relative to homes, schools, churches, parks, and other community assets.

H.B. 372 (Jarvis Johnson) – Concrete Plants: would extend the distance within which a concrete plant or crushing facility must be from a single- or multi-family residence, school, or place of worship from 440 yards to 880 yards.

H.B. 406 (Collier) – Concrete Plants: would provide that a representative of a school, place of worship, licensed day-care center, hospital, or medical facility or a person residing within 880 yards of a proposed concrete plant may request a public hearing from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality regarding the construction of a concrete plant. HB 407 is a duplicate bill, same author.

H.B. 758 (Walle) – Concrete Plants: would provide that the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) must allow the filing of a request for a contested case hearing on an authorization to use a standard permit for a concrete plant that performs wet batching, dry batching, or central mixing at any time during the public comment period on the authorization, including during any extension of the public comment period for public meetings.

- **Companion:** **S.B. 817 (Alvarado)**

H.B. 759 (Walle) – Concrete Plants: would provide that a person may file with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) a motion to overturn as described by TCEQ rule to challenge an executive director’s final decision on an authorization to use a standard permit for certain concrete plants.

H.B. 926 (Dutton) – Concrete Plant Permitting: would provide that a representative of a school, place of worship, licensed day-care center, hospital, medical facility, or a person residing within 440 yards of a proposed wet batching, dry batching, or central mixing concrete plant may request a public hearing prior to the construction or permitting of the concrete plant.

- **Companion:** **S.B. 131 (Campbell)**

S.B. 131 (Campbell) – Concrete Plant Permitting: would provide that a representative of a school, place of worship, licensed day-care center, hospital, medical facility, or a person residing in a permanent residence within 440 yards of a proposed wet batching, dry batching, or central mixing concrete plant may request a public hearing prior to the construction or permitting of the concrete plant.

H.B. 1505 (Bell) – TCEQ Sunset Bill with Concrete Considerations: would create additional mandates for TCEQ concrete plant permits, public meetings for permit applications, and electronic postings of permit applications. Creates an enforcement diversion program for small businesses and local governments. **Heard in committee on March 23, 2023.**

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- Companion: [S.B. 1397](#) (Schwertner) **Heard in committee on March 29, 2023.**

Climate Bills:

[H.B. 846](#) (Reynolds) – **Climate Change Study**: would establish a Climate Impact Council to study the impact of climate change on Texas residents.

[H.B. 57](#) (Zwiener) – **Climate Change Reporting**: would require the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to prepare a report on the potential impact of climate change in the state every four years, which would include, among other things, information regarding the impact of climate change on the economy, infrastructure, surface water and groundwater, and state and local finances.

[H.B. 2211](#) (Landgraf) – **Greenhouse Gasses**: would disallow cities from creating an ordinance that directly regulates greenhouse gas emissions. **Heard in committee on March 30, 2023.**

- Companion: [S.B. 784](#) (Birdwell) **Left pending in committee on March 22, 2023.**

[S.B. 179](#) (Miles) – **Emissions Permitting**: would mandate TCEQ to consider the cumulative effects of contaminant emissions when determining whether and under which conditions a preconstruction permit should be renewed.

[H.B. 2374](#) (Landgraf) – **Restricting a Fuel Source**: would disallow cities from creating an ordinance or regulation that limits access to an energy source. This includes a wholesaler, retailer, energy producer, or even a service station. A city may not adopt an ordinance or regulation that restricts the use, sale, or lease of an engine based on a fuel source. **Passed out of committee on March 27, 2023.**

- Companion: [S.B. 1017](#) (Birdwell) **Vote taken in committee on March 28, 2023.**

[S.B. 1114](#) (Hancock) – **Restricting a Fuel Source**: would disallow cities from passing an ordinance or regulation that restricts the use of a fuel source to aid in the reduction of greenhouse gases or conservation of natural resources. This includes entering into a contract that would directly or indirectly the use or sale of a product otherwise permitted by law. **Left Pending in committee on March 22, 2023.**

Urban Agriculture Bill + Solar / Wind (Local Control) Bills:

[H.B. 92](#) (Landgraf) – **Residential Food Production**: would, among other things, (1) prohibit a municipality and a property owners' association from adopting or enforcing an ordinance or restrictive covenant that prohibits any of the following activities on a residence homestead property: (a) the growing of fruits and vegetables; (b) the raising or keeping of: (i) six or fewer domestic fowl; or (ii) six or fewer adult rabbits; or (c) installing for on-site use: (i) a solar or wind- powered energy device; (ii) an underground shelter; (iii) rain barrels or a rainwater harvesting system; or (iv) a standby electric generator; (2) allow a municipality and a property owners' association to impose: (a) reasonable

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regulations on the growing of fruits and vegetables on a residence homestead that do not have the effect of prohibiting growing those plants, including a requirement that the growing area be maintained in good condition if visible from the street or adjoining property and for the trimming or removal of a tree for the maintenance of a utility easement; and (b) reasonable regulations on the raising and keeping of rabbits and fowl on a residence homestead to control odor, noise, safety, or sanitary conditions that do not have the effect of prohibiting the raising or keeping of these animals, including: (i) limitations on the number of animals that is more than the minimum number allowed by this law or a total combined number of eight fowl and rabbits; (ii) a prohibition on raising or keeping of a rooster; (iii) defining the minimum distance between an animal shelter and a residential structure; (iv) requiring fencing or shelter sufficient to contain the animals; (v) defining the minimum requirements for combined housing and outdoor space as provided by this law; (vi) adopting requirements to address sanitary conditions to prevent offensive odors or pests; or (vii) requiring that the animals be kept in the side or rear yard; and (3) provide that an adopted ordinance or restrictive covenant that violates this law is void. Enabling legislation for HJR 9. **Passed out of committee on March 22, 2023.**

