



**City of Cleveland Memorandum**  
Justin M. Bibb, Mayor

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TO: Michael D. Polensek, Chair  
Safety Committee

FROM: Dornat A. Drummond, Director  
Department of Public Safety

SUBJECT: Ord. No. 1117-2024 to supplement the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, by enacting new Section 385.82 relating to the requirements for vehicle impact protection guard posts for the Division of Fire, Department of Public Safety, **as amended**

DATE: November 22, 2024

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If approved by Council, Ordinance No. 1117-2024 would supplement the Codified Ordinances by enacting new Section 385.82 relating to the requirements for vehicle impact protection guard posts for the Division of Fire, Department of Public Safety.

The purpose of this law is to codify the requirements for guard posts for the Division of Fire, Department of Public Safety. This ordinance would be stricter than the State Code by requiring guard posts:

- to be 6 inches in diameter and concrete filled (rather than four (4) inches in diameter required by the State Code);
- spaced not more than 4 feet between posts on center;
- set not less than 3 feet deep in a concrete footing of no less than a 15-inch diameter;
- set with the top of the posts no less than 3 feet above ground; and
- located not less than 3 feet from the protected object.

In addition, other barriers other than guard posts will be permitted where approved by the Fire Chief and/ or Fire Marshal.

The amendment provides additional clarifying language regarding guard posts and compliance requirements.