



STAFF REPORT ON PROPOSED LEGISLATION

To: Mayor Gavin Buckley

From: Victoria Buckland, Acting City Manager

Date: August 29, 2025

Subject: O-38-25: Exception to the City's Prohibition on Doors or Gates Opening Over Sidewalks

Purpose of legislation

The purpose of this legislation is to allow the Director of Public Works to allow exceptions to §14.20.090 of the City Code dealing with doors or gates opening over sidewalks.

Impact of legislation on operations

This legislation would allow the Director of the Department of Public Works to approve situations where the Director determines that there is no actual hazard present from a gate or door opening over a sidewalk. One illustration of this is a situation where an owner created an enclosure for trash cans, but the doors to the enclosure open over the sidewalk. In this case, the doors would only be opened by a person on the outside deliberately opening the doors. That person would have visibility regarding who else may be on the sidewalk and would be able to adjust accordingly. These doors would not be opened from the inside. The intention from the City is to be able to approve situations like this where safety concerns are limited.

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