

CITY OF HOUSTON LEGAL NOTICE

Public hearing notice for Article XVI, chapter 40 of the Code of Ordinances, the proposed extension of the Civility Ordinance to the Museum Park Area: Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Houston will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, August 14, at 9:00 a.m.**, in the City Hall Council Chambers, located at 901 Bagby Street, on Article XVI, chapter 40 of the Code of Ordinances, proposed extension of the Civility Ordinance to the Museum Park Area. The Civility Ordinance prohibits certain conduct on sidewalks (lying, sitting or depositing of personal possessions) during most daylight hours. It is currently applicable to the Central Business District, Midtown, Old Sixth Ward, Avondale, Hyde Park, East Downtown Management District, Historic Near Northside, South Post Oak/West Bellfort, Near Northside and Riverside Terrace. The ordinance contains provisions for a citizen petition procedure to extend restrictions to other areas of the city. The Museum Park Super Neighborhood Council on behalf of residents and business owners in the Museum Park area has 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 Planning and Development Department has certified that the petition meets the required criteria. The Houston Police Department will prepare a report indicating the existence of the kind of conduct that is prohibited under the Civility Ordinance and incidents of criminal misconduct in the Museum Park area and report their findings to City Council. The ordinance requires a public hearing on the extension of the provisions to be held with 14 days' notice. All are invited to speak for or against Article XVI, chapter 40 of the Code of Ordinances, the proposed extension of the Civility Ordinance to the Museum Park Area at the hearing. Persons wishing to speak at this public hearing should call the City Secretary of the City of Houston at (832) 393-1100 before 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 13, 2024, to be registered. Meeting information for this public hearing will be published on the City Council Meetings Information webpage <https://www.houstontx.gov/council/meetingsinfo.html> one week prior to the public hearing.