

ORDINANCE NO. C-_____

An ordinance related to City Building Accessibility and Safety; enacting new sections 12.05.055 and 12.05.056 of the Spokane Municipal Code.

WHEREAS, the City of Spokane strives to be a transparent government body, and seeks to encourage greater public participation in our local government activities; and

WHEREAS, one of the City’s goals, as outlined in its strategic plan, is to “[c]reate a compassionate community so that all people can feel safe, empowered, and welcome”; and

NOW THEREFORE, the City of Spokane does ordain:

Section 1. That there is enacted a new section 12.05.055 of the Spokane Municipal Code to read as follows:

Section 12.05.055 Public Access to City Hall and Other City Buildings

- A. It is the policy of the City of Spokane to ensure safe and equitable access to City buildings for all people.
- B. City buildings, owned by the City of Spokane and its people, are for the access of, and provision of services to, the people of Spokane.
- C. In addition to other areas to which the public has access during the City’s office hours (defined in SMC 03.02.010 as 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, public holidays excepted), the first-floor lobby of City Hall is a public area, and any member of the public may enter and remain there during office hours, without time limit.
- D. Other areas of buildings owned by the City may, by appropriate administrative policy or by Council resolution, be designated as non-public areas, to which public access may be restricted during normal City office hours.
- E. Members of the public may be removed from any building owned by the City of Spokane if they engage in violent or threatening behavior, cause excessive noise or disturbances which impair the ability of City employees to conduct City business, or if the rated occupancy of the City building, floor, or room is exceeded.
- F. All administrative policies which are in conflict with this section are superseded to the extent of the conflict.

Section 2. That there is enacted a new section 12.05.056 of the Spokane Municipal Code to read as follows:

Section 12.05.056 City Facilities Safety and Accessibility Workgroup

- A. By December 31, 2020, the Asset Management Director, or his or her designee, shall convene a City Facilities Safety and Accessibility workgroup to meet at least semi-annually to develop, execute, and review processes and projects that maximize public access and improve employee safety in all City owned facilities.
- B. Members of the Facilities Safety and Accessibility workgroup may include but are not limited to:
 - 1. At least three users of City facilities from the public;
 - 2. One representative from each City of Spokane bargaining unit;
 - 3. One representative from Human Resources Division;
 - 4. One representative of City of Spokane security staff;
 - 5. One representative of City of Spokane janitorial staff;
 - 6. One representative from MySpokane;
 - 7. One representative from Parks and Recreation Division;
 - 8. One representative from Innovation and Technology Services Division
 - 9. One representative from the City of Spokane Human Rights Commission
- C. The Asset Management Director, or his or her designee, shall report annually to the City Council’s Finance and Administration Committee on the progress of all employee safety and public accessibility projects in City owned buildings.

PASSED by the City Council on _____.

Council President

Attest:

Approved as to form:

City Clerk

Assistant City Attorney

Mayor

Date

Effective Date