

# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE April 21, 2026

Honorable Members of the Housing & Homelessness Solutions Committee  
TO Cara Mendelsohn (Chair), Lorie Blair (Vice Chair), Adam Bazaldua, Zarin Gracey,  
Jesse Moreno, Jaime Resendez, Gay Willis

SUBJECT **Dallas City Code Section 28-63.3, “Solicitations to Occupants of Vehicles on Public Roadways Prohibited”, and Section 28-61.1, “Standing and Walking in Certain Areas Prohibited”**

Chapter 28 of the Dallas City Code, “Motor Vehicles and Traffic,” contains Section 28-63.3, “Solicitations to Occupants of Vehicles on Public Roadways Prohibited.” The ordinance states a “person commits an offense if, while occupying any public property adjacent to any public roadway in the city, he knowingly conducts a solicitation directed to, or intended to attract the attention of, the occupant of any vehicle stopped or traveling on the roadway. An offense occurs when the solicitation is made, whether or not an actual employment relationship is created, a transaction is completed, or an exchange of money, goods, or services takes place.”

Since 2022, the Dallas Police Department and the Dallas City Marshal’s have issued the following citations for violation of City Ordinance 28-63.3:

Citation Date	Yearly Count	Issuing Department
2022	51	Dallas Police Department
2023	180	Dallas Police Department
2024	371	Dallas Police Department
2024	1	Dallas City Marshal’s Office
2025	862	Dallas Police Department
2026	90	Dallas Police Department

In October 2022, the Dallas City Council adopted an ordinance amending Chapter 28 by adding Section 28-61.1, “Standing and Walking in Certain Areas Prohibited.” The ordinance states “a person commits an offense if the person stands or walks on a median that measures six feet or less in width, in areas where no median exists for roadways designated as divided roadways, or in an area designated as a clear zone.” A “clear zone” is a defined term in the ordinance. Section (c) of the ordinance lists seven exclusions in which the ordinance does not apply. Section (d) of the ordinance states the section must be reviewed at least once a year by the city council. The ordinance was challenged in litigation and was upheld. That litigation concluded in February 2026.

[insert information about citations issued, if any, under Section 28-61.1]

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Should you have any questions, please contact me at [dominique.artis@dallasfire.gov](mailto:dominique.artis@dallasfire.gov).

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