

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE February 10, 2023

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Follow-up to January 18, 2023 City Council Briefing Meeting: On-Street Parking & Curb Lane Management**

The following are responses to questions posed by members of the City Council at the January 18, 2023 City Council Briefing on the On-Street Parking and Curb Management Policy by the Department of Transportation, that required a follow-up response.

1. How many citations were given in the Central Business District (CBD) in 2022 compared to 2021?

Answer: Following City Council's approval of a new parking citation and meter services provider contract on January 25, 2023, staff will work with the vendor to analyze the geospatial citation data to determine the number of citations in the CBD. Across the entire city, however, parking enforcement officers issued 146,056 citations in 2022 and 145,778 citations in 2021.

2. What are the anticipated costs to implement the Policy recommendations?

Answer: Department of Transportation staff are currently inventorying infrastructure and programming needs to estimate the costs for implementation and continued maintenance of the recommended improvements. Staff will have a cost estimate in advance of City Council adoption of the Policy.

3. What fees are required to operate a valet stand?

Answer: Per Section 43-126.6 of the code, there are one-time fees to establish the valet zone and acquire a license, and there are annual fees that must be paid to acquire the license and to renew the license each year thereafter.

- One Time Fees:
 - Application Fee: \$800
 - Fee to install each valet zone sign that Department of Transportation staff determines is needed: \$400
- Annual Fees:
 - If the valet service intends to place a valet stand in the public right-of-way: \$50
 - If the valet service is being conducted within the CBD: \$250 per parking space for the first six spaces, plus \$1,000 for each additional space to be used by the valet service.

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- If the valet service is being conducted outside the CBD: \$350 per space for the first two spaces, plus \$1,000 for each additional space to be used by the valet service.

If the valet service is conducted completely on private property, and the public right-of-way is only used for maneuvering vehicles, no annual fee or license is required.

4. What actions is the City taking to enforce valet operations? How are valet operators punished when they park cars on-street?

Answer: When complaints are received, Parking Enforcement Officers will conduct unscheduled visits to meet with valet employees to mitigate any issues and ensure education and compliance. As per City ordinance, operators also can and do receive citations for illegal parking activities like blocking travel lanes or parking on sidewalks. Parking Enforcement Officers also enforce Section 43-126.5 of the code, which states that it is illegal to operate a valet service on public right-of-way without a license or to operate at a time other than the hours and days authorized in the license.

The Director of Transportation may also revoke the license of repeat violators. Per Section 43-126.7(b) of the code, valet parking service licenses shall be revoked if certain criteria are met, including:

- The licensee fails to comply with the requirements of the valet parking service license, Division 3 (Valet Parking Services) of the code, or other applicable laws. This includes “Standards for Operation of a Valet Parking Service” in Section 43-126.9 of the code.
- The Director determines that the operation of the valet parking service endangers the safety of persons or property, or unreasonably interferes with pedestrian or vehicular traffic.

Department of Transportation staff will be looking to expedite research into the best practices for regulating valet services, with the goal of bringing amendments to the Valet Parking Services section of the code to City Council this year.

5. What are the private sector plans to implement electric vehicle charging stations?

Answer: Staff in the Department of Transportation, Office of Environmental Quality & Sustainability, and Department of Public Works reported that, at this time, they are not aware of any private sector plans to, or inquiries about, installing electric vehicle charging stations in the public right-of-way or on City of Dallas property.

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