

Clear boarding Ordinance
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Request:

Commission direct staff to draft an ordinance to mandate the use of clearboarding instead of the use of other materials, such as plywood to cover openings, doors or windows. Staff shall bring the ordinance back to the commission for first reading within 90 days.

Highlights of the proposed ordinance:

- 1) Buildings may only use plywood or other material to cover openings, doors and windows when there is an open construction permit on the building for new construction or for fixing the issue with the openings.
- 2) Plywood or other materials may be used to cover openings, doors, and windows on a temporary basis due to weather related protection, state of emergencies, or other temporary reasons that are less than 30 days. If an opening needs to be covered for more than 30 days, clear boarding must be used.
- 3) Buildings that are currently using materials other than clearboarding to cover openings have 90 days from the passage of the ordinance to bring their building into compliance.
- 4) If the ordinance is passed, the city shall notify home improvement stores as to the type of clearboarding required so that they may stock the correct materials. The city shall also notify all known owners of abandoned buildings to the new ordinance.
- 5) If the property does not fix a violation of the ordinance in a reasonable amount of time, the city may go on the property to remove violation materials and install clear boarding.