

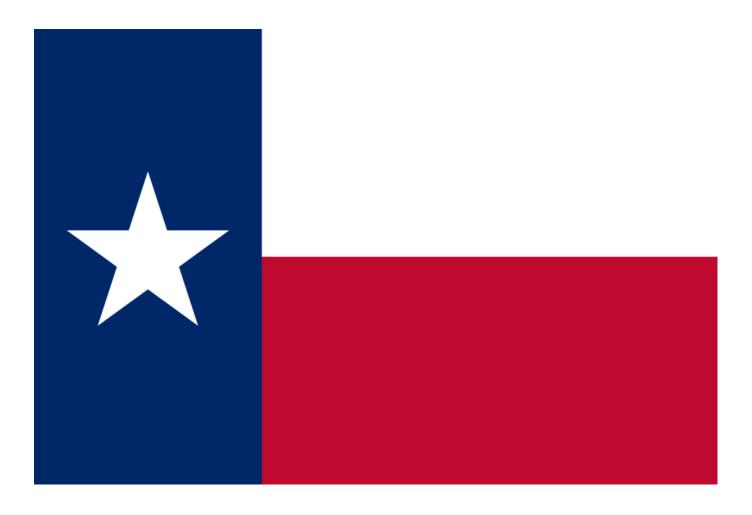
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As of this date, no lawsuit has been filed in Dallas and the ruling in San Antonio will not impact the Dallas PSL ordinance, which is still scheduled to take effect on August 1, 2019. The public interest group that played a part in successfully challenging Austin's PSL ordinance has written a letter to the City of Dallas threatening to sue to delay the implementation of Dallas's PSL.

Meanwhile, the City of Dallas has published rules regarding its PSL ordinance and a list of frequently asked questions.

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