



# **BABY CHANGING STATIONS**


CITY COUNCIL – ITEM 18  
MARCH 5, 2020

Presented by:  
Michael Shannon, PE, CBO - Director



# COUNCIL CONSIDERATION REQUEST

- Submitted by Councilman Manny Pelaez (CD 8) in April 2019
  - Discussion & review of requirements for baby changing stations
    - Installed in all restroom facilities in new buildings
    - Installed in restroom facilities of existing building permits needed when remodeling or altering

	
CITY OF SAN ANTONIO OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL COUNCIL CONSIDERATION REQUEST	
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TO:	Mayor and City Council
FROM:	Councilman Manny Pelaez, District 8
COPIES TO:	Erik Walsh, City Manager; Leticia Vacek, City Clerk; Andy Segovia, City Attorney; John Petersek, Assistant to the City Manager; Christopher Callanen, Assistant to City Council
SUBJECT:	Baby Changing Station - CCR
DATE:	April 10, 2019

## Issue Proposed for Consideration

I ask for your support for the inclusion of the following item on the agenda of the earliest available meeting of the Governance Committee:

Discussion and review of requirements that baby changing stations be installed in all new buildings with restroom facilities that offer public accommodations, and all existing buildings when restroom facilities are added or altered in a manner that requires a building permit.

## Brief Background

Often, baby changing stations are only available in women's public restrooms or not at all. The requirement of baby changing stations to be made available in both men's and women's bathroom in all new buildings will allow parents to have equal access to sanitary and safe spaces when changing their baby's diapers. Requiring diaper changing tables in public restrooms will help mothers and fathers ensure the health and safety of their children. Many parents or caregivers are forced to change their baby's diapers in public, to use unsanitary and unsafe bathroom sinks or floors, or to even delay changing a diaper altogether.

Submitted for Council consideration by:



Councilman Manny Pelaez, District 8

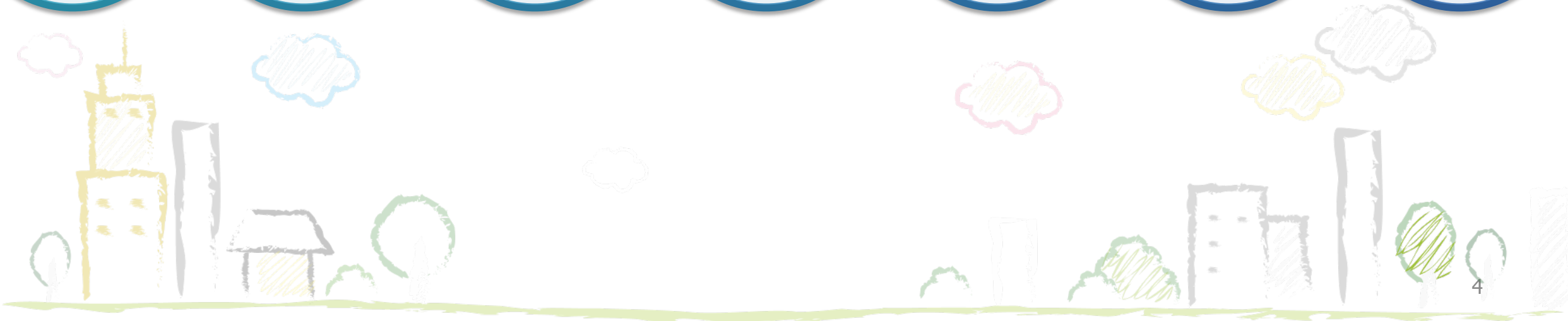
# PROCESS

- Building-Related and Fire Codes Appeals and Advisory Board (BRFCAAB)
  - Hears items on code changes to Ch. 10 (building-related codes)
  - 17 members + 17 alternates
    - Engineers
    - Architects
    - Building contractors
    - Commercial building contractors
    - Real estate
    - Home builders
    - Sign industry
    - Electrician, HVAC, plumbing

- Subcommittee members:

NAME		INDUSTRY
Bryan Smith	Residential	Chair
Christopher Garcia	Engineer	BRFCAAB Chair
Robert Hanley	Architect	
Max Hosford	Commercial, BOMA	

# TIMELINE



# PROPOSED LANGUAGE

- Other cities or states with similar language:
  - Dallas
  - New Mexico
  - New York
- Definition of baby changing station:
  - a baby changing station, deck, table, or similar
  - intended for changing diapers on children weighing up to 50 lbs.



# PROPOSED LANGUAGE

- Minimum **one** baby changing station accessible to all genders in buildings that are:
  - Assembly (restaurants, theaters, amusement buildings, etc.)
  - Mercantile (stores, malls, etc.)
  - Hospitals
  - City owned buildings
    - Providing services to citizens
    - Have public restrooms
- New buildings
- When restrooms in **existing buildings** are:
  - Newly built
  - Expanded by more than 50 sq. ft.
- Language in Ch. 10
- Cost = \$450 to \$1,000 per unit (installed)

# RECOMMENDATION



- Staff recommends approval of proposed language for baby changing stations requirements
- Review possibility of adult changing stations in new city facilities



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