



CITY OF HOUSTON – CITY COUNCIL

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Proposition A Council Member Item: Traffic Stops Quota Per Shift

Ordinance: Currently, **Sec. 45-11. Obedience to traffic officers generally** states: No person shall willfully fail or refuse to comply with any lawful order, direction or signal, visual or audible, of any police officer or officer of the fire department vested by law authority to direct, control or regulate traffic.

Proposal: This amendment attempts to add the following sentence to the above ordinance language: No police officer shall be directed or required to have a quota on the minimum amount of traffic stops during a normal working shift.

Background: In discussion with local law enforcement groups and advocacy groups, it has been expressed that having a minimum quota for police officers to conduct traffic stops disrupts the normal flow of their duties and can lead to unnecessary interactions with the public. As a matter of good public policy, quotas for traffic stops erode the trust between community and police. This amendment proposes to change that and give more flexibility and discretion to police officers.

Council Member Edward Pollard, District J

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Council Member Tiffany Thomas, District F

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Council Member Tarsha Jackson, District B

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