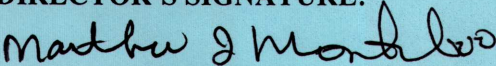


TO: Mayor via City Secretary

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

SUBJECT: Motion to set a date for Public Hearing on ordinance amending Chapter 40 of the Code of Ordinances to extend provisions of the Civility Ordinance to the Near Northside.	Page 1 of 1	Agenda Item #
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FROM: (Department or other point of origin): Houston Police Department	Origination Date: September 12, 2016	Agenda Date:
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DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE:  Martha I. Montalvo, Acting Chief of Police	Council District affected: District H
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For additional information contact: Assistant Chief M.A. Eisenman, North Patrol Command – 713.308.1588	Date and identification of prior authorizing Council Action:
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RECOMMENDATION: Approve a motion to schedule a Public Hearing date on the proposed amendment of Chapter 40, Code of Ordinances, to extend the provisions of the Civility Ordinance to the Near Northside be approved to allow 14 days notice as required by City Ordinance.

Amount and Source of Funding: N/A

SPECIFIC EXPLANATION:

The Civility Ordinance prohibits certain conduct on sidewalks (lying, sitting or depositing personal possessions) during most daylight hours. It is currently applicable to the Central Business District, Midtown, Old Sixth Ward, Avondale, Hyde Park and East Downtown Management District. The ordinance contains provisions for a citizen petition procedure to extend the restrictions to other areas of the City.

Residents and business owners in the Near Northside have submitted a petition to the City Secretary to extend the Civility Ordinance to their neighborhood. In compliance with the procedures set forth in Section 40-353 of the Code of Ordinances, the Legal and Planning and Development Departments have certified that the petition meets required criteria. Further, the Houston Police Department has prepared a report indicating the existence of the kind of conduct that is prohibited under the Civility Ordinance and incidents of criminal misconduct in the Near Northside area.

The ordinance requires a public hearing on the extension to be held with a 14-day notice. The recommended date for the public hearing is Wednesday, October 5, 2016.

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION

Finance Budget:	Other Authorization:	Other Authorization:
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