



Legislation Text

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STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Mobility Solutions, Infrastructure, and Sustainability
AGENDA DATE: April 28, 2021
COUNCIL DISTRICT(S): All
DEPARTMENT: Department of Convention and Event Services
EXECUTIVE: Joey Zapata

SUBJECT

An ordinance amending Chapter 42A, "Special Events; Neighborhood Markets; Dallas Street Seats; Dallas Farmers Market Farmers Market; Streetlight Pole Banners," of the Dallas City Code by amending Section 42A-12 for the purpose of providing an extension of the temporary parklet program provisions until September 30, 2021 - Financing: No cost consideration to the City (see Fiscal Information)

BACKGROUND

The COVID-19 Economic Recovery and Assistance Ad Hoc Committee authorized the temporary parklet program in response to the impacts of COVID-19 to permit the activation of on-street parking or sidewalk areas into additional seating or service areas in an effort to assist local businesses with their economic recovery.

The temporary parklet program launched on Monday, May 18th, with 19 temporary parklets currently operating throughout the city. City Council approved amendments to the Special Events Ordinance - Chapter 42A on June 24, 2020, by Resolution No. 20-0970 to allow for temporary parklet permitting through December 31, 2020, with all extension fees waived. On December 9, 2020, City Council approved Resolution No. 20-1879 to allow for temporary parklet permitting through April 30, 2021, with all extension fees waived.

Understanding that businesses will not have recovered from the economic shut down by April 30, 2021 and that businesses will need more time to apply for the new "Street Seats" program, the City seeks to continue assisting businesses by permitting non-permanent temporary parklets through the regular permitting process until September 30, 2021.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS)

The Quality of Life, Arts and Culture Committee was briefed on CES-OSE permitting authority and functions, known challenges, planned operational improvements and process enhancements on April 9, 2018.

The Quality of Life, Arts and Culture Committee was briefed on proposed updates to the special events ordinance on November 26, 2018.

The Quality of Life, Arts and Culture Committee was briefed on proposed changes to permitting for special events on February 11, 2019.

On February 27, 2019, consideration on proposed amendments to Chapter 42A was deferred by Councilmember Sandy Greyson.

On March 27, 2019, City Council adopted proposed amendments to Chapter 42A, by Resolution No. 19-0449; Ordinance No. 31144.

The Quality of Life, Arts and Culture Committee was briefed on the implementation of Chapter 42A and High Impact Areas on December 3, 2019.

The COVID-19 Economic Recovery and Assistance Ad Hoc Committee was briefed regarding CES-OSE permitting temporary parklets through the special event permitting process and requirements on May 12, 2020.

[The Transportation and Infrastructure Committee was briefed by memorandum regarding proposed amendments to the Special Events Ordinance - Chapter 42A on June 15, 2020.](https://cityofdallas.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=8605717&GUID=37B8A94C-F1E0-45D8-8A35-C0DF1DE5EC1A)
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On June 24, 2020, City Council authorized amendments to the Special Events Ordinance - Chapter 42A to allow for temporary parklet permitting through December 31, 2020, with all extension fees waived by Resolution No. 20-0970.

The COVID-19 Economic Recovery and Assistance Ad Hoc Committee was briefed regarding available CARES Act Funding earmarked for parklets on October 1, 2020.

On October 28, 2020, City Council authorized the allocation of Cares Act funding for temporary parklet program approved applicants under the Temporary Parklet Program by Resolution No. 20-1729.

[The Transportation and Infrastructure Committee was briefed by memorandum regarding the proposed extension of the Temporary Parklet Program to April 30, 2021 on November 16, 2020.](https://cityofdallas.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=8919028&GUID=07AB83C9-0D1C-48E9-8629-6BEB57378A72)
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On December 9, 2020, City Council authorized amendments to the Special Events Ordinance - Chapter 42A to create the new “Street Seats” program and allow for temporary parklet permitting

through April 30, 2021, with all extension fees waived by Resolution No. 20-1879.

[The Transportation and Infrastructure Committee was briefed by memorandum regarding this matter on April 19, 2021. <https://cityofdallas.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=9315767&GUID=B94E32F9-2E23-4966-88ED-18F9BB3EE2F9>](https://cityofdallas.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=9315767&GUID=B94E32F9-2E23-4966-88ED-18F9BB3EE2F9)

FISCAL INFORMATION

Cost consideration to others. This ordinance allows for the assessment of parklet permit application processing fees that are aligned with fees assessed by comparable Cities as recently researched. Permit extension fees are waived.