

**CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 70
(OFFENSES AND MISC. PROVISIONS)**
PHYSICAL OCCUPANCY IN DOWNTOWN PUBLIC SPACES

City Council Regular Meeting
October 21, 2025

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Chapter 70. Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions

Cleanliness
Minors
Smoking
Noise
Parking Prohibitions
Physical Occupancy within
Downtown Public Spaces

POTENTIAL ORDINANCE CHANGE

Physical Occupancy within Downtown Public Spaces

- Makes it unlawful to sleep outdoors, sit in a public street, or lie down on a public sidewalk, street, median, parkway, or pedestrian right-of-way or the objects therein
- A person is only allowed to sit on a chair, bench, or architectural feature (1-3 feet in height) supplied by the city or abutting private property owner
- Exceptions exist for emergencies, ADA compliance, and common public activities
- Ordinance expires October 21, 2026 if not reconsidered and extended by Council.

What does this mean:

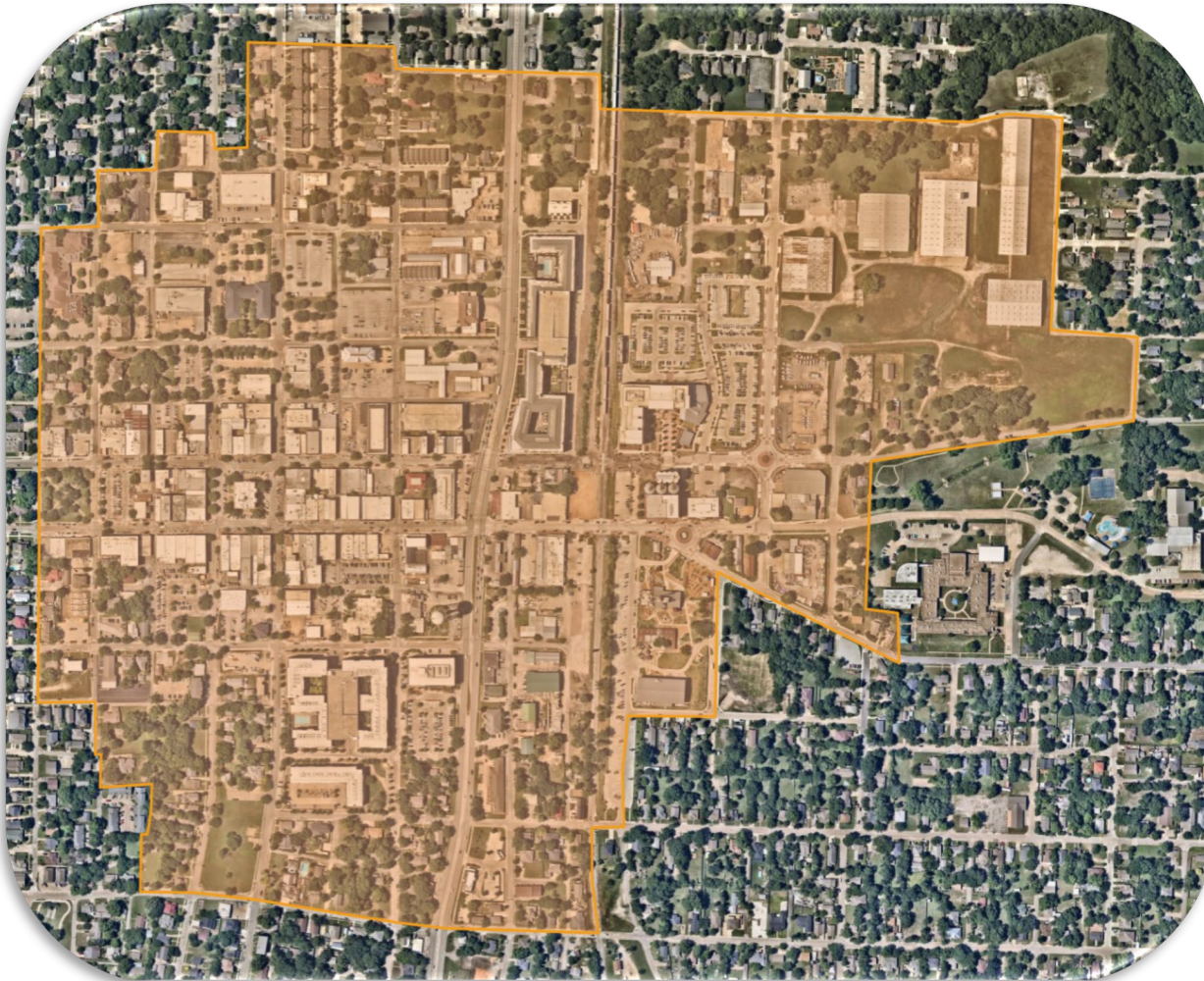
You cannot lie down in public rights-of-way in the downtown

You can sit, rest, relax on public seating features and areas

You can enjoy sitting in public parks, at special events, and while patronizing licensed outdoor patios

POTENTIAL ORDINANCE CHANGE

Proposed Ordinance Area



DISCUSSION