




MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Adrienne Sturup, Director, Austin Public Health 

THROUGH: Stephanie Hayden-Howard, LMSW, Assistant City Manager

DATE: September 9, 2022

SUBJECT: Designation of a Downtown Parking Space for Mobile Health Testing Services

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide staff response related to Ordinance No. 20220616-093, which directed the City Manager to allocate a downtown parking space within the 4th Street area to provide equitable access to sexual health and testing services. This action will allow access to various community-based providers and APH (Austin Public Health) outreach team to provide mobile outreach services.

APH has regular meetings with the community-based organizations that provide STI (Sexually Transmitted Infections) and HIV testing in mobile outreach vans. This collaborative space will help ensure that participating organizations have equitable access.

Austin Transportation Department (ATD) and APH have identified an alternative location within the 300 block of W. 4th Street, on the south curb, west end. The space is a passenger-only loading zone during the day, which converts to pay to park from 7 PM to 12 AM. To accommodate rotating testing vendors, ATD will change signage and remove the evening pay-to-park use to *"No Parking, Except with Austin Public Health Parking Permit."*

The agreed-upon days and times for the new parking zone will be Sunday – Saturday, 7 PM – 2 AM. APH will provide the mobile testing vendors with a parking permit with the dates when they can occupy the zone. APH and ATD will agree upon the design of the permit.

Next Steps :

- Sign-off from Area Traffic Engineer on new regulation and work-order
- APH and ATD will coordinate on the physical permit design and enforcement process
- ATD will install a physical parking sign and provide notification to adjacent businesses

Should you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact my office at (512)972-5010 or email me at Adrienne.Sturup@austintexasgov.

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