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### ORDINANCE

*BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF CHICAGO CITY COUNCIL OF:*

SECTION 1. Chapter 13-12-135(d)(4) of the Municipal Code of the City of Chicago is hereby amended by striking out certain language and adding new language underlined, boldfaced and italicized as follows:

13-12-135 Minimum requirements for vacant buildings.

For purposes of this section the term "vacant" shall be defined as provided in section 13-12-125. In addition to any other applicable code requirements each vacant building must be kept in compliance with the following requirements for as long as the building remains vacant:

*(Omitted language unaffected by this ordinance)*

(d) Building security standards - The following standards apply to the securing of vacant buildings: (1) all building openings shall be closed and secured, using secure doors, glazed windows, commercial-quality steel security panels, or filled with like-kind material as the surrounding wall, as applicable to prevent entry by unauthorized persons. Except as specifically authorized in this subsection (d), use of plywood is prohibited;

*(Omitted language unaffected by this ordinance)*

(4) for the first six two (2) months a building is vacant but not thereafter, openings more than one square foot in area may be boarded with plywood, which shall be installed and secured as prescribed by this section and by rules and regulations issued by the department of buildings;

*(Omitted language unaffected by this ordinance)* SECTION 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect 30 days after its passage and publication.

RICHARD F. MELL.  
Alderman-33<sup>rd</sup> Ward