

# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE March 22, 2019

TO Honorable Members of the Quality of Life, Arts & Culture Committee: Sandy Greyson (Chair), Mark Clayton (Vice Chair), Rickey D. Callahan, Jennifer S. Gates, Scott Griggs, B. Adam McGough, Omar Narvaez

SUBJECT **Diaper Change Tables**

On Monday, March 25, 2019, you will be briefed on the Diaper Change Tables.

The briefing materials are attached for your review.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

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Joey Zapata  
Assistant City Manager

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# Diaper Changing Tables

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# Presentation Overview

- Purpose
- Background
- Draft Ordinance
- Implementation
- Next Steps

# Purpose

- Brief the Committee on potential amendments to the Dallas City Code, Chapter 19, “Health and Sanitation” to require a diaper changing accommodation in city-owned buildings and structures with certain uses.
- Committee vote on sending amendments to City Council for consideration.

# Background

- The request for regulations requiring diaper changing accommodations came to the City Council from a Dallas resident.
- A three-signature memorandum from three members of the Quality of Life, Arts & Culture Committee requested the City Attorney to prepare a draft ordinance.
- The City Attorney's Office drafted an ordinance in accordance with the request made by the three-signature memorandum and Sustainable Development & Construction discussed implementation.

# Proposed Regulations

- Diaper changing accommodation means a table or other device suitable for changing the diaper of a child age three or under.
- Requirement would apply to new construction and major renovations of:
  - City-owned buildings
  - Restaurants
  - Retail stores
  - Theaters

# Proposed Regulations

- A minimum of one safe, sanitary, and convenient diaper changing accommodation in each publicly available and accessible restroom.
- Exception
  - Does not apply to a restroom that contains clear and conspicuous signage indicating where an alternative restroom with a diaper changing accommodation is located on that same floor.

# Enforcement

- Operating an applicable use without a diaper changing accommodation following new construction or major renovation after the effective date of the ordinance is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.
  - Sustainable Development & Construction – Building Inspection checks for compliance with all relevant Chapter 19 requirements when performing plan review for permitting.
  - Code Compliance would respond to complaints on non-compliance.

# Next Steps

- If Committee recommends, schedule for City Council consideration.

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