

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE August 10, 2026

Honorable Members of the Public Safety Committee
TO Cara Mendelsohn (Chair), Jesse Moreno (Vice Chair), Laura Cadena, Maxie Johnson,
Jaime Resendez, William Roth, Kathy Stewart

SUBJECT **August 12, 2026, City Council Agenda Item #3. 26-2374A Ordinance amending
Chapter 12B, "Convenience Stores," of the Dallas City Code**

AGENDA ITEM #3. 26-2374A

An ordinance amending Chapter 12B, "Convenience Stores," of the Dallas City Code by amending Sections 12B-2, 12B-14, 12B-18, and 12B-23; **(1)** providing a definition for a small box discount store; **(2)** amending surveillance camera system requirements; **(3)** amending store visibility requirements; **(4)** amending automatic teller machine requirements; **(5)** providing a saving clause; **(6)** providing a severability clause; and **(7)** providing an effective date - Financing: No cost consideration to the City

BACKGROUND

Convenience stores are highly used retail businesses with a primary emphasis on providing the public with convenient locations to quickly purchase a wide array of consumer products, such as basic food, household, tobacco products, and pharmaceutical items. As a result, these stores, and their consumers, are especially vulnerable to victimization- especially those stores that have large amounts of cash, low security, and few staff and customers likely to resist. The purpose of Chapter 12B is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City of Dallas by reducing the occurrence of crime, preventing the escalation of crime, and increasing the successful prosecution of crime that occurs in convenience stores in the City. To accomplish this purpose, Chapter 12B establishes a registration program for convenience stores and provides requirements relating to surveillance camera systems, video recording and storage systems, alarm systems, drop safes, security signs, height markers, store visibility, safety training programs, and trespass affidavit.

Should you have any questions, please contact Daniel Comeaux, Chief of Police Dallas Police Department at Daniel.Comeaux@dallaspolice.gov.

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Service First, Now!

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Dominique Artis
Chief of Public Safety

c: Kimberly Bizer Tolbert, City Manager
Bertram Vandenberg, City Attorney (I)
Mamatha Sparks, City Auditor (I)
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John Johnson, Chief of Real Estate
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