

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE June 5, 2015

TO Honorable Members of the Quality of Life & Environment Committee: Dwaine R. Caraway (Chair)
Sandy Greyson (Vice Chair), Adam Medrano, Rick Callahan, Carolyn R. Davis, Lee M. Kleinman

SUBJECT Code Compliance Sunset Review Update

On Monday, June 08, 2015, the Quality of Life & Environment committee will receive an update on the Sunset Review of Code Compliance. The briefing is attached for your review.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joey Zapata".

Joey Zapata
Assistant City Manager

Attachment

c: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
A.C. Gonzalez, City Manager
Warren M.S. Ernst, City Attorney
Craig D. Kinton, City Auditor
Rosa A. Rios, City Secretary
Daniel F. Solis, Administrative Judge
Ryan S. Evans, First Assistant City Manager

Eric D. Campbell, Assistant City Manager
Jill A. Jordan, P.E., Assistant City Manager
Mark McDaniel, Assistant City Manager
Jeanne Chipperfield, Chief Financial Officer
Sana Syed, Public Information Officer
Elsa Cantu, Assistant to the City Manager – Mayor & Council



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Code Compliance Sunset Review Update

Quality of Life & Environment Committee
June 8, 2015



Purpose

- ▶ Review priorities to date from on-going review of the 900+ Code Compliance ordinances identified as a potential opportunity through the Sunset Review process
- ▶ Receive input from the Committee

Update

- ▶ Completed tasks
 - First phase of Sunset Review
 - Department self-evaluation
 - Cross-Departmental Review Team evaluation
 - City Council briefings
 - Quality of Life & Environment, March 23, 2015
 - City Council, April 1, 2015
 - Second phase of Sunset Review
 - High Priority Opportunities (on next page) ranked and presented to Quality of Life & Environment Committee on April 27, 2015

Updates on High Priority Opportunities

- ▶ Review all 900+ ordinances to recommend maintain, repeal, modify or transfer
 - Update: On-going and additional recommendations provided in this briefing
- ▶ FY16 budget option for pro-active code efforts and community engagement
 - Update: Budget bids submitted for consideration
- ▶ Review and identify improved strategies to address illegal dumping
 - Update: Fourteen additional cameras estimated to be delivered in late-June (for a total of sixteen); Budget bids submitted for additional cameras and staff to coordinate
- ▶ FY16 budget option for additional resources dedicated to address loose dog issues
 - Update: Budget bids submitted for consideration

Additional Opportunities

- ▶ Additional opportunities from review of all 900+ ordinances are provided in this briefing for the following:
 - Tire business and scrap tire regulations
 - Shopping cart regulations
 - Wood and electronic vendor permitting
 - Disposal of Fetal Material

Additional Opportunities

- ▶ Chapter 18 on tire businesses and scrap tire transporters
 - Recommendation:
 - Modify and strengthen ordinance to address gaps in tracking scrap tire disposal
 - Reasons:
 - High impact to environment, health and clean-up costs
 - Numerous businesses and multi-agency roles require close enforcement and coordination

Additional Opportunities

- ▶ Chapter 31 on Possession and Identification of Shopping Carts
 - Recommendation:
 - Update ordinance for shopping cart decals and signs
 - Reasons:
 - 2003 ordinance has not been updated
 - High impact to neighborhoods and safety

Additional Opportunities

- ▶ Permitting of Wood Vendors and Electronic Repair
 - Recommendation:
 - Repeal
 - Reasons:
 - Not impactful issues
 - Low volume, but time consuming

Additional Opportunities

- ▶ Chapter 19 on Disposal of Fetal Material
 - Recommendation:
 - Repeal
 - Reasons:
 - Ineffective use of Sanitarians time (responsible for restaurant inspections and mosquito abatement)
 - State Law HB2 regulates providers – must function as ambulatory surgical centers

Next Steps

- ▶ Receive suggestions and feedback from Committee on additional opportunities
- ▶ Continue review of 900+ ordinances for recommendations to Committee