

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE November 6, 2020

TO Honorable Members of the Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee

SUBJECT Amendment to Dallas City Code, Section 28-42.1, "Cruising Prohibited in Designated Areas"

On November 11th, 2020, City Council will consider an amendment to the City Code Chapter 28-42.1 regarding cruising. The Dallas Police Department's Vice Unit has seen a major increase in vehicle and foot traffic in the Harry Hines Boulevard corridor. Between January and July 2020, there were 88 arrests made during Prostitution Decoy Operations, 100% of which have happened in the Harry Hines Boulevard corridor. Prostitution Decoy Operations target those individuals who drive to the area and solicit females for sex in exchange for money.

The City of Dallas currently relies on Chapter 28-42.1, "*Cruising Prohibited in Designated Areas*" to combat noise pollution, littering and excessive vehicle traffic. The Dallas Police Department's Vice Unit proposes to amend the existing City Code to include targeted streets in the Harry Hines Boulevard corridor. The enforcement hours for this amended section would be from 4:30 PM to 8:00 AM, seven days a week, which will be less burdensome to the local population and businesses in the area conducting legitimate business. The proposed amendment would include the streets listed below:

- Shady Trail from Willowbrook Road to Fabens Road
- Harry Hines Boulevard from Royal Lane to Lombardy Lane
- Walnut Hill Lane from Composite Drive to Harry Hines Boulevard
- Southwell Road from Ables Lane to Harry Hines Boulevard

Amending Dallas City Code Chapter 28-42.1 will be beneficial to businesses in the Harry Hines Boulevard corridor by reducing excessive vehicle traffic caused by those driving in the area for the purpose of prostitution. This reduction in traffic and solicitation activities will have the added benefit of reducing excessive vehicle noise and littering in those areas.

This proposed amendment to Chapter 28 will appear on the November 11th, 2020 Council agenda. Please contact Detective Dustin Hatch, #10169, at (214) 681-1783 if you have any questions about this item.

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