

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: *Amend documentation of compliance section for required placarding and prospective tenant notification for unreinforced masonry buildings (Ordinance; amend Code Section 24.85.065)

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:
 City Council adopted Ordinance No. 189399 that made changes to the documentation of compliance for placarding and prospective tenant notification requirements for owners of unreinforced masonry (URM) buildings. The Ordinance states that the building owner must “agree” not to remove the placard. This amendment seeks to delete the word “agree” because it is superfluous since PCC 24.85.065.C. already prohibits removing the placard. It also adds a citation to PCC 24.85.065 as part of the required content for the placards to make it clear the placard content is government-mandated language.

Financial and budgetary impacts:
 Because this ordinance involves language clarification for existing requirements, it will not add any cost or have any additional budgetary impacts on the Bureau of Development Services (BDS) or the City beyond what is already required in City Code.

Community impacts and community involvement:
 These amendments do not change the existing requirements as they currently exist in code and as adopted by the City Council in Ordinance No. 189399. The impacted community from that Ordinance includes URM building owners, their prospective tenants, and users of URM buildings.

Budgetary Impact Worksheet

Does this action change appropriations?
 YES: Please complete the information below.
 NO: Skip this section

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Commissioner Hardesty

From: Rebecca Esau, Director
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Regarding: Proposed amendments to city code to clarify document of compliance sections for required placards and prospective tenant notification for unreinforced masonry buildings

I. RECOMMENDATION

Amend documentation of compliance section for required placarding and tenant notification for unreinforced masonry buildings (Ordinance; amend Code Section 24.85.065)

II. BACKGROUND

On February 27, 2019, the City Council passed Ordinance No. 189399, that among other actions, removed the requirement that owners of unreinforced masonry buildings record documentation of compliance with the placarding and tenant notification requirements. The Ordinance also extended the date for complying with the documentation requirement to November 1, 2020.

The language in Ordinance No. 189399 states that the building owner must "agree" not to remove the placard and acknowledge compliance with the prospective tenant notification requirements. The word "agree" is superfluous because PCC 24.85.065.C. already prohibits removing the placard, and the purpose of the acknowledgement is for BDS to attach the form to the City's property file for potential enforcement.

In addition, the language mandated for the placards in 24.85.065.C. does not specify that it is government-mandated language.

This ordinance amends the documentation of compliance section to remove the word "agree" and clarifies that the documentation of compliance applies to both the placarding and prospective tenant notification requirements. It also adds a citation to

Portland City Code (PCC) 24.85.065 to the mandated placard language to make it clear the placard content is government-mandated language.