

Department Requesting Code Change:

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Drafter:

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Columbus City Code Title Being Amended/Created/Repealed:

Section 219.034 (amended) and section 2105.02 (enacted)

What is the overall purpose of this code change? *Summarize the general themes of the code change(s) and the need for these changes. Please utilize language and descriptors that would be easily understandable by the general public.*

To require the Director of Public Service and relevant staff to adopt and annually evaluate a Complete Streets policy for City infrastructure. The code change also defines "Complete Streets" to mean a set of guidelines and internal policies that emphasize the consideration of safety for all public infrastructure users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, and transit riders of all ages and abilities, during the planning, design, and construction of public infrastructure.

Why is this code change needed? *Examples: Correcting a drafting error; bringing code into alignment with changes to state law. For other policy changes, it may be necessary to provide a much more in-depth rationale in the section.*

Transportation safety advocates have argued that this code change will improve transparency and accountability for the City as we plan infrastructure that is conducive to reducing and eventually eliminating traffic fatalities.

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

Without this requirement, the City must still comply with MORPC's Complete Streets policy to be eligible for any MORPC federally attributable funds, but any other project would not necessarily need to comply with the principles of Complete Streets.

Are there any operating or capital budget cost/savings implications for this code change? *These may be direct or in-direct, and please also consider long-term impact.*

N/A

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Fact Sheet: Proposed Changes to [insert title, chapter, etc.]

Drafter:



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?

A public hearing on the subject was conducted on Thursday, October 2, 2025. Key stakeholders include the Dept. of Public Service, Transit Columbus, Yay Bikes!, and the American Heart Association. Their suggestions, in the form of written testimony and legislative drafts, have been incorporated herein.

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

30-day effective date, with the Director of Public Service being directed to adopt necessary rules and issue a report to City Council and the Mayor not later than 180 days after the effective date of the ordinance.

*****EXAMPLE FACT SHEET*****

Department Requesting Code Change: Office of Diversity and Inclusion

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Columbus City Code Title Being Amended/Created/Repealed:

Title 4 and Title 39, Chapter 329

What is the overall purpose of this code change? Summarize the general themes of the code change(s) and the need for these changes. Please utilize language and descriptors that would be easily understandable by the general public.

Definitions:

- SLBE: Small, local business enterprise
- SRBE: Small, regional business enterprise

SLBEs were defined as businesses headquartered and domiciled in the City of Columbus. SRBEs are defined similarly, but with a physical presence in one or more of the following counties: Delaware, Fairfield, Fayette, Franklin, Licking, Madison, Pickaway, or Union. The Office of Diversity and Inclusion seeks to reach small business outside of the boundaries of Franklin County and the City of Columbus.

Why is this code change needed? Examples: Correcting a drafting error; bringing code into alignment with changes to state law. For other policy changes, it may be necessary to provide a much more in-depth rationale in the section.

A regional model like an SRBE certification is used in other large metro areas, like Atlanta, to be more inclusive of the area's collective economy and reach small business owners in counties neighboring Columbus.



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

Regional businesses operating partly in Columbus, hiring employees living in Columbus, and regional minority-owned businesses will continue to be excluded from the ODI's certification process.

Are there any operating or capital budget cost/savings implications for this code change? *These may be direct or in-direct, and please also consider long-term impact.*

While there is no direct impact on the budget, potential procurement incentives related to SRBE-certified businesses could impact the costs of certain projects.

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

Business support organizations in the local and regional area are key stakeholders, including the Columbus Chamber of Commerce. Existing, certified SLBEs will be impacted and potential SRBEs may be impacted. No community engagement has occurred at this time, but the Columbus Chamber of Commerce is broadly aware of the proposed changes.

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

Effective date

