

# Memorandum



DATE November 10, 2011

TO Honorable Members of the Quality of Life Committee: Angela Hunt (Chair),  
Sandy Greyson (Vice Chair), Monica Alonzo, Dwaine Caraway, Carolyn R. Davis

SUBJECT Downtown Vending Briefing

On Monday, November 14, 2011, you will be briefed on Downtown Vending.  
The material is attached for your review.

If you have questions or need additional information, please let me know.



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## Attachments

cc: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
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# Downtown Vending

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# Purpose

- ▶ Review proposed amendments to street vending regulations designed to foster vibrant streets and public spaces

# Background

- ▶ Street vendors are regulated in Chapter 50, Article XII of the Dallas City Code
  - Protects public health, safety, and welfare through regulation of vendors operating on public or private property in Dallas and selling items such as:
    - Food/Drinks
    - Flowers and Plants
    - Souvenirs/Trinkets
    - Handcrafted Goods
- ▶ Street vending contributes to creating vibrant streets and public spaces
  - Provisions concerning street vendors have not undergone substantive revisions for over 20 years

# Background

- ▶ Downtown stakeholders offered a series of recommendations to expand street vending
  - Downtown Dallas Inc.
  - Dallas Arts District
  - West End Association
  - DART
- ▶ Staff proposes initial changes designed to:
  - Foster more vending in the CBD
  - Enhance the quality of vendors
- ▶ Additional issues, such as entertainment licenses, will be considered in February 2012

# Fostering More Vending in CBD

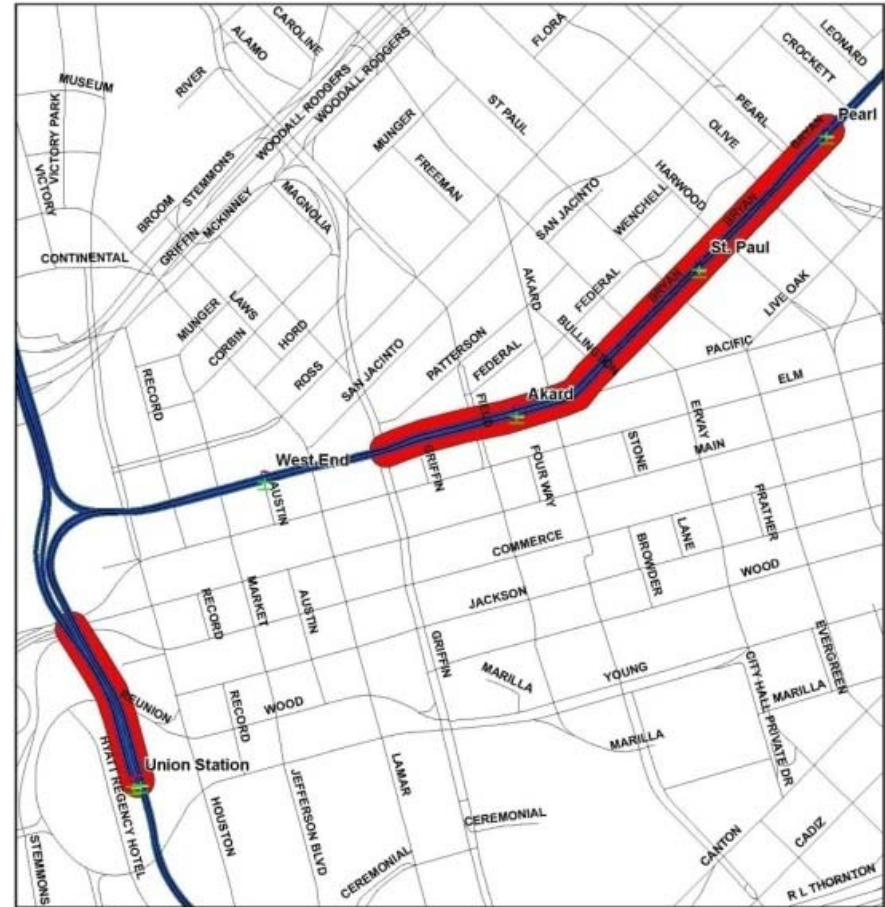
- ▶ An annual **CBD Concession License** is required of all vendors to sell in the CBD, on both private and public property
- ▶ To encourage active vending in the CBD:
  - Establish deadlines for application renewals and updates
  - Revoke licenses for failure to comply
- ▶ Concession licenses are not transferable
  - Clarify code to prohibit sale, sublease or assignment to others.

# Fostering More Vending in CBD

- ▶ A CBD Location Permit is required only if vendors want to sell on public property in the CBD
- ▶ To encourage active vending in CBD:
  - Require minimum hours of operation: 15 total hours over the span of at least 4 days per week
  - Use a lottery system when multiple vendors apply for a location
- ▶ Remove restriction on the number of years a vendor can operate at a specific site

# Fostering More Vending in CBD

- ▶ Create a new “Transit Mall District” to increase vending options to DART passengers as they exit and board trains
  - Area includes blocks facing DART light rail train line in the CBD (excluding Thanksgiving Square) and bounded by Routh/Hawkins on east and Houston on the west





# Fostering More Vending in CBD

- ▶ Develop inter-local agreement with DART to determine vending locations in the Transit Mall
  - City will retain all enforcement and regulatory functions for vendors in this area
  - DART would be responsible for marketing the Transit Mall

# Fostering More Vending in CBD

- ▶ Expand hours for vending operations to 6 a.m. – Midnight
  - Existing code allows vending from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- ▶ Remove restrictions on vending near schools in CBD
- ▶ Allow selling potted plants, vegetables or fruits in the CBD outside of Farmers Market
  - Requires amendment to Chapter 29 of the City Code

# Enhancing Vendor Quality

- ▶ Strengthen regulations against aggressive selling by requiring sale of goods within five feet of the cart
- ▶ Establish fees and requirements for issuing photo identification badges for all concession licensees and their workers
- ▶ Require that cost of merchandise for sale be legibly marked and visible to customers

# Enhancing Vendor Quality

- ▶ Require that the city telephone number for complaints against vendors be legibly marked on carts
- ▶ Establish a minimum dress code for vendors
- ▶ Prohibit smoking while operating a cart
- ▶ Prohibit use of public trash receptacles by vendors
- ▶ Increase minimum fines to \$100 for the first offense and \$200 for an additional offense in a 12-month period

# Next Steps

- ▶ Prepare draft ordinance
- ▶ Review and consult with stakeholders
- ▶ Schedule ordinance for consideration on City Council agenda
- ▶ Additional issues, such as entertainment licenses, will be considered in February 2012