

Code Change Fact Sheet

This fact sheet must be attached to any ordinance in Legistar that is proposing to amend Columbus City Codes. It should also be circulated among Councilmember offices prior to submitting an ordinance in Legistar.

It is also a standard practice that Council will not consider any code changes that have not been previously reviewed and approved by the City Attorney's office. Drafters should ensure that the City Attorney's office has approved a final version of a proposed code change prior to circulating this fact sheet to Councilmember offices.

Drafter: **Department:**

Email and Phone:

Columbus City Code Title Being Amended/Created/Repealed:

What is the overall purpose of this code change?

Why is this code change needed?



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What would be the impact of not adopting this code change?

City residents, families, and workers may experience continued or increased threats and fear pertaining to attendance of work, school, and/or childcare. Without this code change, law enforcement and the judicial system would have a more limited ability to protect these places, families, and employees.

Are there any operating or capital budget cost/savings implications for this code change?

There are no budget implications anticipated, as it is hoped that this code change will help to prevent obstruction and harassment behavior of this kind. In the event that this behavior increases at any point and CPD is called upon to respond, it may constitute increased responsibilities from CPD that could theoretically have downstream budget implications.

Describe the community engagement process regarding this code change. What residents, impacted parties, and constituents may be affected? Have they been engaged, and how so? How was their feedback incorporated (or not incorporated) into this code change?

City Council held a hearing to solicit feedback on this legislation, and others, on February 17, 2026.

Will this code change take effect with the ordinance, or is there a delayed effective date?

The code change is an emergency action, so it will go into effect as soon as the Mayor signs it OR 10 days after passage, whichever is sooner.



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