



August 25, 2023

Mr. Adrian Smith


Via: Regular Mail and email at 

RE: Restriction Applicable to Your Presence at the Fort Worth City Hall Building

Dear Mr. Smith:

On August 22, 2023, you were issued a criminal trespass notice for the City Hall Building by the Marshal's Office. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of certain restrictions that will apply to you for City Council Meetings and any of your future visits to City Hall pursuant to the criminal trespass notice.

On August 22, 2023, you engaged in disruptive behavior during the City Council Meeting. When the Mayor informed you to leave the City Council Chambers you refused and had to be escorted out by the Marshal's Office. You continued to be disruptive in the hallway outside of the Council Chamber. You could be heard yelling and using profane language while the Council was trying to conduct business. After being escorted out of the building you returned and informed City staff that you intended to attend the Crime Control and Prevention District meeting being held after City Council Meeting. You were informed that you were not allowed to remain in the building and you were given a criminal trespass notice. While you were being escorted out of the building for the second time you began yelling. The City Council meeting was still in progress and your yelling caused another disruption. Additionally, the City Hall building was opened for business and employees were present and working during these incidents. Your conduct also disrupted the employees who were conducting business near the Council Chambers.

This was not the first time that you have engaged in disruptive conduct during City Council meetings. You have disrupted previous meetings, and you had to be physically escorted out of the City Council meeting on August 8, 2023. As you were being escorted out of that meeting you started to yell in the hallway which caused the Mayor to temporarily pause the meeting. Your conduct at City Council meetings has been disrespectful and could be considered criminal under Section 42.05 of the Texas Penal Code (Disrupting Meeting or Procession). City Staff has demonstrated great restraint not to arrest you for your disruptions.

THE CITY OF FORT WORTH

City Manager's Office * City Attorney's Office

Because of your conduct, the City is placing the following restrictions on you for City Council meetings and when the City Hall building is open for business:

1. You are prohibited from physically attending City Council meetings held at the City Hall building until February 22, 2024. This includes City Council meetings, City Council Public Comment meetings, and Work Sessions/Budget meetings. You will be allowed to participate as a speaker on Council's action items and during the Public Comment meeting by telephone. You will need to sign up to speak via telephone through the City's website or by calling the City Secretary's Office at (817) 392-6150. If you sign up to speak via telephone you must still abide by Section 5.4.3 of the Council Rules of Procedure which governs conduct at City Council meetings.
2. On any occasion when you need to visit City Hall for business (other than City Council meetings) you will be required to make an appointment twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the visit. If, because of an emergency situation, 24 hours advance notice is not possible, you will still be required to give at least 4 hours advance notice and provide proof that you were unable to give 24 hours advance notice. To make your appointments, you must call the City Marshal's office at (817) 392-6688 and inform them when you will arrive, what your business is, with whom (or what department) you need to speak, and the anticipated duration of your visit. This advance appointment requirement is necessary so that the City can arrange for your escort while at City Hall. Your visits to City Hall must have a legitimate purpose. If it is evident that you are scheduling more visits than are legitimate, or your purpose for any visit reasonably appears to be to harass the City and its employees, you may have additional restrictions imposed on your access to City Hall.
3. With respect to City Hall, upon entering the building, you must inform the Deputy Marshal on duty at the metal detector station at which you have arrived, the name of the department or employee that you want to visit. Then, a Deputy Marshal will escort you to your intended destination and will accompany you throughout the time that you have legitimate business in City Hall.

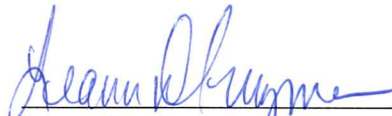
These restrictions on your presence at City Hall are not intended to interfere with your ability to transact business with the City, nor are they intended to restrict or limit anything you have to say, or any information you wish to present to City employees, the Mayor or City Council. To be clear, you will still be allowed to participate in City Council meetings through telephone comments or by submitting a comment card. However, the City takes the duty it owes the public to ensure that meetings are conducted in an orderly manner very seriously. The restrictions stated in this letter are necessary for the City to fulfill that duty.

This notice is effective immediately and will remain in effect until February 22, 2024. A copy of this letter has been provided to the City Marshal and Chief of Police of the Fort Worth Police Department.

Sincerely,



David Cooke
City Manager



Leann D. Guzman
City Attorney