

September 13, 2023

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 authorized 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 of 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.

SECTION 4. That this resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the City of Dallas, and it is accordingly so resolved.