

Memorandum

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Date: July 7, 2007

To: Absecon City Planning Board, Master Plan Committee

From: Robert L. Reid, AICP, PP, Board Planner

Re: Proposed Security Plan Ordinance

The following is a draft Security Plan Ordinance for informal review and comment, which is to be added to Article XX, §224-120. It is recommended the following submission requirements be added is a requirement for all commercial site plans and residential developments that propose common areas for public use.

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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE XX, §224-120 V TO ADD A "SECURITY ANALYSIS AND PLAN".

BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Body for the City of Absecon City, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey, that Chapter 224, Absecon Developmental Ordinance hereby amended as follows:

§ 224-120 V. Security analysis and plan.

- A. The intent and purpose of this ordinance is to provide minimum standards to guide the appropriate efforts that will help promote the public health and safety. Given the anticipated increase in resident population and increase in transient population in Absecon City within a major transportation corridor of Atlantic City, a security analysis and plan is required to reflect the efforts taken at a design stage to maximize security and safety of existing inhabitants, future inhabitants, visitors and the traveling public.
- B. At a minimum, the applicant shall:
- (1) Provide adequate emergency access routes for police, fire and ambulance services.
 - (2) Provide design plans which would facilitate the removal of the sick and/or injured, by stretcher, from within the structure; i.e., the width of hallways and door frames, etc.
 - (3) Provide call systems which will be used in remote areas of the project to

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facilitate the summoning of assistance in times of emergency.

- (4) Provide unit marking system to be used in multifamily dwellings that will facilitate the identification of individual units in times of emergency.
- (5) Indicate the architectural techniques used in the design to deter unlawful entry and other forms of crime; i.e., steel door jambs, locking mechanisms, exterior door design, alarm systems, security lighting, landscaping, elimination of dark alcoves, alleyways, etc.
- (6) Identify the techniques which will be used in the design to control access to the project.
- (7) Identify the proposed barriers, which will limit access to major roadways such as state highways Route 30, Route 9 to protect children and to secure the project from unauthorized personnel.
- (8) Identify the proposed security system, i.e. security cameras for recording activities in projects which incorporates commercial uses open to the public including, but not limited to , those projects which have common areas, community buildings, and/or office lobbies.
- (9) Indicate the technique that will be utilized in the design of the grounds and internal areas of multi-family units, housing developments and other residential areas that will facilitate natural, visual and auditory monitoring of the activities taking place within them, i.e., the glazing, lighting and positioning of the areas and access paths surrounding and leading to apartment buildings and units and the design of facilities which enables residents to view commonly used areas (paths, entries, play and seating areas) during their normal household activities.
- (10) Indicate other techniques that create a sense of safety and encourage improved upkeep by the residents / tenants and owners of non-residential uses, i.e., self-help tools which catalyze the natural impulses of residents to assume their social responsibilities.
(refer to Defensible Space by Oscar Newman. Copy available at <http://www.defensiblespace.com/book.htm>).
- (11) Identify the professional responsible for formulating the security plan for the proposed project.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced and passed the first reading at a meeting of the City Council of the City of Absecon City, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey, held on _____, and said Ordinance will be further considered for final passage and adoption at a public hearing to be held at the Municipal Complex located at 500 Mill Road, Absecon, New Jersey 08201, on _____, at 7:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached.

BY ORDER OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABSECON

Approved: _____
Peter C. Elco, Mayor

Attest: _____
Carie A. Crone, Acting Municipal Clerk

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