H.B. 692 (Rogers) – Land Applications: would mandate the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to issue an authorization by rule for land application of dairy waste and to allow the disposal of dairy waste from a concentrated animal feeding operation into a control or retention facility. **Heard in committee on March 30, 2023.**

- Companion: **S.B. 872 (Springer)**

S.B. 1453 (Hinojosa) – Energy Savings Performance Contracts: would amend definitions of the government code regarding energy savings performance contracts; relating to the authority of a local government to enter into energy savings performance contracts.

Wildland-Urban Interface Bills:

H.B. 260 (Murr) – Appraisal of Open Space Land: would require the chief appraiser to take into consideration the effect that the presence of a disease or pest, or the designation of an area as a wildlife or livestock disease or pest area, has on the net income from the land when calculating net to land of open-space land located in or adjacent to an area designated as a wildlife or livestock disease or pest area. **Passed out of committee on March 16, 2023.**

Waste:

H.B. 1503 (M. Gonzalez) – Scrap Tires: would create a scrap tire remediation grant program for the elimination of unsightly scrap tires for both inland and along coastal areas and public rights-of-ways. **Heard in committee on March 30, 2023.**

S.B. 519 (Zaffirini) – Landfill Expansion: would prevent the permitting or expansion of a landfill in a flood hazard area with only a few exceptions and caveats.

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Disaster Related Bills:

H.B. 588 (Raymond) – Statewide Disaster Alarm System: would, among other things, provide that the Texas Division of Emergency Management with the cooperation of the office of the governor and appropriate state agencies shall develop and implement a statewide alert system to active in the event of a disaster affecting any location in Texas.

- **Companion:** **S.B. 1589 (Creighton)**

S.B. 310 (Hall) – Public Health Directives: would provide that: (1) during a state of disaster declared by the governor, if the governor issues a public health directive as the governor determines necessary to address the disaster, the directive must not be more stringent than any public health directive for undocumented immigrants issued by United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement; and (2) if the Department of State Health Services or a health authority issues a public health directive as the department or health authority determines necessary to address an outbreak of a communicable disease or public health disaster, the directive may not be more stringent than any public health directive for undocumented immigrants issued by United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

H.B. 107 (Schaefer) – Violations of Emergency Management Plan: would repeal provisions of the Texas Disaster Act, which provide that a state, local, or interjurisdictional emergency management plan may: (1) provide that failure to comply with the plan or with a rule, order, or ordinance adopted under the plan is an offense; and (2) prescribe a punishment for the offense but may not prescribe a fine that exceeds \$1,000 or confinement in jail for a term that exceeds 180 days.

H.B. 119 (Schaefer) – Judicial Review of Disaster Orders: would provide: (1) a person has standing to file suit in a Texas court to challenge a provision of an order issued by: (a) the governor or the presiding officer of the governing body of a political subdivision, including a city, that relates to a declared state of disaster if the provision in the order is alleged to cause injury to the person or burden a right of the person that is protected by the federal constitution or by a state or federal law; and (b) by the governor, the Health and Human Services Commissioner, the Department of State Health Services, or a health authority that relates to a declared public health disaster or is imposed as a control measure to prevent the spread of a communicable disease if the provision in the order is alleged to cause injury to the person or burden a right of the person that is protected by the state or federal constitution or by a state or federal law; and (2) the issuer of the order described in (1), above, has the burden of proving that the challenged provision in the order: (a) mitigates a threat to the public caused by the disaster or communicable disease, as applicable; and (b) is the least restrictive means of mitigating the threat.

H.B. 448 (Schofield) – Disaster Order Compensation Damages: would provide, among other things, that: (1) a business owner is entitled to compensation from a governmental entity, including a city, for losses caused to the owner’s business by an order, ordinance, or other regulation by a governmental entity, including an executive or local order issued during a declared state of disaster that: (a) closes a business

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permanently or temporarily; or (b) effectively closes a business by: (i) limiting the business's operations to the extent that the business owner cannot effectively maintain the business; or (ii) ordering customers not to patronize the business; (2) a business owner is not entitled to compensation under (1), above, if the governmental entity can demonstrate that the primary reason for the governmental action was: (a) a judicial finding that the business: (i) was a nuisance under the law; or (ii) violated other law; or (b) a finding that the business or owner failed to: (i) acquire or maintain a license required by the governmental entity for the business; (ii) file or maintain records required by the secretary of state; or (iii) pay taxes; and (3) sovereign and governmental immunity to suit and from liability is waived and abolished to the extent of liability under (1), above.

H.B. 558 (Raymond) – Executive Orders: would provide that an executive order, proclamation, or regulation issued by the governor during a declared state of disaster that restricts the operation of or the hours of operation for a business that sells alcoholic beverages may not include a federal tax-exempt organization that benefits veterans of the United States armed forces.

