



City of Portland
City Council

Safety and Security Ordinance

Bureau of Development Services

March 3, 2021
Staff Presentation

COVID-19 Emergency

- Emergency declared on March 12, 2020 and extended every two weeks since;
- Portland Zoning Code implements the Comprehensive Plan and land use plans to protect health, safety and general welfare of Portlanders; and
- The COVID-19 emergency has had an adverse effect on the health, safety and general welfare of Portlanders.

Business Impacts

- Temporary closings;
- Reductions in customers;
- Reductions in pedestrian activity; and
- Operational modifications.

Business Impacts (continued)

- Vandalism in Portland's commercial districts has increased;
- Burglaries have increased;
- Mass vandalism events have occurred in almost all commercial districts;
- Pedestrian counts have decreased; and
- Repair costs and insurance premium increases.



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Business Impacts (continued)

- Boarded up businesses and vacant storefronts are a common sight in Portland's commercial districts;
- Most commercial districts in Portland are located in the Design Overlay Zone;
- Safety and security improvements may require approval through a Design Review.



City Policy

Crime Prevention through Environmental Design. Overlapping elements include:

- Natural surveillance
- Territoriality
- Access control
- Activity support
- Management and maintenance
- Pedestrian environment
 - Limit blank walls
 - Requiring storefront windows
 - Active ground floor uses



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- Waive Design Review for exterior lighting:
 - Must be directed downward
 - Appropriate fixtures include: gooseneck lights and sconces
 - No flashing lights
 - No upward projecting lights



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- Waive Design Review for exterior security gates:
 - Must be open-grille variety and at least 70% transparent
 - May only be at entrance or windows associated with the entry
 - Gateboxes must be hidden behind an awning or if no awning painted to match the ground floor/first floor façade



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- Ordinance does not apply to Historic Landmarks or in Historic Districts
- Ordinance expires when the Declaration of Emergency is no longer in effect. Security measures will be considered nonconforming
- Nonconforming upgrades do not apply

Next Ordinance

- Ordinance to address uses and allowances for businesses during COVID-19 emergency