

# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE June 7, 2024

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Amendments to Chapter 47A for Horse-Drawn Carriages**

On December 5, 2023, and again on April 15, 2024, the Department of Aviation briefed the Quality of Life, Arts & Culture Committee (QOLAC) on horse-drawn carriages, including:

- Current regulations contained within Chapter 47A Transportation-for-Hire for horse-drawn carriage operations in Dallas,
- Comparisons of those regulations to other cities,
- Current enforcement, and
- Activity overview of the one current operating authority in Dallas, North Star Carriage.

Near the conclusion of discussion at the April 15, 2024 meeting, a motion was made to "...send a recommendation to the Dallas City Council to consider moving to an electric version of carriages and how we can work with industry on making that conversion." Discussion of the motion by the Committee clarified that the motion's intent was to ban horse-drawn carriages on Dallas streets. The motion was approved in a 5-to-1 vote.

An item will be placed on the June 26, 2024 City Council Agenda to amend Chapter 47A Transportation-for-Hire in line with the motion approved by the Quality of Life, Arts & Culture Committee.

The April 15, 2024 briefing materials are attached for your review. Staff will schedule individual meetings with City Council Members who are not part of the QOLAC to discuss further and solicit additional feedback, and a summary memorandum will be provided to the City Council on June 21, 2024, in advance of the June 26, 2024 agenda. If you have further questions, please contact Patrick Carreno, Director of Aviation, at [patrick.carreno@dallas.gov](mailto:patrick.carreno@dallas.gov).

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