H.B. 860 (Gates) – Emergency Repairs to Residential Buildings: provides, among other things that: (1) a city shall allow an owner of a damaged residential building to immediately begin to repair to the building if: (a) the owner applies for an emergency permit; and (b) the repairs are necessary to protect public safety, prevent further damage to the building, or protect the overall structural integrity of the building; (2) an owner of a residential building may apply for an emergency permit to conduct repairs by filing an application not later than the third business day after the later of the date the repairs commence or the date the city is able to accept the application; (3) the governor may not exempt a city from (1), above, by an executive order related to a declared disaster; (4) an owner of a residential building who is prohibited from conducting repairs by a city in violation of (1), above, may bring an action against the city for damages, including litigation costs and reasonable attorney's fees; and (5) governmental immunity to suit and from liability is waived.

H.B. 911 (Harrison) – Disaster Orders: would, among other things, provide that: (1) a state or local official may issue recommendations and nonbinding guidelines to assist with a state of disaster and may coordinate public and private resources to prevent or respond to the disaster; (2) notwithstanding any other law, an order issued by the governor or a state or local official that regulates or infringes on the rights of any private person must be: (a) narrowly tailored to serve a compelling public health or safety purpose; and (b) limited in duration, applicability, and scope to reduce any infringement on individual liberty; (3) district and appellate courts have jurisdiction to hear cases challenging a state or local disaster order and shall expedite hearings for the cases; (4) a court may invalidate or enjoin a disaster order or the application of a disaster order that is not narrowly tailored to serve a compelling public health or safety purpose because of the order's inequality in application to or impact on groups, situations, or circumstances; (5) only the governor may issue an order that infringes on a protected constitutional right in a non-trivial manner, including but not limited to: (a) the rights to travel, work, assemble, and speak; (b) the freedom of religious exercise; (c) the right to contract without state interference; (d)

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property rights; (e) the freedom from unreasonable searches and seizures; and (f) the freedom to purchase lawfully acquired firearms and ammunition; (6) an order in (5), above, expires on the 30th day after the date the governor issues the order unless the governor or legislature terminates the order on an earlier date or the legislature extends the order on or before the expiration date; and (7) the governor may only suspend state agency orders and rules (not statutory requirements) during a state of disaster.

H.B. 1023 (Harrison) – Disaster Declarations: would provide that during a federally declared public health emergency, a clinical laboratory is considered a state agency for purposes of regulation by the United States Food and Drug Administration when the laboratory is performing a laboratory developed test on a pathogen or agent that is the basis for the emergency declaration.

H.B. 1078 (Martinez) – Disaster Identification System: would, among other things, provide that: (1) the Texas Division of Emergency Management may include in its state emergency plan provisions for the use of a disaster identification system; (2) in an area subject to a state of disaster declaration, a person may elect to participate in a disaster identification system activated for that area; (3) the disaster identification system shall authorize the use of a device that is capable of displaying a flashing light and continuous light in either the color white or the colors blue, green, red, and yellow to communicate with disaster relief personnel; and (4) an executive order or proclamation declaring a state of disaster activates for the area subject to the declaration the disaster identification system described above.

S.B. 97 (Johnson) – Emergency Executive Orders: would provide that: (1) the governor shall limit an executive order, proclamation, or regulation that is issued, amended, or rescinded to address only the specific conditions or requirements of the disaster that is the subject of the executive order, proclamation, or regulation under a state of disaster; and (2) not later than Monday of each week during a declared disaster, the governor and the Texas Department of Emergency Management (TDEM) shall publish on the governor's website and TDEM's disaster web portal a list of all executive orders, proclamations, and regulations issued by the governor during the previous seven-day period in chronological order.

S.B. 98 (Johnson) – Disaster Declaration: would, among other things, provide that if the Texas legislature is convened in a regular or special session during a state of disaster, only the legislature by law may renew the state of disaster, and not the governor.

S.B. 99 (Johnson) – Disaster Declaration: would, among other things: (1) require the legislature to appoint a joint disaster oversight committee; and (2) provide that if the governor determines a state of disaster requires renewal for more than 90 days from the date of the initial disaster declaration, the governor may renew the state of disaster only if: (a) the joint disaster oversight committee conducts a public hearing on renewal of the state of disaster; (b) the legislature convened in a regular or special session approves the renewal by a law that states the maximum number of days the state of disaster may

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continue following renewal; and (c) the governor’s renewal of the state of disaster expires not later than the date set by the legislature under (b), above.

S.B. 100 (Johnson) – Disaster Declaration: would eliminate the governor’s responsibility as commander in chief of state agencies, boards, and commissions having emergency responsibilities during the recovery period following a state of disaster.

- **Companion:** **H.B. 3935 (Turner)**

S.B. 306 (Hall) – Quarantine Measures: would, among other things, provide that: (1) before ordering an individual or a group of individuals to implement control measures that involve isolation or quarantine, a health authority must: (a) provide notice of the control measures to the individual or group of individuals; and (b) provide to the individual or group of individuals an opportunity to demonstrate that implementing the control measures is unnecessary; (2) a health authority may not order an individual or a group of individuals to implement control measures described by (1), above, for a period that exceeds five days unless the health authority obtains from a district court of the county in which the individual or group of individuals resides, is located, or is receiving court-ordered health services a court order authorizing the health authority to order the individual or group of individuals to implement the control measures; and (3) in ordering an individual or group of individuals to implement control measures described by (1), above, a health authority to the greatest extent possible must: (a) use the least restrictive means available; (b) allow an individual to isolate or quarantine with other individuals subject to the same court order under (2), above; (c) if the individual subject to the control measure is a minor, allow the individual to isolate or quarantine with the individual’s parent, legal guardian, or managing conservator; and (d) allow an individual to isolate or quarantine in the individual’s home or with another family member or a friend.

