

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: *Waive Portland Zoning Code requirements for the ground floor/first floor of buildings located in the Design Overlay Zone for the installation of lighting and security gates on exterior facades during COVID-19 emergency (Ordinance; waive Code Chapter 33.420)

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

The proposed ordinance is not a permanent legislative action; it is limited to waiving certain zoning regulations during the COVID-19 emergency to remove barriers for the installation of safety and security measures such as exterior lighting and security gates. The ordinance is supported by current City policy regarding Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design and the 2035 Comprehensive Plan.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

The proposed ordinance does not result in a permanent legislative action; instead it remedies Portland Zoning Code requirements that certain exterior safety and security measures in the Design Overlay Zone receive approval through a Design Review. The ordinance does not allocate any resources to implementation or any resources to assist in the installation of safety and security measures.

Community impacts and community involvement:

The proposed ordinance will remove barriers to allow more expeditious installation of exterior safety and security measures for businesses at a time when many are struggling due to the health, safety and financial burdens of the COVID-19 emergency and recognizes that increased vandalism in Portland has added another significant burden. The proposed ordinance will apply in areas of Portland located within the Design Overlay Zone. The ordinance applies to large and small businesses and may include retail businesses and offices. Allowing more expeditious installation of safety and security measures can improve safety and perceptions of safety. Direct community involvement has not occurred, the proposed ordinance instead relied on research and media accounts of vandalism and business needs.

100% Renewable Goal:

The proposed ordinance should have no impact on the City's total energy use.

Budgetary Impact Worksheet

Does this action change appropriations?

☐ **YES:** Please complete the information below.

☒ **NO:** Skip this section

Fund	Fund Center	Commitment Item	Functional Area	Funded Program	Grant	Sponsored Program	Amount