



# Municipal Code Amendment for Parking Garage Security Code Requirements

Ordinance Introduction  
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**Building Security Code**, applicable to new developments and alterations.



Amend **Parking Garage Security** requirements Municipal Code 23.54.030.



Facilitate **housing and parking production** in mixed-use projects.



To **allow flexibility and maintain security** in developments.

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## EXISTING CODE LANGUAGE

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## PROPOSED CODE LANGUAGE

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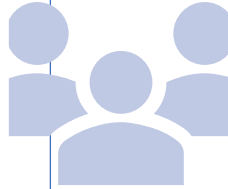
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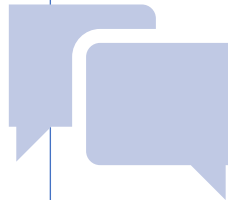
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## **Community Meeting: May 25, 2023**

- Provided overview of code amendment
- Discussed general security design requirements



## **Public Comments**

- One public comment submitted
- Discussed code language with two commentors after packet release

# RECOMMENDATION

Introduce an Ordinance to amend San Mateo Municipal Code Section 23.54.040 “Parking Garage Security” and determine the amendments qualify for a Categorical Exemption.





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