S.B. 307 (Hall) – Federally Declared Public Health Emergencies: would provide that: (1) a city or its employees may not enforce or provide assistance to a federal agency or official with respect to enforcing a federal statute, order, rule, or regulation that: (a) is enacted or issued in response to a federally declared public health emergency; and (b) imposes a prohibition, restriction, or other regulation that does not exist under state law; (2) a city is ineligible to receive state money from the general revenue fund or a grant program if it through consistent actions or a contract adopts a rule, order, ordinance, or policy under which the city enforces or assists with the enforcement of a federal statute, order, rule or regulation described in (1), above; (3) an individual residing in the city may file a complaint with the attorney general if the individual offers evidence to support an allegation in (1), above; (4) if the attorney general determines that a complaint filed under (3), above, is valid, the attorney general may file a petition for a writ of mandamus or apply for other equitable relief (including court costs, reasonable attorney’s fees, investigative costs, witness fees, and deposition costs) in a district court in Travis County or in a county in which the city is located; (5) an appeal of an action brought under (4), above, shall be accelerated and an appellate court shall render its final order or judgment with the least possible delay; and (6) the attorney general shall defend a city in an action by the federal government for an act or omission consistent with this law.

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Gas-Powered Appliance Bills:

S.B. 104 (Johnson) – Gas Powered Appliance Funding: would create a small non road engine purchase incentive program under the Texas Emissions Reduction Plan.

H.B. 743 (Dean) – Gas Powered Appliance Regulation: would provide, among other things, that a city may not adopt or enforce a regulation that prohibits or restricts, directly or indirectly, the use of an appliance, system, or component that is fueled by natural gas or propane in the construction, renovation, maintenance, or alteration of a residential or commercial building.

- Companion: **S.B. 783** (Birdwell)

H.B. 744 (Dean) – Gasoline Powered Tool Regulation: would provide that a city may not adopt or enforce a regulation that prohibits or restricts the use or sale of gasoline-powered landscaping equipment.

- Companion: **H.B. 764** (Cain)

H.B. 744 (Dean) – Gasoline Powered Tool Regulation: would provide that a city may not adopt or enforce a regulation that prohibits or restricts the use or sale of gasoline-powered landscaping equipment.

- Companion: **H.B. 764** (Cain)

Power/Electrical Grid Bills:

H.B. 2502 (Reynolds) – Energy Efficiency: would allow for the creation of a fund administered by SECO to issue loans for energy audits, upgrades or retrofits, etc. for commercial and residential buildings to make them more energy efficient.

H.B. 2263 (Darby) – Energy Conservation: would give the Texas Railroad Commission exclusive jurisdiction over any energy conservation program and would disallow preventing a customer from participating in such a program based on the type of energy used. **Heard in committee on March 27, 2023.**

- Companion: **S.B. 1050** (Hughes)

H.B. 1146 (Reynolds) – ERCOT Grid: would, among other things, provide that, so long as the interconnection does not pose a significant and imminent risk to public health and safety, a transmission and distribution utility, municipally owned utility, or electric cooperative that transmits or distributes power purchased at wholesale in the ERCOT power region, may construct, own, and operate facilities as necessary to: (1) access transmission service from outside of the ERCOT power region; and (2) purchase power at wholesale from outside of the ERCOT power region.

- Companions: **H.B. 3177** (Rosenthal), **S.B. 31** (Zaffirini)

S.B. 31 (Zaffirini) – Electricity: would, among other things, provide that: (1) a transmission and distribution utility, municipally owned utility, or electric cooperative that

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transmits or distributes power purchased at wholesale in the ERCOT power region may construct, own, and operate facilities as necessary to: (a) access transmission service from outside the ERCOT power region; and (b) purchase power at wholesale from outside the ERCOT power region; and (2) unless otherwise provided by federal law, the Public Utility Commission (PUC) shall require ERCOT to approve the interconnection of a facility in (1), above, unless the PUC or ERCOT determines that the interconnection poses a significant and imminent risk to public health and safety.

H.B. 973 (Zwiener) – Critical Infrastructure: would, among other things: (1) create a critical infrastructure resiliency fund that may be used by the Texas Division of Emergency Management to make a grant to an eligible entity; (2) establish the electric grid improvement account as an account within the critical infrastructure resiliency fund that may be used to make grants to municipally owned electric utilities, among others, for projects related to hardening and weatherizing the electric grid; (3) establish the hospital infrastructure resiliency account within the critical infrastructure resiliency fund that may be used to make grants to a city-owned hospital, among others, for projects relating to the purchase of reserve power supply that is reliable during an extreme weather event; and (4) authorize the use of funding under the water loan assistance fund for projects to harden and weatherize water and wastewater systems in the state.

S.B. 114 (Menendez) – Electricity: would, among other things: (1) provide that a retail electric customer is entitled to: (a) participate in demand response programs through retail electric providers and demand response providers; and (b) receive notice from the retail electric provider that serves the customer: (i) when the independent organization for the ERCOT power region issues an emergency energy alert about low operating reserves to providers of generation in the power region; or (ii) of planned outages and the length of time the outages are expected to last; and (2) require the Public Utility Commission to adopt rules that require each retail electric provider in the ERCOT power region to create a residential demand response program to reduce the average total residential load by at least: (a) one percent of peak summer and winter demand by December 31, 2024; (b) two percent of peak summer and winter demand by December 31, 2025; (c) three percent of peak summer and winter demand by December 31, 2026; and (d) five percent of peak summer and winter demand by December 31, 2027.

