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Sexually Oriented Business Ordinance Update

Public Safety Committee

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Presentation Overview



- This briefing provides an approval history on Sexually Oriented Businesses (SOBs)
- Investigative processes, and inter-agency partnerships supporting prevention efforts.
- Reduction of Violent Offenses.

Purpose



- Provide the Public Safety Committee with an overview of crime trends associated with Sexually Oriented Businesses.
- Explain how regulatory enforcement, inspections, and coordinated investigative efforts have contributed to reductions in violent crime at SOB locations.
- Present time-of-day and year-over-year data demonstrating decreased violent offenses, particularly during late-night operating hours.

SOB Late-hours Ordinance History

- **January 26, 2022: Approval**
The Dallas City Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 32125 to restrict operating hours for SOBs, citing public safety and crime data.
- **May 2022: Initial Injunction**
A federal district judge issued a preliminary injunction blocking the city from enforcing the curfew after SOB operators sued, alleging First Amendment violations.
- **October 12, 2023: Injunction Overturned**
The **U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals** reversed the lower court's decision, ruling that the city had sufficient evidence to link late-night operations due to spikes in violent crime.
- **November 30, 2023: Commencement of Enforcement**
Following the appellate ruling, the Dallas Police Department (DPD) officially began enforcing the 2 a.m. curfew.
- **March 18, 2024: Supreme Court Decline**
The **U.S. Supreme Court** declined to review the case, effectively upholding the 5th Circuit's ruling in favor of the city.
- **May 21, 2024: Second Injunction Denial**
A federal judge denied a new request for a preliminary injunction from a group of strip clubs that sought to remain open as "non-sexually oriented" businesses during curfew hours.
- **June 13, 2025: Final Summary Judgment**
The U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas granted **summary judgment** to the city, formally ruling that the ordinance does not violate the First Amendment.

SID Investigative Process

- Complaints, intelligence, and crime data are used to identify locations of concern.
- SID conducts preliminary reviews and targeted surveillance.
- Administrative inspections are performed to assess regulatory compliance.
- Criminal investigations are initiated when violations or criminal activity are identified.
- All findings are documented, tracked, and reviewed for follow up enforcement and compliance monitoring.

Collaborative Efforts for SOB Inspections

- Patrol Divisions
- Dallas Code Compliance
- Dallas Fire Marshals
- Licensing & Permits
- City Attorney's Office
- State & Federal Partners

SOB Violent Crime Exact Locations

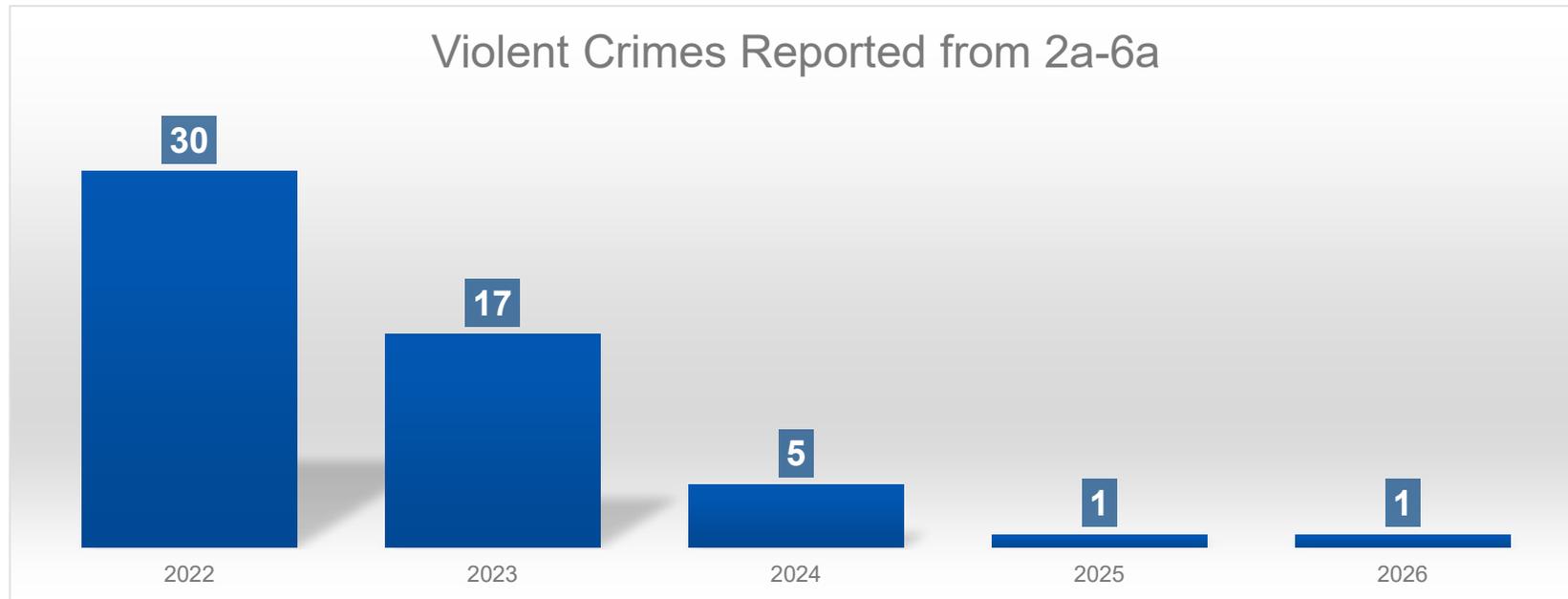
Violent Crime – 2022 to 2026 YTD Comparison

	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Total
10p-2a	9	17	12	9	0	47
2a-6a	30	17	5	1	1	54
6a-10a	2	3	1	0	0	6
10a-2p	2	4	1	1	0	8
2p-6p	3	0	0	2	1	6
6p-10p	4	3	3	2	1	13
Total	50	44	22	15	3	134

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