



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**In Control:** Planning and Community Development Committee

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**DEPARTMENT:** Development Services Department

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Michael Shannon

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide

**SUBJECT:**

Briefing and possible action on the submitted Council Consideration Request related to the Heat Illness Prevention for Construction Workers.

**SUMMARY:**

On April 28, 2022, Former Councilwoman Ana E. Sandoval, District 7, and Councilwoman Dr. Adriana Rocha Garcia, District 4, proposed for consideration a creation of an ad hoc task force charged with evaluating and recommending heat illness prevention measures the City and Construction industry can take to ensure construction worker safety.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The CCR identified three factors that made this issue urgent for San Antonio to consider. First, San Antonio has hot summers. Second, San Antonio's continued growth makes it a booming construction market. Three, the proposal is consistent with the objectives of the Climate Action & Adaptation Plan, particularly adaptation to a warming climate, the City's commitment to racial

equity, and the City's ambitious vision for improved public health in our community.

The CCR charged the task force with (1) considering potential locally tailored heat safety measures, (2) recommending measures to City Council, and (3) evaluating the success of the first year of implementation of any adopted measures.

The Heat Illness CCR Stakeholder Committee began meeting in December 2022. The first meeting was an introductory meeting of the CCR and an explanation and summary of the CCR for the stakeholder group to review and understand their charge.

The Development Services Department (DSD) held five stakeholder meetings between December 2022 and May 2023 to discuss the concerns and issues related to heat illness and evaluate preventative measures. The Committee requested to hear from personnel from the City of Austin and the City of Dallas to provide responses to the Committee's questions regarding their current heat illness ordinances as part of the review. Both Cities provided a department representative that answered several questions as to how their ordinance is enforced and how many violations have occurred since the adoption of their heat illness ordinance within their city. Additionally, each meeting and agenda was added to SASpeakUp to get feedback from the community.

The final meeting of the Heat Illness CCR Stakeholder Committee was held on May 10, 2023.

The Heat Illness CCR Stakeholder Committee was split on the type of recommendation to present to Development Services and SA Metro Health District.

The process for reviewing the proposed Heat Illness CCR was open to all citizens and stakeholders. The department worked to achieve the support, involvement, feedback, and recommendation from all stakeholders.

#### **ISSUE:**

Propose an education program that will update the City's SA Metro Health District Heat Preparedness Plan and will partner with the construction industry stakeholders on educating all employers and construction workers about heat illness prevention.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

**This item is for briefing purposes only.**

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

City staff does not recommend an ordinance.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

City staff recommends that the Planning and Community Development Committee approve staff's recommendation to conduct the new Heat Illness education program and campaign that will partner our construction industry, worker's safety stakeholders and the SA Metro Health District.