

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE September 14, 2022

Honorable Members of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee: Omar Narvaez (Chair), Tennell Atkins (Vice Chair), Adam Bazaldua, Cara Mendelsohn, Jesse Moreno, Jaynie Schultz, Gay Donnell Willis

SUBJECT **Proposed Changes to Chapter 30, Sec. 30-2(8) of the Dallas City Code**

This memorandum addresses proposed changes to the existing *Chapter 30, "Noise"* of the Dallas City Code. The Public Works Department plans to bring an agenda item for consideration in the early fall to amend *Chapter 30, Section 30-2, "Loud and Disturbing Noises and Vibrations Presumed Offensive"* of the Dallas City Code regarding limiting construction work on Sundays in the City of Dallas. Public Works and City Attorney staff worked together on the following proposed amendments in red that would prohibit all commercial construction activity near residential areas on Sunday and is ready for discussion by the committees of jurisdiction:

SEC. 30-2. LOUD AND DISTURBING NOISES AND VIBRATIONS PRESUMED OFFENSIVE.

The following loud and disturbing noises and vibrations are presumed to be offensive to the ordinary sensibilities of the inhabitants of the city:

(8) *Any construction activity related to the erection, excavation, demolition, alteration, or repair ~~of any building~~ on or adjacent to a residential use, as defined in the Dallas Development Code, other than between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, ~~and other than~~ between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Saturdays, and at any time on Sundays and legal holidays, except that the director of transportation may issue a written permit to exceed these hours in the case of urgent necessity in the interest of public safety or for other reasons determined by the director of transportation to be necessary for the public health, safety, or welfare. For purposes of this paragraph, "legal holidays" include New Year's Day (January 1), Memorial Day (observed date), Fourth of July (July 4), Labor Day (observed date), Thanksgiving Day (observed date), and Christmas Day (December 25).*

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