

Ordinance to Extend Accessible Business Entrance (ABE) Program Compliance Deadlines – File No. 240297

Land Use and Transportation Committee

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Background

- The Accessible Business Entrance (ABE) Program was established by ordinance in 2016.
- The program requires places of public accommodation to have all primary entries and paths of travel into a building be accessible by persons with disabilities.
- Deadlines for compliance with the ABE program have been extended four times via ordinance.

ABE Compliance Rates

23,504 properties in the program:

- 16,505 (70%) Compliant (including waived and exempted businesses)
 - Of those that have applied for a permit (1,190), 416 need to finish getting their permit issued
- 6,999 (30%) Non-compliant
 - 2,871 submitted a checklist, but need a permit
 - 4,128 no response

Summary – File No. 240297

- The proposed ordinance would amend the compliance schedule for the ABE program.
- This change will provide additional time for businesses to submit their compliance checklist, and if necessary, file and obtain the required building permits.

Compliance Schedule in File No. 240297

TABLE 1107D COMPLIANCE SCHEDULE				
Category	Category Description	Submit compliance Checklist and specify compliance Option	File application for required building permit(s)	Obtain required building permit(s) 1
Category One Buildings	In compliance	June 30 <u>December 31, 2022-2024</u>	N/A	N/A
Category Two Buildings	No steps but barriers	June 30 <u>December 31, 2022-2024</u>	December 31, <u>2022-2024</u>	September 29, <u>2023-2025</u>
Category Three Buildings	One step with barriers	June 30 <u>December 31, 2022-2024</u>	December 31, <u>2022-2024</u>	September 29, <u>2023-2025</u>
Category Four Buildings	1+ step with other barriers	June 30 <u>December 31, 2022-2024</u>	December 31, <u>2022-2024</u>	September 29, <u>2023-2025</u>

BIC & Department Recommendation

- The BIC met on May 15, 2024 and recommended approval of the ordinance.
- DBI staff believe this extension will help increase compliance rates with the program and recommend approval of the legislation.



THANK YOU