

City of Houston, Texas, Ordinance No. 2026-0228

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 25-151 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING THE EAST DOWNTOWN (EADO) & EAST END SAFETY ZONE FOR NATIONALLY COMPETITIVELY BID EVENTS; CONTAINING FINDINGS AND OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE FOREGOING SUBJECT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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WHEREAS, the City has and will continue to host nationally competitively bid events that will draw an attendance in excess of 75,000 people into the City; and

WHEREAS, the bids and preliminary plans for these nationally competitively bid events are approved by City Council; and

WHEREAS, in anticipation of the vehicular and pedestrian congestion and other public safety issues associated with nationally competitively bid events, City officials who have familiarity with traffic and public safety issues have similar concerns that the venues in which major events are conducted could become over-congested; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to comply with Chapter 25 in approving signage displays for such events; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to ensure transparency and safety with regard to the approval and installment of displays; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS:

Section 1. That the findings contained in the preamble of this Ordinance are determined to be true and correct and are hereby adopted as part of this Ordinance.

Section 2. That the definition of the term safety zone in Section 25-151 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas, is hereby amended by adding a new Item (6) that reads as follows:

"(6) *East Downtown (EaDo) & East End Zone* means the area within and bounded by:

BEGINNING at the intersection of centerline of Navigation Blvd. and the centerline of Palmer St.;

THENCE in a southwesterly direction along the centerline of Palmer St. and its southwesterly extension to its intersection with the centerline of Harrisburg Blvd.;

THENCE in a generally northwesterly direction along the centerline of Harrisburg Blvd. to its intersection with the northeasterly extension of the centerline of Nagle St.;

THENCE in a southwesterly direction along the extension and the centerline of Nagle St. to its intersection with the centerline of Leeland St.;

THENCE in a southeasterly direction along the centerline of Leeland St. to its intersection with the centerline of Velasco St.;

THENCE in a southwesterly direction along the centerline of Velasco St. to its intersection with the centerline of the Northbound Interstate-45 South to Northbound US-59 North / Pease Ramp;

THENCE northwesterly along the centerline of the Northbound Interstate-45 South to Northbound US- 59 North / Pease Ramp to its intersection with the centerline of Emancipation Ave.;

THENCE in a northeasterly direction along the centerline of Emancipation Ave. to the centerline of Congress St.; thence in a northwesterly direction along the centerline of Congress St. to the centerline of Hutchins St.;

THENCE in a northeasterly direction along the centerline of Hutchins St. to the centerline of Commerce St.; thence in a northwesterly direction along the centerline of Commerce St. to its intersection with the centerline of North US-59 to Interstate-10 West Ramp;

THENCE in a generally northeasterly direction along the centerline of North US-59 to Interstate-10 West Ramp to its intersection with the centerline of Runnels St.;

THENCE in a southeasterly direction along the centerline of Runnels St. to its intersection with the centerline of Lottman St.;

THENCE in a northeasterly direction along the centerline of Lottman St. to its intersection with the centerline of Ann St.;

THENCE in a southeasterly direction along the centerline of Ann St. to its intersection with the centerline of North St. Charles St.;

THENCE in a southwesterly direction along the centerline of North St. Charles St. to its intersection with the centerline of Navigation Blvd.;

THENCE in a southeasterly direction along the centerline of Navigation Blvd. to the centerline of Palmer St., the beginning point.”

Section 3. That the City Attorney is hereby authorized to direct the publisher of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas, (the “Code”) to make such nonsubstantive changes to the Code as are necessary to conform to the provisions adopted in this Ordinance, and also to make such changes to the provisions adopted in this Ordinance to conform them to the provisions and conventions of the published Code.

Section 4. That there exists a public emergency requiring that this Ordinance be passed finally on the date of its introduction as requested in writing by the Mayor; therefore, this Ordinance shall be passed finally on such date and shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; however, in the event that the Mayor fails to sign this Ordinance within five days after its passage and adoption, it shall take effect in accordance with Article VI, Section 6, Houston City Charter.

PASSED AND ADOPTED ON 03/25/2026

APPROVED ON _____

Pursuant to Article VI, Section 6, Houston City Charter, the effective date of the foregoing Ordinance is: 03/31/2026.

ATTEST:

CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS

Signed by:

Signed by:
Ray D. Lemon

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City Secretary of the City of Houston

Mayor of the City of Houston

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Rebekah Wendt

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Senior Assistant City Attorney

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Requested by by Ricardo E. Magdaleno

Director, Mayor's Office of Special Events

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