S.B. 488 (Springer) – Electric generator tax: would impose a tax on each electric generator in Texas that generates electricity using an energy source other than natural gas.

- **Companion: H.B. 4955 (Leo-Wilson)**

S.B. 330 (Hall) – Electric Grid Resilience: would, among other things: (1) prohibit a city from enacting or enforcing an ordinance or other measure that bans, limits, or otherwise regulates inside the boundaries of the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the city a micro-grid that is certified by the Texas Grid Security Commission; and (2) require the Texas Grid Security Commission to establish resilience standards for cities. **Heard in committee on March 28, 2023.**

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- Companion: [H.B. 1412](#) (Schaefer)

Transportation & EV-Related Bills:

[H.B. 2214](#) (Johnson) – Electric Vehicle Funding: would increase funds allocated from the Texas Emissions Reduction Plan for battery storage related to renewables and clean fleets while decreasing the allocation of funds toward natural gas vehicles. **Heard in committee on March 30, 2023.**

[H.B. 2236](#) (Schaefer) – Electric Vehicle Funding: would prohibit TxDOT from using any federal or state funds to implement the Texas Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Plan.

[H.B. 108](#) (Cortez) – Classroom Teachers Park Free: would: (1) require the Texas Department of Transportation to issue specialty license plates to: (a) classroom teachers with at least 15 years of service teaching public school students; and (b) retired classroom teachers with at least 20 years of service teaching public school students; and (2) prohibit a governmental authority from collecting a parking fee through a parking meter for a vehicle displaying these licensees.

[H.B. 167](#) (Cortez) – Red Light Cameras: would provide that photographic traffic signal enforcement contracts, including those executed before May 17, 2019, are void.

- Companion: [S.B. 446](#) (Menendez), [H.B. 177](#) (Cortez)

[H.B. 366](#) (Bell) – High Speed Rail Bond: would provide that before a private entity begins operation of new high-speed rail service the entity must file a bond in an amount sufficient to restore real property used for the service to its original condition if the service ceases operation.

[H.B. 805](#) (Toth) – High Occupancy Vehicle Lanes: would provide that regardless of the number of occupants in a motor vehicle, an operator of a motor vehicle is entitled to use any high occupancy vehicle lane for the purpose of passing another vehicle that is being operated at a speed that is less than the posted speed limit for the roadway if the operator enters and exits the high occupancy vehicle lane at designated entry and exit points.

[H.B. 820](#) (King) – Additional Hybrid Vehicle Registration Fee: provides that applicants for registration or renewal of registration for a hybrid or electric vehicle shall pay an additional fee of \$200 if the vehicle is an electric vehicle and \$100 if the vehicle is a hybrid vehicle with 90% of the fees to be deposited into the state highway fund and 10% to be deposited into a new electric vehicle battery disposal account administered by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

[H.B. 960](#) (Jetton) – Electric Vehicle Registration Fee: would provide that at the time of application for registration or renewal of registration of an electric vehicle, the applicant shall pay an additional \$100 road maintenance fee, which must be deposited to the credit of the state highway fund.

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H.B. 1156 (Rogers) – Surplus Traffic Safety Equipment: would provide, among other things, that the Texas Department of Transportation and Texas Department of Public Safety may directly donate or sell at a discounted rate surplus traffic and roadwork safety equipment to Texas cities. **Heard in committee on March 22, 2023.**

S.B. 41 (Zaffirini) – Cell Phone Ban: would provide: (1) that a vehicle operator commits an offense if the operator uses a portable wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle, unless the vehicle is stopped outside a lane of travel; and (2) for an affirmative defense (except for a person under 18 years of age or by a person operating a school bus with a minor passenger on the bus) for the use of a portable wireless communications device: (a) in conjunction with a hands-free device; (b) to contact emergency services; or (c) that was mounted in or on the vehicle solely to continuously record or broadcast video inside or outside of the vehicle.

- Companion: **H.B. 3155 (Harris)**

S.B. 254 (Eckhardt) - Gas Tax: would increase the rate of the state gasoline tax and diesel fuel tax from 20 to 40 cents per gallon.

H.B. 820 (King) – Additional Hybrid Vehicle Registration Fee: provides that applicants for registration or renewal of registration for a hybrid or electric vehicle shall pay an additional fee of \$200 if the vehicle is an electric vehicle and \$100 if the vehicle is a hybrid vehicle with 90% of the fees to be deposited into the state highway fund and 10% to be deposited into a new electric vehicle battery disposal account administered by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

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H.B. 2191 (Canales) – Electrification Statewide: would establish a Texas Transportation Electrification Council that would prepare an assessment of existing and planned electric vehicle infrastructure and its associated technologies in the state. This is comprehensive plan that looks at all facets of EV infrastructure, both urban and rural, including policies, mapping, and the installation surrounding EV infrastructure.

S.B. 1001 (Schwertner) – EV Charging Vendors: would establish a framework for the licensing of EV charging and supply equipment. **Voted out of the Senate on March 29, 2023.**

- Companion: **H.B. 3343 (K. King)**

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Water Related Bills:

H.B. 40 (Zwiener) – Property Tax Exemption: would exempt property taxes the portion of appraised value of a person’s property that is attributable to the installation in or on the property of a rainwater harvesting or graywater system. Enabling legislation for HJR 25.

