

Memorandum



City of Dallas

DATE August 3, 2023
TO The Honorable Eric Johnson
FROM Councilmember Chad West
SUBJECT **Request for Placement of Agenda Item – Councilmember(s)**

ITEM/ISSUE PROPOSED FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

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

A resolution requesting the City of Dallas recognize the 15th of September as Park(ing) Day and a request for the City Manager to begin planning and implementing actions to reduce parking in the city and provide briefings on the status of parking reduction and the elimination of minimum parking requirements in the city.

BRIEF BACKGROUND:

Park(ing) Day is a globally recognized event occurring around the third Friday of September focused on promoting community engagement. On Park(ing) Day, the community creates mini parks, booths for selling goods, and other art/entertainment related activities to repurpose public parking spots. Throughout the years, Park(ing) Day events have been held in the City of Dallas, alongside other cities in Texas and globally.

Park(ing) Day is based on the New Urbanism idea of human-scaled urban designs, neighborhoods with community connection and the conservation of our natural environments. New Urbanism encourages civic maintenance of neighborhoods by revitalizing the communities' pride and ability to care about the environment and all public spaces within the neighborhood.

Under Section 42A-1, the city may facilitate temporary activities, including special events which benefit the city, "stimulate economic growth, and provide a vibrant, active community for all citizens."

Submitted for consideration by:

Chad West, District 1
Printed Name, District #


Signature

Supporting Councilmember Signatures (4 Signatures Only):

Adam Bazaldua, District 7
Printed Name, District #


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Gay Donnell Willis, District 13
Printed Name, District #


Signature

Jaime Resendez, District 5
Printed Name, District #


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Jaynie Schultz, District 11
Printed Name, District #


Signature

Attachment: Draft Resolution

- c: Honorable Council Members
T.C. Broadnax, City Manager
Tammy L. Palomino, City Attorney (I)
Mark S. Swann, City Auditor
Biliera Johnson, City Secretary
Maddy Madrazo, Chief of Policy and Communications, Office of the Mayor

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WHEREAS, New Urbanism focuses on planning and development on human-scaled urban design; and

WHEREAS, New Urbanism promotes the reconfiguration of sprawling suburban areas into neighborhoods with community connection, and the conservation of the natural environments; and

WHEREAS, Park(ing) Day is a globally recognized day where public parking spaces are repurposed into parks, art exhibits, and other forms of entertainment to focus on social interaction, and civic engagement through individual creativity and generosity; and

WHEREAS, Park(ing) Day events have previously been held in the City of Dallas, along with other cities, such as, Houston and Fort Worth; and

WHEREAS, Dallas City Code Section 42A-1 authorizes the city to facilitate temporary special events to benefit the city, stimulate economic growth, and provide a “vibrant, active community for all citizens”; and

WHEREAS, Planning and Urban Design has been working on amending Chapter 51A, Dallas Development Code, to eliminate minimum parking requirements.

Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DALLAS:

SECTION 1. That the City of Dallas officially recognizes September 15th each year as Park(ing) Day to promote community engagement, and land use that is safer, greener, and more equitable for the community.

SECTION 2. That the City Manager is directed to immediately begin planning and implementing actions to reduce required parking in the City of Dallas to promote the ideas of repurposing parking spots into better uses for the community.

SECTION 3. That the City Manager is directed to provide a briefing to City Council during the month of September to provide a progress report on the reduction of parking and the elimination of the minimum parking requirements in the City of Dallas.

Each councilmember signing the five-person request to place an item on the agenda must review and confirm that they have read and agree with the draft resolution by dating, initialing, and placing their district number below.

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