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<b>Sponsor(s):</b>	Suarez, Regner Ray (31)
<b>Type:</b>	Ordinance
<b>Title:</b>	Amendment of Section 13-160-070 of Municipal Code regarding prohibition on building exitway obstructions
<b>Committee(s) Assignment:</b>	Committee on Zoning, Landmarks and Building Standards

**SUBSTITUTE**  
**ORDINANCE**

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

**SECTION 1.** Section 13-160-070 of the Municipal Code of Chicago is hereby amended by inserting the underscored language as follows:

**13-160-070 Obstructions prohibited.**

For purposes of this section and Section 13-96-135 only: the term "small building" shall mean a residential building that is both less than four stories high and contains fewer than four residential units; and the term "large building" shall mean a residential building that is four or more stories high, or contains four or more residential units, or both.

There shall be no obstruction in any exitway that may hamper travel and evacuation. This section does not prohibit the locking of a gate in a fence that secures a residential building:

(a) from either or both faces of the gate in the case of a small building, or

(b) from the exterior face of the gate in the case of a large building,

so long as the locked gate does not prevent egress from the building to the exterior.

**SECTION 2.** Chapter 13-96 of the Municipal Code of Chicago is hereby amended by adding a new section 13-96-135, underscored as follows:

**13-96-135 Building clearances; required openings.**

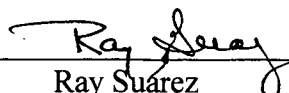
As used in this section, the term "large building" shall be defined as provided in Section 13-160-070.

Any portion of a fence directly adjacent to the public way that is located on the same lot as a Class A, residential unit that is a large building must:

(a) be a minimum of 15 feet from the nearest portion of that large building; and

(b) contain a gate, opening, or other true means of ingress and egress.

**SECTION 2.** This ordinance shall be in force and effect upon passage and approval.



Ray Suarez  
Alderman, 31st Ward