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BOTTOM LINE UP FRONT. Borrowing costs are the biggest near-term pressure on DFW small businesses: mortgage rates are at a nearly 3-year high after seven straight weekly increases, while layoffs stay low. Local demand signals are still positive, with more headquarters moving to North Texas and Plano on a record streak. Watch the weather: Air Quality Alerts are running this week, and Dallas County had a flood warning Oct. 2. Two federal comment windows (CBP low-value shipments, FTC impersonation scams) are open and relevant to small sellers. Texas Capital's switch to the Texas Stock Exchange on Oct. 8 is a small but concrete sign of Dallas's growing finance scene.

Top 5 items (ranked)

#1 B2 MODERATE CONFIDENCE

Borrowing costs keep climbing: the average long-term US mortgage rate hit its highest level in nearly 3 years after a 7th straight weekly rise

An AP report syndicated Oct. 8 says the average long-term US mortgage rate is at its highest level in nearly three years after seven weekly increases in a row. The same day, a separate report said unemployment claims dipped slightly while layoffs stay low. The SBA also published its periodic *Interest Rates* notice in the Federal Register on Oct. 1.

Why it matters to a DFW small business: Higher rates slow home purchases and refinancing, which means less work for trades tied to housing turnover (roofing, cleaning, remodeling, moving) and costlier variable-rate business credit. We judge it **likely** (55–80%) that rate-sensitive DFW home-services demand stays soft through the fall (moderate confidence; the judgment rests on national data, not DFW-specific figures).

↳ [Average long-term US mortgage rate at highest level in nearly 3 years after 7th weekly rise in a row - Audacy](#) [Google News RSS → Audacy]

↳ [Unemployment benefit claims dipped slightly last week as layoffs remain low - Audacy](#) [Google News RSS → Audacy]

↳ [Federal Register: "Interest Rates" \(Small Business Administration, 2026-10-01\)](#) [Federal Register API]

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HIGH CONFIDENCE

Air-quality alerts across DFW this week, after a flood warning in Dallas County on Oct. 2

The National Weather Service API shows an **Air Quality Alert active for Tarrant County** (sent Oct 8, 2026 2:31 PM CT) and Air Quality Alerts for Dallas County on Oct. 6 and Oct. 7. On Oct. 2, NWS issued a Flood Watch and Flood Warnings for Dallas County. As of collection, the NWS forecast for Richardson was: "Clear. Low around 66, with temperatures rising to around 68 overnight. Northeast wind around 5 mph."

Why it matters to a DFW small business: On alert days, outdoor crews (landscaping, roofing, construction, delivery) should plan heavy work for early hours and expect more customer reschedules. The Oct. 2 flood warning is a reminder to check flood coverage and drainage on job sites.

↳ [NWS Air Quality Alert, Tarrant County \(sent Oct 8, 2026 2:31 PM CT\)](#) [National Weather Service API]

↳ [NWS Air Quality Alert, Dallas County \(sent Oct 7, 2026 2:29 PM CT\)](#) [National Weather Service API]

↳ [NWS Flood Warning, Dallas County \(sent Oct 2, 2026 1:51 PM CT\)](#) [National Weather Service API]

↳ [NWS Flood Watch, Dallas County \(sent Oct 2, 2026 1:44 PM CT\)](#) [National Weather Service API]

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HIGH CONFIDENCE

Dallas-based Texas Capital Bancshares moved its stock listing from Nasdaq to the Texas Stock Exchange, trading from Oct. 8

Texas Capital told Nasdaq on Sept. 14 that it would voluntarily move its common and Series B preferred stock to the Texas Stock Exchange (TXSE). Nasdaq trading ended at the close on Oct. 7 and TXSE trading began Oct. 8. The common stock kept the ticker TCBI. Form 25 delisting notices and Form 8-A registrations were filed Oct. 7–8.

Why it matters to a DFW small business: Texas Capital is a major Dallas commercial lender. The move is a concrete sign that a Dallas-based exchange is winning local listings, which strengthens the local finance ecosystem. It changes nothing for borrowers or depositors in the near term. We judge it **likely** that more DFW companies announce TXSE listings over the next year (low confidence; one data point).

↳ [TEXAS CAPITAL BANCSHARES INC/TX Form 8-K filed 2026-09-14 \(Items 3.01,7.01,9.01\)](#) [SEC EDGAR]

↳ [TEXAS CAPITAL BANCSHARES INC/TX Form 25 filed 2026-10-07](#) [SEC EDGAR]

↳ [TEXAS CAPITAL BANCSHARES INC/TX Form 8-A12B filed 2026-10-08](#) [SEC EDGAR]

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HIGH CONFIDENCE

Two open federal comment windows affect small sellers: CBP's "Low-Value Shipments" rule (comments by Dec. 7) and the FTC impersonation rulemaking (comments by Nov. 30)

CBP proposes changing filing rules for informal entries of goods valued at **\$2,500 or less**, creating a new electronic informal entry type for mail shipments, and **adding bonding requirements** for certain informal entries. Comments close 2026-12-07. Separately, the FTC is asking for comment on a rule aimed at platforms that further government and business **impersonation scams**. Comments close 2026-11-30.

