## MOTION

The City is responsible for ensuring safe and unobstructed access to the public right-of-way, which includes sidewalks and parkways. To ensure access, two City departments, the Public Works, Bureau of Street Services (BOSS) and the Department of Building and Safety (DBS) inspect problem areas and enforce the Municipal Code when and where appropriate.

Throughout the City, there are a number of instances in which the public right-of-way has been compromised by illegal fencing. This encroachment into sidewalks, parkways, and other areas prevents or inhibits residents from safely and freely passing through these areas.

Currently, throughout the City, BOSS' Code Enforcement Division inspects the public rightof-way for code violations and DBS' Code Enforcement Division similarly inspects private property for such violations. In addition, DBS manages the City's Pro-Active Code Enforcement Division (PACE) which also help to inspect private property, however, PACE's enforcement is limited to certain geographical regions designated as low and moderate income areas.

Given the need to ensure free and safe passage of the public right-of-way, these Departments should investigate and remove instances of illegal fencing citywide and report to Council.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Public Works, Bureau of Street Services' Code Enforcement Division and the Department of Building and Safety be instructed to work together to investigate and remove illegal fencing Citywide that restricts free passage in the public right-of-way and report to Council on these efforts.

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