

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: *Add Unlawful Street Takeover and Unlawful Staging of a Street Takeover Event Code to define conduct, specify offenses and authorize vehicle towing (Ordinance; add Code Section 14A.30.080)

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

The purpose of this ordinance is to update the city code to provide additional enforcement tools for Portland Police Bureau (“PPB”) to reduce the incidents of dangerous street sliding events in the public right of way.

Since 2019, the City of Portland began to experience a rise in street sliding incidents across the city, taking place on freeways, highways, thoroughfares, and local streets. In the intervening two years, not only are there indications that the frequency and the spread of these incidents have increased, so have the number of onlookers. These incidents frequently consist of a group of people standing in the middle of the right of way with crowds surrounding an oval of pavement where cars circle around the center point at high speeds, so that the front of the car remains in the center. Crowds are within a few feet of a rapidly moving vehicle. One wrong move, and the driver can send the vehicle into the crowd or into those standing in the middle of the oval, causing and risking injuries and deaths. While this is happening, traffic in all directions is blocked that can impede emergency vehicle (i.e. police, fire, ambulance) access.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

This ordinance does not change budget allocation.

Community impacts and community involvement:

Significant community involvement has taken place with business stakeholders, district attorney, community organizations, and with public comment on social media. APANO, Latino Network, chambers of color, PPB advisory committees and community partners, and Office of Equity and Human Rights provided feedback on this ordinance. Additionally, PBOT Director Warner and his team have agreed to increase clean-up related efforts.

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