



**City of Philadelphia  
Department of Streets**

**Regulations Governing Sidewalk Closure Permits For Construction Activity  
Pursuant to Section 11-612 of The Philadelphia Code.**

**Section 1. Engineering Report or Site Safety Plan Required**

A. All permit applications associated with any building construction or building demolition requesting sidewalk closures, shelter platforms, and/or relocation of pedestrian paths into a parking lane, must be accompanied by an engineering report or site safety plan stating that the method requested to protect pedestrians is appropriate for the planned activity. The examiner shall note on the permit that “L&I Building Code review and approval of this site safety plan is required”;

B. The site safety plan or engineering report shall be signed and sealed by a professional engineer licensed in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania;

C. A copy of any sidewalk closure or shelter platform permit shall be posted at the site during the entire time of the closure in the same location as the associated building permit(s);

D. All sidewalk closures and relocated pedestrian paths associated with building construction or demolition shall comply with the latest PennDOT published standards and any additional details that may be provided by the Department of Streets.

E. Applicants requesting a sidewalk closure for maintenance activity (e.g., cleaning, pointing, painting, step or window replacement) may be issued a full sidewalk closure permit without submitting an engineering report or site safety plan provided that the closure lasts no longer than seven days and the work occurs no higher than thirty-five feet (35’) above the sidewalk level. The examiner shall note on the permit that a sidewalk closure is authorized (provided that all work requiring the closure is completed within seven days). If the closure will extend beyond seven days, the permit application must be accompanied by an analysis prepared by a professional engineer licensed in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania requesting the additional time.

F. A building permit issued by the Department of Licenses of Inspections is required for the construction of all shelter platforms

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