

**CITY OF SALEM  
FIRST PASSAGE**

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**In the year two thousand and nineteen**

**An Ordinance** to amend an ordinance relative to obstructions in sidewalks.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Salem, as follows:

**Section 1.** Section 38-8 Obstructing sidewalks with articles within Chapter 38 Streets and Sidewalks is hereby amending by adding a new paragraph at the end of this section as follows:

“The Director of Inspectional Services/Building Inspector shall ensure that when public or private work may potentially impact pedestrian mobility on a public sidewalk, there shall be established rules and/or permitting to ensure safe, unobstructed pedestrian passage. Such rules and permitting shall require, at a minimum, the installation of a continuous non-malleable opaque surface running at ground level along temporary structures including scaffolding and construction fences. The non-malleable opaque surface, hereinafter referred to as a “tapboard,” must be placed along the inside of the pedestrian walkway, vertically raised, contiguous to the pathway. Any portion of a temporary structure with hand rails or other barriers blocking pedestrian passage must have a tapboard at ground level. The tapboard shall be no less that 14 inches in height, one inch in depth and placed no more than one inch above ground unless otherwise approved by the Director of Inspectional Services/Building Inspector or designee.”

**Section 2.** This Ordinance shall take effect as provided by City Charter.

In City Council November 21, 2019  
Adopted for first passage

ATTEST:

ILENE SIMONS  
CITY CLERK

SN: 11/27/19