



## Legislation Text

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**DEPARTMENT:** Office of Strategic Partnerships & Government Affairs

**EXECUTIVE:** Kimberly Bizer Tolbert

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### **SUBJECT**

An ordinance by the City Council of the City of Dallas, Texas, approving Resolution No. 2020-03-065 adopted by the Dallas Fort Worth International Airport Board on March 5, 2020 for the purpose of amending Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 8 of the Code of Rules and Regulations of the Dallas Fort Worth International Airport Board, as shown in the attachment hereto - Financing: No cost consideration to the City

### **BACKGROUND**

The Dallas Fort Worth International Airport Board (the "Airport Board") is requesting that the City Councils of Dallas and Fort Worth approve many changes to the Dallas Fort Worth International Airport ("DFW Airport") Code of Rules and Regulations.

The Code, similar to a city's code or ordinances, regulates activities at DFW Airport that are not controlled by contracts or permits. Most of the changes are merely formatting changes, elimination of redundancies and repetitions of state law. However, there are four substantive policy changes that are described in the attached cover memo from DFW Airport.

**Chapter 2 Unpaid Parking Charges** - Occasionally, individuals refuse to pay for parking charges at DFW Airport, and DFW Airport cannot refuse them the right to leave. This chapter is amended to create a civil offense for those who fail to pay accrued parking charges. If an individual fails to pay, they will face a fine of \$58, plus their account balance. After three citations, DFW Airport will be allowed to boot or impound the vehicle. This will give DFW Airport the ability to penalize those who refuse to pay, similar to authority cities currently utilize for their facilities.

**Chapter 3 Unaccounted Badges** - The Federal Government oversees DFW Airport's Badging Program for security purposes. These badges are issued to employees and other personnel who are authorized to access DFW Airport facilities. When an individual no longer needs access, or is terminated from employment, they need to return their badge to DFW Airport. This change will create an offense for someone who fails to return their badge to DFW Airport. This will help DFW Airport

collect badges from those who no longer need them. If DFW Airport crosses a certain threshold of unaccounted badges, the Federal Government will require DFW Airport to rebadge the entire airport population.

Chapter 3 Permittee Appeal Rights - The Code currently requires the Airport Board to file an action in a state district court and seek a declaratory judgment that an action revoking or denying a permit was lawful if the person aggrieved requests it. That requirement is excessive and unnecessary, thus no longer needed in the Code. DFW Airport will still provide a written explanation for the denial or revocation within 5 days as stated In the Code.

Chapter 8 Definition of Commercial Activity -This Code change will more clearly define "commercial activity" to include enterprises that access DFW Airport's market, excluding only aircraft operations, and taxis dropping off passengers at the terminals (which still requires payment of access fees, even without a permit). This is in response to a rising number of app-based car-sharing services that are delivering rental cars to passengers, curbside, which is a violation of the Airport's agreement with rental car companies.

These changes were briefed to the Airport Board's Finance/Audit Committee on March 3, 2020. They were later approved by the Airport Board on March 5, 2020. The 1968 Contract and Agreement requires the Owner Cities to approve of any amendments to the DFW Airport Code of Rules and Regulations.

#### **PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS)**

The Transportation and Infrastructure Committee was briefed by memorandum regarding this item on March 24, 2020.

#### **FISCAL INFORMATION**

No cost consideration to the City.