



## City of Dallas

**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION**  
**Dallas City Hall – 1500 Marilla, L1FN Conference Room “C”**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**September 11, 2006**  
**9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**

### MINUTES

#### **Members Present**

James Mitchell, Chair  
Jon (Tad) Heimbürger  
Keith Kwoh  
Sylvia Lagos  
Barbara Pittman  
Linda Sharp  
Mary Vogelsson  
Mary Warner

#### **Members Absent**

Casie Pierce  
Chris Schulz  
Diane Benjamin  
Tom Peck  
Carol Barnett Davis

#### **Public Present**

None

#### **Staff Present**

Patsy Mitchell, Assistant Director, EHS  
Rodger Jayroe, Interim Assistant Director, EHS  
Lilia Gonzalez, Coordinator, EHS

#### **Minutes**

Mr. James Mitchell, Chair, called the regular meeting of the Environmental Health Commission to order at 9:05 a.m. The minutes from the June 5, 2006 meeting were approved.

#### **Control of Vermin around Residential and Commercial Demolitions**

##### **Rodger Jayroe, Interim Assistant Director, EHS**

Mr. Rodger Jayroe spoke first hand experience on the problem with vermin at residential or commercial demolitions. He experienced this problem when houses on both sides of his house were demolished and created a vermin problem. He killed about 15 rats that summer.

The problem with vermin is that they infest vacant buildings. Infestations can also occur in occupied structures. Usually, vermin flee structures that are undergoing demolition or renovation to neighboring properties.

Mr. Jayroe informed the commission that the Dallas building code now states that if the building official determines that a structure is infested with vermin, he shall require the structure to be treated to eliminate the infestation before issuing the permit.

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He also informed the commission of other cities building codes. Those cities included New York City, Kansas City and Portland, Oregon.

The recommended changes are to use language from the old Subchapter 65, Section 27-141 for all residential, commercial or industrial structured scheduled for, or ordered to be, demolished completely, or extensively renovated. Also, require certification from a person that is licensed under the Texas Structural Pest Control Act.

Mr. Mitchell and members of the commission recommended that before a demolition a licensed pest control operator should inspect the building two weeks prior to demolition. Also, provide documentation stating that the building was inspected and treated for rodents or that the building was inspected and was free of rodents.

This topic was carried over for further consideration at the next meeting.

**Staff Reports**

Ms. Patsy Mitchell informed the commission that after 27 years of dedicated service to the City of Dallas, she was retiring on September 12, 2006. She also informed the commission that Mr. Rodger Jayroe would be Interim Assistant Director.

**Public Comment**

None

**Adjournment**

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

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Signature: James E. Mitchell, Chair, Environmental Health Commission