



# City of Denton

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## AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

**DEPARTMENT:** Community Services

**CM/ DCM/ ACM:** Frank Dixon, Assistant City Manager

**DATE:** April 18, 2023

### **SUBJECT**

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding Aggressive Solicitation policy in the City of Denton.

### **BACKGROUND**

In July 2022, Mayor Hudspeth made a two-minute pitch and received support for staff resources to be spent developing policies and programs to address referrals to services for people experiencing homelessness, panhandling, and behaviors in the downtown area. In January 2023, Council Member Davis made a two-minute pitch request and received support for a work session to get an update on homelessness efforts after opening the new shelter, with a focus on safety and the downtown area.

Community Services, Denton Police Department, Parks and Recreation and Economic Development have collaborated to develop a multipronged response to growth and activity in the downtown area. This response is being presented to City Council over three Work Session presentations, outlined below. The goal of this response is to identify solutions for a **cleaner, safer, happier Downtown Denton**.

- February 2023 – Council Work Session: Homeless Response Solutions & Transitional Housing
- March 2023 – Council Work Session: Downtown Ambassador Program
- April 2023 – Council Work Session: Aggressive Solicitation

### **DISCUSSION**

During this presentation regarding Aggressive Solicitation policy staff will:

- Review current City policies related to solicitation;
- Discuss potential changes to [Ch. 16, ART. III, Sec. 16-72](#) (Exhibit 3) and [Ch. 21 ART. 1 Sec 21.6](#) (Exhibit 4);
- Present options for public education and a fundraising campaign in support of the Barriers Fund; and
- Seek City Council Direction

### **EXHIBITS**

Exhibit 1 – Agenda Information Sheet

Exhibit 2 – Presentation

Exhibit 3 – Redline Ch. 16, ART. III, Sec. 16-72

Exhibit 4 – Redline Ch. 21 ART. 1 Sec 21.6

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Danielle Shaw  
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