Why it matters to a DFW small business: DFW e-commerce sellers that import low-value goods could face new paperwork and bonding costs. Businesses that scammers impersonate (common for local service brands) have a direct stake in the FTC rule. Both are open for public comment now.

- ↳ [Federal Register: "Low-Value Shipments" \(Homeland Security Department, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, 2026-10-08\)](#) [Federal Register API]
- ↳ [Federal Register: "Rule on Impersonation of Government and Businesses" \(Federal Trade Commission, 2026-10-01\)](#) [Federal Register API]

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MODERATE CONFIDENCE

North Texas keeps drawing corporate moves, and Plano is on a record run of wins

On Oct. 8 and 9, local outlets reported more companies moving headquarters to North Texas (FOX 4), a Dallas Business Journal piece explaining Plano's "record win streak," headlined "From AT&T to Stars", and a Q3 rebound in DFW venture capital, though the 2026 total still trails last year (Dallas Innovates). A staffing firm's post on X cites the Dallas Morning News: AT&T is going ahead with its 54-acre Plano campus and adding call-center space in Richardson.

Why it matters to a DFW small business: New and expanding headquarters in Plano and Richardson bring demand for office services, cleaning, catering, IT and staffing. We read only headlines and feed metadata for these items, so the specific figures still need to be checked against the articles.

- ↳ [More companies moving headquarters to North Texas - FOX 4 News Dallas-Fort Worth](#) [Google News RSS → FOX 4 News Dallas-Fort Worth]
- ↳ [From AT&T to Stars, Plano's record win streak explained - The Business Journals](#) [Google News RSS → The Business Journals]
- ↳ [DFW Venture Capital Rebounds in Q3, but 2026 Total Still Trails Last Year - Dallas Innovates](#) [Google News RSS → Dallas Innovates]
- ↳ [X: @RoseInt post](#) [X via x connector]

Watch list

ITEM	CODE	SOURCES
Texas Instruments Q3 earnings call: Oct. 21 (per news). TI's Sept. 17 8-K sets the \$1.52 dividend's	B2 / A1	Texas Instruments stock heads toward its October 21 earnings call - AD HOC NEWS [Google News RSS → AD HOC NEWS]

record date as Oct. 30, payable Nov. 10, if the board declares it.

TEXAS INSTRUMENTS INC Form 8-K filed 2026-09-17 (Items 7.01,9.01) [SEC EDGAR]

Fossil Group (Richardson HQ) filed an 8-K on Oct. 6 with its annual meeting results and an incentive-plan amendment.

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Fossil Group, Inc. (FOSL) (CIK 0000883569) 8-K filed 2026-10-06 (Items 5.02, 5.07, 9.01) [SEC EDGAR full-text search]

ERCOT large-load (data center) queue and the reported interconnection pause. Unverified X summary; needs an ERCOT or PUC primary source.

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X: Texas Pauses Data Center Permits Amid 474 GW Grid Queue Surge [X via x connector]

Collin County home-price softness (nearly 9% decline cited). Unverified X summary; check against MLS or Texas A&M Real Estate Center data.

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X: H-1B Workers Leave Texas Homes Amid Job Losses and Visa Rules [X via x connector]

Local retail churn: a Richardson boba shop closed and a soap brand launched (Community Impact). The downtown Dallas Neiman Marcus flagship closed Sept. 30 (X summary).

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Boba tea shop Magic Cup Cafe closes Richardson location - Community Impact Newspaper [Google News RSS → Community Impact Newspaper]
Botanical soap brand SaponiQ launches in Richardson - Community Impact Newspaper [Google News RSS → Community Impact Newspaper]
X: Dallas Neiman Marcus Flagship Closes After 112 Years [X via x connector]

Indicators to watch

- **Dallas 311 code-compliance load:** 3,555 “Code Concern” requests since 2026-09-25 (top request type; 14,929 requests of all types). A 20% or larger week-over-week jump would suggest a city enforcement push. Relevant for property and food businesses. [City of Dallas 311 Service Requests \(aggregate query\)](#) [City of Dallas Open Data]
- **Rates:** an 8th straight weekly mortgage-rate rise, or a reversal (next weekly survey).
- **Weather:** any new NWS Air Quality, Heat, Flood or Severe Thunderstorm alert for zones TXC113 (Dallas) or TXC085 (Collin).
- **Filings:** new 8-Ks from companies with Richardson or Plano business addresses (EDGAR full-text query saved in collectors).
- **Listings:** further Nasdaq/NYSE → TXSE transfers by DFW issuers (look for Item 3.01 8-Ks).

Collection notes

Collected Oct 9, 2026 2:10 AM CT by scripted pulls: 261 news items (Google News RSS), 31 recent SEC filings from 6 DFW-headquartered companies, 9 EDGAR full-text 8-K hits, 8 NWS alerts (4 DFW counties, active plus 7 days), 53 Federal Register documents, City of Dallas 311 aggregates, and 8 X items (news summaries and organization posts only). Codes follow our [method](#). Analytic judgments are marked with ICD 203 likelihood words and kept separate from sourced facts. Every link above points to a record in the collected data. A build-time trace check fails if any citation is missing from the raw data.

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