

**RESOLUTION NO. 20240718-092**

**WHEREAS**, in February of 2024, a deadly crash occurred at a local hospital, highlighting the need for enhanced safety measures at medical facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, a KXAN investigation found that similar incidents have happened more than 300 times across the country in the last decade, with 28,014 crashes tracked involving any storefront since 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, compared to other commercial buildings, medical facilities present additional, unique risk factors due to drivers potentially being on medication, in distress, injured, or suffering from medical emergencies; and

**WHEREAS**, vertical security posts, called bollards, can prevent vehicles from crashing into buildings or people, thereby enhancing safety; and

**WHEREAS**, many hospitals in Central Texas do not use bollards at their entrances; and

**WHEREAS**, the installation of crash-rated bollards at hospital entrances can save lives and prevent injuries; and

**WHEREAS**, no state or federal regulations currently require installation of bollards; and

**WHEREAS**, City Council aims to ensure the safety of patients, families, employees, and visitors at medical facilities; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

City Council initiates amendments to City Code, including Title 25 (*Land Development*), to require the installation of crash-rated bollards or other similar safety barriers to prevent vehicle-into-building crashes at the pedestrian entrances of medical facilities with nearby vehicular traffic.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

When proposing amendments initiated by this Resolution, the City Manager is directed to explore:

1. the feasibility of requiring safety barriers in public right-of-way areas adjacent to medical facilities to enhance pedestrian safety and prevent vehicle crashes;
2. whether permit applications to expand, remodel, or upgrade existing facilities can trigger this requirement to install safety bollards;
3. incentives for existing facilities to voluntarily comply with new City requirements to install bollards;
4. recommendations for the City's state and federal legislative agenda; and
5. any other necessary changes that achieve the objectives of this resolution.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

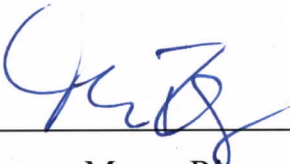
The City Manager is directed to engage with stakeholders, including medical facility operators, with the goal of bringing about compliance with any new requirements City Council adopts.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

The City Manager is directed to bring forward proposed changes that achieve the objectives of this Resolution to City Council by October 31, 2024.

**ADOPTED:** July 18, 2024

**ATTEST:**



Myrna Rios  
City Clerk