

# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE June 3, 2024

TO Honorable Chair Stewart and Members of the Parks, Trails, and the Environment  
Committee

SUBJECT **Electronic Smoking Device Ordinance Update**

## **Background**

On May 10, 2023, the Environmental Health Committee of the Environmental Commission (Environmental Commission) recommended that the City restrict vaping in public spaces after identifying the negative health effects of vaping aerosol exposure. The American Lung Association, American Heart Association, World Health Organization, Center for Disease Control, and the U.S. Surgeon General warn that both direct inhalation and second-hand inhalation from vaping and e-cigarettes have health risks, particularly for vulnerable populations such as children and elderly individuals.

On November 6, 2023, the Environmental Commission and the Office of Environmental Quality and Sustainability (OEQS) briefed the Parks, Trails, and the Environment (PTE) Committee regarding the recommendation to update the definition of “Smoking” to include the use of an electronic smoking device (Item No. 23-2814). The Environmental Commission and OEQS briefed the PTE Committee again on March 4, 2024 device (Item No. [24-746]), where the Committee requested that OEQS and the Environmental Commission recommend and ordinance that includes the update to the “Smoking” definition and an update to signage requirements that includes electronic smoking devices.

## **Code Amendment Recommendation**

The Office of Environmental Quality and Sustainability, in partnership with the Environmental Commission, seeks to amend Chapter 41 of the Dallas City Code by updating the definition of “Smoking” to include the use of an electronic smoking device and updating signage requirements to include electronic smoking devices. Attached please find the recommended code amendments.

## **Next Steps**

OEQS and Environmental Commission plan to seek adoption of the recommended ordinance by the end of this fiscal year.

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