

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE April 23, 2026

TO Zarin Gracey, Chair, Committee on Quality of Life, Arts, and Culture

SUBJECT **Five-Signature Memorandum Referral**

Dear Chairman Gracey:

On April 3, 2026, I received the attached memorandum titled "Request for Placement of Agenda Item – Council Member(s)." Pursuant to Section 6.2 of the City Council Rules of Procedure, I hereby refer this request to the Committee on Quality of Life, Arts, and Culture.

Should you have any questions, please contact my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Johnson'.

Eric L. Johnson
Mayor

c: Laura Cadena, District 6
Adam Bazaldua, District 7
Paul Ridley, District 14
Bill Roth, District 11
Chad West, District 1
Gay Donnell Willis, District 13

Kim Tolbert, City Manager
Billerae Johnson, City Secretary
Tammy Palomino, City Attorney
Mark Swann, City Auditor

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DATE April 3, 2026
TO The Honorable Eric Johnson
FROM Councilmember Gay Donnell Willis
SUBJECT **Request for Placement of Agenda Item – Council Member(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:

An ordinance amending Chapter 42A, “Special Events; Neighborhood Markets; Dallas Farmers Market; Streetlight Pole Banners,” of the Dallas City Code by amending Section 42A-2; providing a revised definition of special event; providing a penalty not to exceed \$500; providing a saving clause; providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date.

BRIEF BACKGROUND:

The proposed code amendment seeks to expand the definition of "special event" to include “a temporary outdoor display or exhibition with a special condition that requires an emergency traffic regulation in accordance with Section 28-10.” This will fulfill the request of the Dallas Police Department for assistance with excessive traffic and crowd control and shift the cost burden for DPD officers required to manage traffic and crowd control away from the Dallas taxpayer.

Submitted for consideration by:

Gay Donnell Willis, District 13

Printed Name, District #

Signature

Supporting Council Member Signatures (4 Signatures Only):

Paul E. Ridley, District 14

Printed Name, District #

Signature

Chad West, District 1

Printed Name, District #

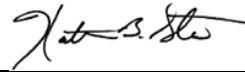
Signature

Paula Blackmon, District 9

Printed Name, District #

Signature

Kathy Stewart, District 10



Printed Name, District #

Signature

- c: Honorable Council Members
Kimberly Bizer Tolbert, City Manager
Ahmad Goree, Chief of Staff
Biliera Johnson, City Secretary

ORDINANCE NO. _____

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

SECTION 1. That Paragraph (22) of Section 42A-2, “Definitions,” of Article I, “General Provisions,” of Chapter 42A, “Special Events; Neighborhood Markets; Dallas Farmers Market Farmers Market; Streetlight Pole Banners,” of the Dallas City Code is amended to read as follows:

“(22) SPECIAL EVENT means:

(A) a temporary outdoor gathering, with an expected total attendance greater than 100, which involves one or more of the following on private or public property where otherwise prohibited by ordinance:

(i[A]) closing or restricting of a public street lane, alley, or sidewalk;

(ii[B]) restricting access to public property;

(iii[C]) sale of merchandise, food, alcohol, or other beverages where otherwise not permitted as a neighborhood market or by an annual Dallas Farmers Market farmers market permit;

(iv[D]) erection of a tent larger than 399 square feet in area or erection of multiple tents with a cumulative area of over 399 square feet;

(v[E]) installation of a temporary stage, bandshell, outdoor projection technology, trailer, van, grandstand, bleachers, or portable toilets for public use;

(vi[F]) use of city hall plaza;

(vii[G]) a run, walk, ride, or special event parade;

(viii[H]) placement of temporary no parking, directional, oversized, or identification signs or banners in connection with an event that are placed in or over a public right-of-way, or on private property where otherwise prohibited by ordinance; or

(ix[I]) clean zone enforcement; or

(B) a temporary outdoor display or exhibition with a special condition that requires an emergency traffic regulation in accordance with Section 28-10.”

SECTION 2. That a person violating a provision of this ordinance, upon conviction, is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.

SECTION 3. That Chapter 42A of the Dallas City Code shall remain in full force and effect, save and except as amended by this ordinance.

SECTION 4. That any act done or right vested or accrued, or any proceeding, suit, or prosecution had or commenced in any action before the amendment or repeal of any ordinance, or part thereof, shall not be affected or impaired by amendment or repeal of any ordinance, or part thereof, and shall be treated as still remaining in full force and effect for all intents and purposes as if the amended or repealed ordinance, or part thereof, had remained in force.

SECTION 5. That the terms and provisions of this ordinance are severable and are governed by Section 1-4 of Chapter 1 of the Dallas City Code, as amended.

SECTION 6. That this ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage and publication in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the City of Dallas, and it is accordingly so ordained.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

TAMMY L. PALOMINO, City Attorney

By _____
Assistant City Attorney

Passed _____

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

<u>4/3/26</u> DATE	<u>4/3/26</u> DATE	<u>4/3/26</u> DATE	<u>4/3/26</u> DATE	<u>4/3/26</u> DATE
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