

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE June 24, 2022

TO Honorable Members of the Housing & Homelessness Solutions Committee: Casey Thomas (Chair), Jesse Moreno (Vice-Chair), Carolyn King Arnold, Paula Blackmon, Cara Mendelsohn, Paul Ridley, Jaynie Schultz

SUBJECT **Office of Homeless Solutions Porta-Potty and Handwashing Station Initiative Update**

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide an update on the Porta-Potty Initiative presented at the Housing and Homelessness Solutions Committee in February of 2022.

In February, OHS initiated the delivery of porta-potty units across seven, key sites, based on 311 data and Code Compliance requests for the City of Dallas. Post-installation of the initial units behind the Eric Johnson Central Library, the City-approved vendor advised they would no longer work with OHS due to security concerns, stemming from working with those experiencing homelessness. This caused further delay in procurement and placement of porta-potties in other locations.

OHS found that the cost of porta-potties had increased when securing another vendor so in order to stay within the originally quoted budget of \$4,000 for ninety (90) days, only 6 locations were utilized, with the location at Woodall Rodgers Freeway at North Field Street canceled due to the former encampment being successfully resolved through the DRTRR. All locations have ADA units, handwashing stations, and are serviced three times a week. In consideration of the delayed start date, the pilot phase has been extended to August 18, 2022. OHS will present pilot findings to the Dallas Area Partnership, Citizen Homelessness Commission, and Housing and Homelessness Solutions Committee by September 2022.

The following locations denote where the units and handwashing stations have been positioned:

- North Stemmons at Medical District, D6
- 1700 Chestnut Street, D7
- 2600 Hickory Street, D7
- 2600 Dawson Street, D7
- 270 Gould Street, D7
- Eric Johnson Central Library, D2

Should you have any questions or concerns please contact me.

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DATE June 27, 2022

SUBJECT **Office of Homeless Solutions Porta-Potty Initiative**

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