

# **Upcoming Council Agenda Items**

# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

**Date:** August 1, 2008

**To:** Dr. Elba Garcia, Chair  
And Members of the Public Safety Committee

**Subject:** Continuing Education Contract (August 13, 2008 – Agenda Item #51)

The Dallas Fire-Rescue Department is recommending a contract renewal with The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas for in-service training, re-training, and evaluation of City of Dallas paramedic personnel for the period of September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2009. The contract provides the City of Dallas with compliance of state laws governing certification of paramedics. State rules require 40 hours of continuing education training annually per paramedic. It is recommended that this contract be approved to provide the continuing education training required for Dallas Fire-Rescue Department paramedics. The contract is also needed to provide continuing education for approximately 650 Dallas Fire-Rescue Department paramedics and evaluations are conducted on-site at various fire stations.

The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas has provided continuing education for the Dallas Fire-Rescue Department for the past 30 years with satisfactory performance. Providing part-time services of one emergency medical service supervisor, five nurse/certified paramedic instructors or certified paramedics to provide continuing education. Also, perform evaluations of certified City of Dallas emergency medical technicians and paramedics, and to make site visits to operational emergency medical units in the field for in-service evaluation and assist with instruction. This contract is not to exceed \$427, 856 – Financing: Current funds subject to appropriations.

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Ryan S. Evans  
First Assistant City Manager

Attachment

**CATEGORY: MISCELLANEOUS**

**AGENDA DATE:** August 13, 2008  
**CITY SERVICES AREA (S):** All  
**COUNCIL DISTRICT (S):** All  
**DEPT:** Fire-Rescue  
**CMO:** Ryan S. Evans, (214) 670-5306  
**MAPSCO:** N/A

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**SUBJECT**

Authorize a contract renewal with The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas for in-service training, re-training, and evaluation of City of Dallas paramedic personnel for the period September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2008 - Not to exceed \$427,856 - Financing: Current Funds

**BACKGROUND**

The continuing education contract provides the City of Dallas with compliance of State laws governing certification of paramedics. State rules require 40 hours of continuing education training annually per paramedic. It is recommended that this contract be approved to provide the continuing education training required for Dallas Fire-Rescue Department paramedics.

The contract is between the City of Dallas and The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center. The contract is needed to provide continuing education for approximately 650 Dallas Fire-Rescue Department paramedics. Continuing Education Training and Paramedic evaluations are conducted on-site at various fire stations. The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center has provided continuing education for the Dallas Fire-Rescue Department for the past 33 years with satisfactory performance.

The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas provides part-time services of one emergency medical service supervisor, and five nurse/certified paramedic instructors or certified paramedic to provide continuing education and perform evaluations of certified City of Dallas emergency medical technicians and paramedics, and to make site visits to operational emergency medical units in the field for in-service evaluation and assist in instruction.

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

Payment for FY 2007-2008 approved on August 22, 2007- Resolution # 07-2384

**FISCAL INFORMATION**

Current Funds - \$35,654 (\$427,856 is subject to future appropriations)

**M/WBE INFORMATION**

In accordance with State law, the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas strongly supports a minority business enterprise program consistent with the City's Good Faith Effort Plan.

The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center is committed to actively recruiting minority instructors. Every job announcement is advertised to the Black Firefighters Association, the Hispanic Firefighters Association, and the Black Nurse's Association.

The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center employs minority paramedics as part-time instructors. In addition, the Fire-Rescue Department has assigned a Hispanic male as the EMS Training Coordinator that works directly with the paramedic students.

**ETHNIC COMPOSITION**

The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, Department of Allied Health Sciences, Division of Emergency Medicine Education

<b>Hispanic Females</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Hispanic Males</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Black Females</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Black Males</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>White Females</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>White Males</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Other Females</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Other Males</b>	<b>1</b>

**OWNER**

**The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas**

Kern Wildenthal, M.D., President, UTS

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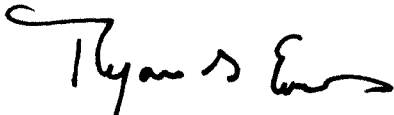


DATE August 1, 2008

TO Dr. Elba Garcia, Chair  
And Members of the Public Safety Committee

SUBJECT Amending Chapter 16 Section 311 of the Dallas Fire Code  
(August 13, 2008 – Agenda Item #52)

The Dallas City Council adopted Chapter 48B of the Dallas City Code on June 25, 2008. This ordinance establishes a registration program for vacant buildings located in the Central Business District (CBD) in order to monitor the vacant buildings and ensure they are maintained in compliance with Chapter 48B and other applicable laws. The Dallas Fire Code Chapter 16 Section 311 will be amended to require vacant buildings in the Central Business District (CBD) maintain operable fire alarm, sprinkler and standpipe systems in buildings where these systems are required by code. This amendment will enhance the safety of firefighters and citizens in the event a fire occurs in a vacant building in the CBD.



