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### **Save Dallas City Hall Coalition Issues Another Formal 60-Day Notice to City About Potential Violations of the City's Financial Policies**

**Dallas, Texas — May 20, 2026** — Attorneys representing the Save Dallas City Hall Coalition filed yet another formal 60-day notice of claim with the City of Dallas today. The notice warns that proposed actions related to abandoning or replacing City Hall could violate the City's financial management policies.

In this notice, the Coalition asserts that the City risks violating **Financial Management Performance Criteria (FMPC) No. 20**, which the Dallas City Council unanimously approved by passing a resolution in June 2021. The policy requires that any authorization of new or replacement municipal buildings must be approved by a **super-majority vote of the City Council**, and only after the City Manager provides detailed financial information to the Council.

"FMPC No. 20 was strengthened to prevent exactly the type of rushed, high-cost decision now under consideration," said Chris Bowers, an attorney and spokesperson for the Coalition. "Replacing or abandoning City Hall without full cost transparency and a super-majority vote would violate the City's policy and its financial integrity."

According to the Coalition, current plans to relocate City Hall to one or more leased facilities would impose significant costs on taxpayers. Under FMPC No. 20, the City Manager is required to present the total estimated capital cost, along with a five-year forecast of operating and maintenance expenses, prior to any authorization of new or replacement buildings.

The Coalition emphasized that compliance with these requirements is critical for protecting the City's financial standing. Credit rating agencies closely evaluate adherence to financial policies when assessing municipal creditworthiness. Failure to follow FMPC No. 20, the Coalition warns, could negatively impact Dallas's credit rating and long-term fiscal stability.

The notice also cautions City Councilmembers against attempting to amend or ignore FMPC No. 20. Such actions, the Coalition argues, could raise concerns under the Dallas City Code of Ethics, which requires officials to responsibly manage taxpayer resources, exercise sound judgment, and consider the public perception of their actions. This would be especially true for the six Councilmembers who voted for FMPC No. 20 in 2021.

The Coalition is demanding full compliance with FMPC No. 20. "Dallas deserves transparency, accountability, and respect for its historic landmarks," Bowers stated. "Disregarding these safeguards jeopardizes public trust and the City's financial reputation."

This notice follows two letters sent last week by the Coalition. The first alleged that the City and its officials are currently violating multiple provisions of the Dallas City Code by failing to maintain and repair City Hall. The second warned that any attempt to sell City Hall Plaza without complying with applicable provisions of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code and the Texas Local Government Code would be unlawful.

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**About Save Dallas City Hall Coalition:**

The Save Dallas City Hall Coalition is a Texas nonprofit organization committed to the preservation and restoration of the historic Dallas City Hall complex, an architectural landmark of national significance.

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