H.J.R. 25 (Zwiener) – Property Tax Exemption: would amend the Texas Constitution to authorize the legislature to exempt from property taxation the portion of the appraised value of a person’s property that is attributable to the installation in or on the property of a rainwater harvesting or graywater system. Enabling legislation is HB 40.

H.B. 640 (Julie Johnson) – Street Maintenance Sales Tax: would, among other things, provide that: (1) for a city in which a majority of the voters voting in each of the last two consecutive elections concerning the adoption or reauthorization of the street maintenance sales tax favored adoption or reauthorization and in which the tax has not expired since the first of those two consecutive elections, the city may call an election to reauthorize the tax for a period of eight or ten years, instead of four years; and (2) revenue from the street maintenance sales tax may be used to maintain and repair: (a) a city street or sidewalk; and (b) a city water, wastewater, or stormwater system located in the width of a way of a city street. **Heard in committee on March 27, 2023.**

- Companion: **S.B. 612 (Johnson)** **Voted out of committee on March 28, 2023.**

H.B. 583 (Raymond) – Drinking Water Report: would require the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to produce an annual report on public drinking water supply systems in Texas and deliver the report to the legislature not later than September 1 of each year.

- Companion: **S.B. 382 (Zaffirini)**

H.B. 585 (Raymond) – Water Treatment Facilities Reporting: would: (1) require the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to create a plan to protect water treatment facilities from: (a) electrical outages; (b) catastrophic weather events; (c) terrorist attacks; (d) the projected effects of climate change; and (e) other potential disruptions to providing water service; and (2) require TCEQ to submit the plan to the governor and the legislature by September 1, 2024.

H.B. 874 (Bowers) – Water Rights: would provide that a water right is not cancelled for nonuse if the nonuse resulted from an executed temporary or permanent forbearance agreement that: (1) promotes restoration, preservation, or enhancement of instream flows; (2) was entered into by the holder of the permit, certified filing, or certificate of adjudication; and (3) was filed with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality not later than the 180th day after the date the agreement was executed.

- Companion: **S.B. 894 (Zaffirini)**

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S.B. 40 (Zaffirini) – Water Utilities: would require the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to develop and implement an alert system that must include the ability to provide notifications through electronic instant messaging to be activated in the event of a boil water notice and any related information, including any rescission or expiration of the boil water notice.

S.B. 53 (Zaffirini) – Texas Water Development Board Financing: would provide that: (1) a political subdivision may use financial assistance from the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) to pay for the installation, maintenance, operation, and fueling of a backup power generator for a facility of a public water supply and sanitary sewer system; (2) assistance under the bill shall only be provided to political subdivisions that demonstrate an inability to pay for the installation, maintenance, operation, and fueling of a backup power generator described by (1), above, in accordance with TWDB rules; (3) if the TWDB determines that a political subdivision to which assistance has been provided under (1), above, is ineligible to receive the assistance, the TWDB may seek reimbursement from the political subdivision; and (4) the TWDB shall adopt rules to implement the bill.

S.B. 223 (Campbell) – Wastewater Permitting: would require the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to hold at least one public meeting on an application for an initial permit for a wastewater treatment facility in the county in which the facility is proposed to be located.

S.B. 382 (Zaffirini) – Drinking Water Report: would require the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to produce an annual report on public drinking water supply systems in Texas and deliver the report to the legislature not later than September 1 of each year.

- **Companion:** **H.B. 583 (Raymond)**

S.B. 469 (Springer) – Water Infrastructure: would: (1) for purposes of the Texas Water Assistance Program and other funding initiatives by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB), define “rural political subdivision” as: (a) a nonprofit water supply or sewer service corporation, district, or municipality that has a service area with a population of 10,000 or less no part of which is located in an urban area as defined by the United States Bureau of the Census or otherwise qualifies for funding from a federal agency; or (b) a county in which no urban area has a population of more than 50,000; and (2) provide that the TWDB may direct the comptroller to transfer amounts from the financial assistance account to the rural water assistance fund to provide financial assistance to rural political subdivisions for the purpose of providing low-interest loans for water or water-related projects.

Local Regulation of Commercial Activity:

S.B. 149 (Springer) – Restricting Commercial Activity: would disallow a city to adopt or enforce an ordinance that imposes a restriction, regulation, or condition on commercial

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activity. This would apply to the proposed gas-powered landscape equipment and concrete batch plant ordinance of Dallas and perhaps other commercial activity affected by climate plan measures. **Left pending in committee on March 14, 2023.**

S.B. 814 (Creighton) – Restricting Commercial Activity: is a preemption bill that would allow a taxpayer to take action against a municipality or county if adversely affected by an ordinance or regulation. Specific state administrative codes applicable to this bill include agriculture, finance, insurance, labor, occupational, and the natural resource code. A claimant is entitled to declaratory and injunctive relief plus attorney fees. Again, this could apply to the gas-powered landscape ordinance of Dallas, perhaps the concrete ordinance, and more.

- **Companion: H.B. 2127 (Burrows) **Left pending in committee March 15, 2023.****

Should you have any questions, please contact me or Clifford Sparks, State Legislative Director, at Clifford.Sparks@dallas.gov.

Sincerely,



Carrie Rogers
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Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

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TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **City License Applications**

Attached is a list of the most recent Dance Hall, Sexual Oriented Business, Billiard Hall, and/or Amusement Center license applications received for the week of March 20, 2023 – March 24, 2023 by the Tactical and Special Operations Bureau Licensing Squad of the Dallas Police Department.

