



## CITY OF HOUSTON – CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date: 6/25/25  
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### Proposition A Council Member Item: Dress Code Ordinance

**Ordinance:** To amend Chapter 5 Article III. Dance Halls by adding to Sec. 5-46. – Definitions and Sec. 5-80. – Posting. See attached Exhibit A.

**Background:** For many club-goers and patrons of establishments in Houston, there is currently no ordinance that provides guidelines to clubs, restaurants, and other establishments, open to the public, how to notify individuals that they require a specific dress code for entry. This amendment will instruct all places open to the public that require a specific dress code, that the dress code policy must be posted at or near the entrance for the public to clearly see so anyone who wants to enter can be aware.

This ordinance is necessary to prevent operators of establishments from arbitrarily selecting who gains entry based on attire. It also gives operators the ability to demonstrate to individuals that a certain dress code is required, and it gives individuals clarity on what the expectations are for entry without any ambiguity.

Council Member Edward Pollard, District J

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Council Member Carolyn Evans-Shabazz, District D

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Council Member Letitia Plummer, At-Large 4

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