Ryan S. Evans  
First Assistant City Manager

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**KEY FOCUS AREA:** Public Safety Improvements and Crime Reduction  
**AGENDA DATE:** August 13, 2008  
**COUNCIL DISTRICT(S):** All  
**DEPARTMENT:** Fire  
**CMO:** Ryan S. Evans, 670-3314  
**MAPSCO:** N/A

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**SUBJECT**

An ordinance amending Chapter 16 of the Dallas Fire Code to require vacant buildings in the Central Business District (CBD) to maintain operable fire alarm, sprinkler and standpipe systems if these systems are required by code - Financing: No cost consideration to the City

**BACKGROUND**

The Dallas City Code, Chapter 48B, requires vacant buildings in the CBD to register with the City of Dallas. Building owners are required to provide emergency contact information and to register these buildings. This change to the Dallas Fire Code will protect the health and safety of firefighters and citizens by requiring vacant buildings in the CBD to maintain the life safety systems such as fire alarm, sprinkler and standpipe systems.

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

Meeting with the City of Dallas Vacant Buildings Committee

**FISCAL INFORMATION**

No cost consideration to the City.

## ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

An ordinance amending Chapter 16, "Dallas Fire Code," of the Dallas City Code by amending Section 311; requiring vacant structures in the central business district to have operable fire alarm, sprinkler, and standpipe systems; providing a penalty not to exceed \$2,000; providing a saving clause; providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date.

WHEREAS, the city council, in accordance with the Charter of the City of Dallas, the state law, and the ordinances of the City of Dallas, has given the required notices and has held the required public hearings regarding this amendment to the Dallas City Code; Now, Therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DALLAS:

SECTION 1. That Paragraph 311.2.2, "Fire Protection," of Subsection 311.2, "Safeguarding Vacant Premises," of Section 311, "Vacant and Partially Burned Structures," of Subchapter 3, "General Precautions Against Fire," of Chapter 16, "Dallas Fire Code," of the Dallas City Code is amended to read as follows:

**"311.2.2 Fire protection.** Fire alarm, sprinkler and standpipe systems shall be maintained in an operable condition at all times.

**Exceptions:**

1. When the premises have been cleared of all combustible materials and debris and, in the opinion of the fire code official, the type of construction, fire separation distance and security of the premises do not create a fire hazard. This exception does not apply to a

building which must be registered under Chapter 48B, "Vacant Buildings," of the Dallas City Code.

2. Where buildings will not be heated and fire protection systems will be exposed to freezing temperatures, fire alarm and sprinkler systems are permitted to be placed out of service and standpipes are permitted to be maintained as dry systems (without an automatic water supply) provided the building has no contents or storage, and windows, doors and other openings are secured to prohibit entry by unauthorized persons. This exception does not apply to a building which must be registered under Chapter 48B, "Vacant Buildings," of the Dallas City Code."

SECTION 2. That a person violating a provision of this ordinance, upon conviction, is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$2,000. No offense committed and no liability, penalty, or forfeiture, either civil or criminal, incurred prior to the effective date of this ordinance will be discharged or affected by this ordinance. Prosecutions and suits for such offenses, liabilities, penalties, and forfeitures may be instituted, and causes of action pending on the effective date of this ordinance may proceed, as if the former laws applicable at the time the offense, liability, penalty, or forfeiture was committed or incurred had not been amended, repealed, reenacted, or superseded, and all former laws will continue in effect for these purposes.

SECTION 3. That Chapter 16 of the Dallas City Code will remain in full force and effect, save and except as amended by this ordinance. Any existing structure, system, development project, or registration that is not required to come into compliance with a requirement of this ordinance will be governed by the requirement as it existed in the former law last applicable to the structure, system, development project, or registration, and all former laws will continue in effect for this purpose.

SECTION 4. That the terms and provisions of this ordinance are severable and are governed by Section 1-4 of Chapter 1 of the Dallas City Code, as amended.



**SECTION 5. That this ordinance will take effect on September 1, 2008, and it is accordingly so ordained.**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

**THOMAS P. PERKINS, JR., City Attorney**

**By** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Assistant City Attorney**

**Passed** \_\_\_\_\_