Please have your staff contact Sergeant Corey Barnes, at (214) 470-6805 and/or by email at corey.barnes@dallaspolice.gov should you need further information.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jon Fortune".

Jon Fortune
Deputy City Manager
[Attachment]

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WEEKLY APPLICATION LOG REPORT

DISTRICT	NAME OF BUSINESS	STREET ADDRESS	TYPE OF LICENSE	DATE OF APPLICATION	STATUS (RENEWAL/NEW)	APPLICANT NAME
D6	Bucks Wild	11327 Reeder Road	DH	3/20/2023	Renewal	Curtis B. Wise
D6	Bucks Wild	11327 Reeder Road	LH	3/20/2023	Renewal	Curtis B. Wise

License Definitions

- DH - Class "A" Dance Hall - Dancing Permitted Three Days or more a Week*
- DH - Class "B" Dance Hall - Dancing Permitted Less Than Three Days a Week*
- DH - Class "C" Dance Hall - Dancing Scheduled One Day At A Time*
- DH - Class "E" Dance Hall - Dancing Permitted Seven Days A Week for Persons Age 14 through Age 18 Only*
- LH - Late Hours Permit - Can Operate A Dance Hall Until 4:00*
- BH - Billiard Hall - Billiards Are Played*
- SOB - Sexually Oriented Business - Adult Arcade / Adult Book/Video Store / Adult Cabaret / Adult Adult Theater / Escort Agency / Nude Model Studio*
- AC - Amusement Center*

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TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Taking Care of Business – March 30, 2023**

In this week's issue of Taking Care of Business are the following topics:

New Information

- Small Business Center B2B Connect Meeting with the Minority Design Professionals
- FreshStart Employment Program Weekly Pre-Screening
- Budget Services 2023 National Community Development Week and Community Tour

Weekly Updates

- Convention and Event Services Weekly Event Report
- Office of Procurement Services New Opportunities
- Office of Homeless Solutions Update
 - Street Outreach Update
 - H.A.R.T/eam Update
- Media Inquiries

NEW INFORMATION

Small Business Center B2B Connect Meeting with the Minority Design Professionals

The Small Business Center B2B Connect meeting with Minority Design Professionals Council (MDPC) connects members with City of Dallas Departments. At the event, there will be round table sessions, in which members can meet individually in a group setting with staff from City Departments. This is the first series of the B2B Connect meetings which will occur monthly. The City Departments that will be featured are Dallas Water Utilities, Public Works, Transportation, and Aviation. Should you have any questions, please contact Jesse Saldana, Program Administrator for/of the Small Business Center, at Jesse.Saldana@dallas.gov.

FreshStart Employment Program weekly pre-screening

On-site applicant pre-screening to determine eligibility for the FreshStart Employment Program and employment with the City of Dallas is being conducted every Tuesday from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM at the West Dallas Multipurpose Center, 2828 Fish Trap Rd. Dallas, TX 75212. Also, FreshStart Employment Program is hosting a Hiring Event on Thursday, April 6, 2023, from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM at J. Erik Jonsson Central Library 6th floor, 1515 Young St. Dallas, TX 75201.

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Should you have any questions, please contact Marcus Stewart, Reentry Workforce Coordinator for the Small Business Center at marcus.stewart@dallas.gov or freshstartemployment@dallas.gov.

2023 National Community Development Week and Community Tour

The City of Dallas along with the Community Development Commission (CDC) will celebrate the annual National Community Development (NCD) Week during the week of April 10-14, 2023. The main objective of NCD Week is to educate and inform elected officials and residents on the importance of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, its impact on the community, and the need for increased program funding. This is a great opportunity for our community leaders and representatives to learn firsthand how funding has impacted Dallas residents.

Multiple activities are planned throughout the week starting on Monday, April 10, 2023, with a press release to kick off the week. Below is the schedule for the remainder of the week. Please let us know if you or a representative from your office who wishes to attend.

- Monday, April 10 – Department Informational Tables/City Hall Lobby event: 10:00 am -2:00 pm
- Tuesday, April 11 – CDC onsite visit to Oak Empowered Inc. (400 S. Zang Blvd., Dallas, TX 75208): 10:00 am
- Wednesday, April 12 – Proclamation read at City Council meeting
- Thursday, April 13 – Open House at La Maison (AIDS Services of Dallas property, new 16-unit HOWPA housing project at 511 N. Lancaster Avenue) at 2:00 pm
- Friday, April 14 – Social Media Blast
- Saturday, April 15 – CDC Annual Community Tour of selected projects: 8:30 am - 2:00 pm

During the community tour, the CDC will visit U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funded CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA projects. This year's tour will include visits to the Galbraith Multifamily Housing development, 2400 Bryan Street (downtown Dallas); Austin Street Center for Community Engagement, 1717 Jeffries St., Dallas, TX 75226; Services of Hope Walk-thru Food Pantry Program, 1137 Conveyor Lane, Dallas, TX 75247; and the Catholic Charities – Marillac Community Center, 2843 Lapsley St., Dallas, TX 75212. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Chan Williams, Assistant Director in the Budget, and Management Services.

WEEKLY UPDATES

Convention and Event Services Weekly Event Report

Each week, Convention and Event Services will provide a report featuring two weeks of upcoming events that are either coordinated with the Office of Special Events or hosted at the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center Dallas. The report highlights the dates, location, and Council District for each event, and is attached for your convenience. Should

you have any questions or concerns, please contact Rosa Fleming, Director of Convention and Event Services at rosa.fleming@dallas.gov.

