

The background image shows a perspective view of a city sidewalk lined with mature green trees on the left and multi-story brick buildings on the right. A wooden bench with black metal armrests is visible in the lower right foreground. The scene is bright and sunny, with shadows cast across the pavement.


Managing Our Shared Spaces

Potential Ordinance Updates to
Support Safety, Accessibility, and
Community Use



WHY ARE WE HERE?

Discuss possible changes to the Code of Ordinances pertaining to shared spaces and community safety



NOTABLE EXISTING CODES

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POTENTIAL ORDINANCE CHANGES

Chapter 70. Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions

Cleanliness

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Camping

Sidewalk Obstruction (sitting/lying down)

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Aggressive Panhandling

POTENTIAL ORDINANCE CHANGE

Camping (Citywide)

- Clarifies that camping is not just prohibited in park areas, but any publicly accessible outdoor area;
- Expands definition of “camping” to include staying/sleeping in vehicle overnight (between the hours of 7:00 p.m. – 7:00 a.m.);
- Only exception is for camping on own property; and
- Makes it an offense for a property owner to knowingly allow another to camp within a public area on their property.

What does this mean:

You can camp in designated camping areas in parks (Erwin Park)

You cannot camp on any public space citywide

You can camp on your own private property

You cannot allow others to camp on a public area of your property

POTENTIAL ORDINANCE CHANGE

Aggressive Panhandling (Citywide)

- Makes it unlawful to panhandle or solicit in an aggressive manner, including:
 - Using violent or threatening gestures;
 - Intentionally blocking or interfering with the free passage of pedestrians or vehicles; and
 - Soliciting money from a person in line for:
 - (i) tickets,
 - (ii) entry into a building, or
 - (iii) any other purpose.

What does this mean:

You cannot block individuals

You cannot be violent or aggressive towards others

You can provide financial assistance to those in need*

** recommended to give to service providers, faith groups, or non-profits organizations*

POTENTIAL ORDINANCE CHANGE

Sitting/Lying Down (downtown only)

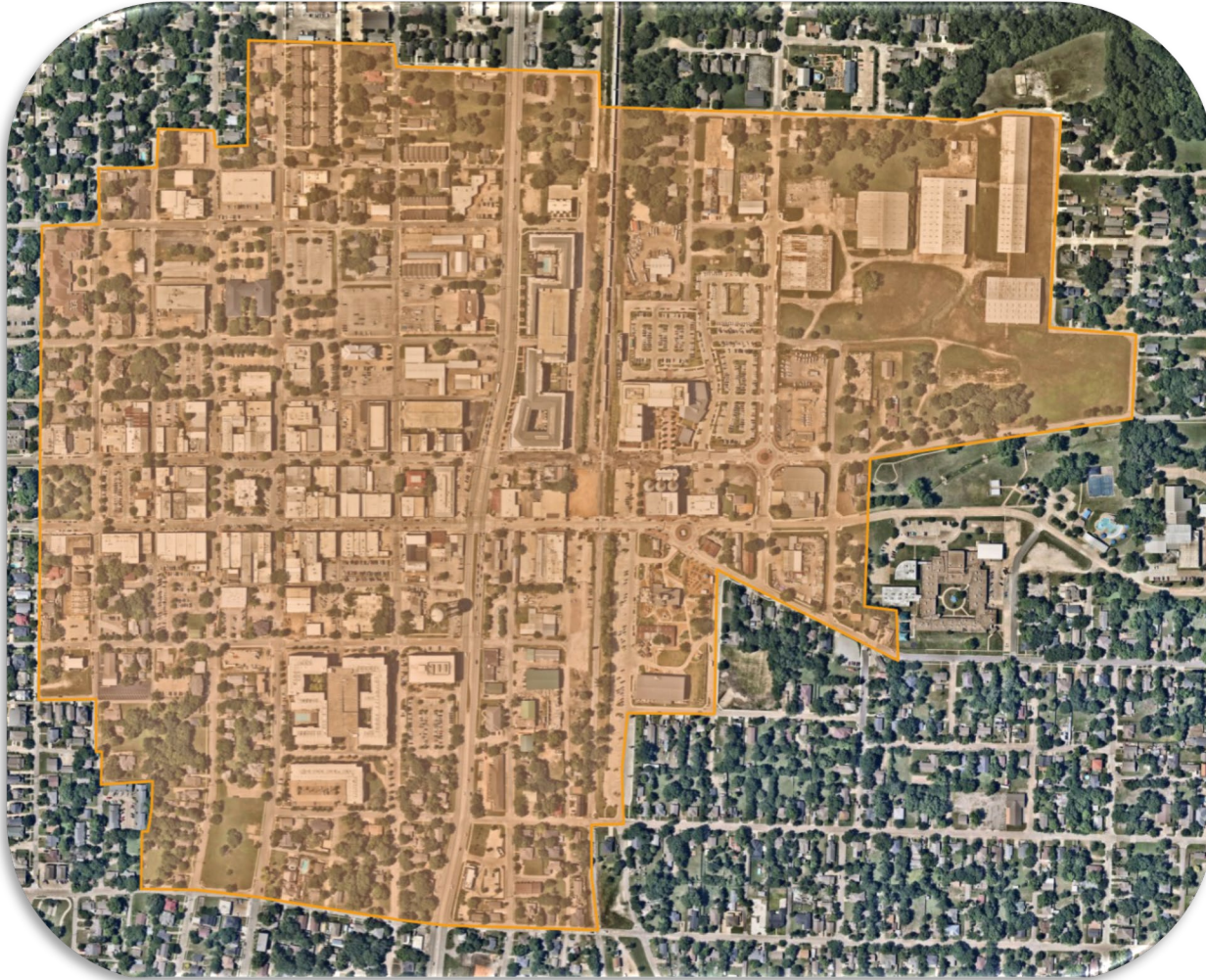
- Makes it unlawful to sit or lie down on a public sidewalk, street, or alleyway within the downtown area;
- A person is only allowed to sit on a chair or bench supplied by a public agency or abutting private property owner;
- Limited exceptions, including for medical emergencies and ADA compliance.

What does this mean:

You cannot sit or lie down in the public right-of-way (i.e. sidewalks, streets, etc) in the downtown

You can enjoy sitting in public parks

Sitting/Lying Down (downtown only)



DISCUSSION