Office of Procurement Services New Opportunities

The Office of Procurement Services (OPS) is excited to announce the following new contract opportunities. More information can be found on the City’s [electronic bid portal](#):

Opportunity No.	Opportunity Name
CIZ23-PBW-3006	Street Reconstruction Group 17-6004
BG23-00021810	Auto Glass and Tinting
BIZ23-00021717	School Crossing Guard Program
BQ23-00021524	Rental and Maintenance of Portable Toilets
BW23-00021775	Outdoor Warning System Maintenance & Service

We are also pleased to share the latest, [Procurement Quarterly](#) listing citywide opportunities for the current quarter (of the fiscal year) and published on the OPS [website](#). The City of Dallas Office of Procurement Services will host in-person and virtual meetings to engage business and non-profit vendors with technical assistance regarding "Doing Business with the City of Dallas". For more information about the City of Dallas Office of Procurement Services or to schedule an appointment, please contact Denita Lacking-Quinn, at Denita.quinn@dallas.gov or call 214.670.5542.

Please be advised that once an opportunity is advertised, it is considered an open procurement until the City Council awards the contract. The Code of Ethics prohibits communication between councilmembers and vendors/ suppliers on open procurements. Should you have any questions, please contact Danielle Thompson, Director of Procurement Services at Danielle.thompson@dallas.gov.

Office of Homeless Solutions Updates
OHS Street Outreach Update

The Dallas Real Time Rapid Rehousing (D.R.T.R.R.) team of homeless service providers, co-led by the Office of Homeless Solutions (OHS) and Housing Forward, is currently targeting several encampments, which will result in closure through the housing of those unsheltered individuals throughout the year. The team will outreach to these sites and meet with various persons experiencing homelessness to assess their needs in preparation for site closure via housing. During this time, the OHS Street Outreach Team will continue to engage with unsheltered residents through normal street outreach, connecting people with the needed resources, such as: getting IDs, working with Community Courts on expunging eligible tickets and offenses from their records, identifying medical needs, and getting them access to the Coordinated Access System (CAS). The DRTRR Community Dashboard is live and may be found [here](#).

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Please see the attached schedule for homeless encampment cleaning the week of March 27 through March 31, 2023. Please note that these will be for debris removal and outreach only. All encampment cleaning requests are being resolved as time and weather allows. We appreciate everyone's patience.

OHS continues to urge people who see an encampment to report it via 311 or 311's OurDallas smartphone app to ensure strategic alignment with comprehensive OHS outreach. The OHS Service Request dashboard can be utilized to track the progress of encampment resolution efforts. Please visit the [dashboard](#) and feel free to share this tool with residents. If you have any questions please reach out to Christine Crossley, Director of the Office of Homeless Solutions, at Christine.Crossley@dallas.gov.

Departmental and Community Outreach

Outreach began conducting educational visits to various City departments, businesses, apartment complexes, and communities to educate them on the processes for the H.A.R.T/eam and OHS Street Outreach on February 15, 2023. To request a visit to your department or for any community requests please reach out to Outreach Manager, Lisa Rand, at Lisa.Rand@dallas.gov.

H.A.R.T/eam Update

The Homeless Action Response Team (H.A.R.T/eam) is led by the Office of Homeless Solutions (OHS) and encompasses four teams comprised of a core team of the following: Crisis Intervention Team (CIT), Dallas Animal Services (DAS), Dallas Marshals, and Code Compliance (Code). This team is supplemented by Parks and Recreation, Dallas Fire & Rescue, and Public Works as needed. The purpose of H.A.R.T/eam. is to provide a quick response to immediate safety concerns around homeless encampments and hot spots. To report a critical issue regarding an encampment or panhandling, please submit a service request to 311 or the OurDallas smartphone app. For any questions or concerns please reach out to H.A.R.T/eam Supervisor, LaTonya Bias at LaTonya.Bias@dallas.gov. The teams are assigned and respond to time-sensitive, critical issues received via 311 and/or via email which are defined as:

- Issues raised by City Leadership and members of City Council requests
- Issues presenting an immediate safety concern (the presence of firearms, uncontrolled fires, reports of threatening behavior)
- Any issues which would derail the normal street outreach service resolution process
- Panhandling

Please see the attached overview for the H.A.R.T/eam's outreach services for the week of March 20 through March 26, 2023, and the encampment resolution schedule for March 27 through April 2, 2023.

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Media Inquiries

As of March 27, 2023 the Communications, Outreach, and Marketing (COM) Department has received various media inquiries available to view [here](#). Should you have any questions please contact Catherine Cuellar, Director of Communications, Outreach and Marketing at catherine.cuellar@dallas.gov.

The following storylines reference the major media inquiries addressed by Dallas Fire-Rescue (DFR) during the period dating from March 21st – 27th. A more detailed account of the department's responses to those inquiries, and others, can be viewed at [this link](#). Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Fire Chief, Dominique Artis, at dominique.artis@dallasfire.gov.

- One Shot Outside Thomas Jefferson High School
- DFR Responds to Sudden Spike in Suspected Overdose Calls
- Opioid Response Team Highlighted by NBC 5
- One Dead in South Dallas Accident
- DFR Trainees Impacted by COVID-19 Mandate

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Genesis D. Gavino, Chief of Staff.



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