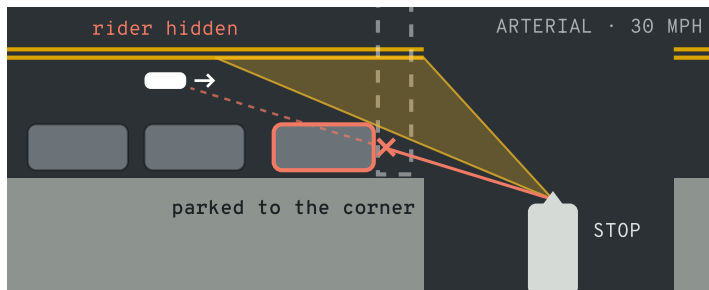


Oregon law says **20 feet**. Portland says maybe.

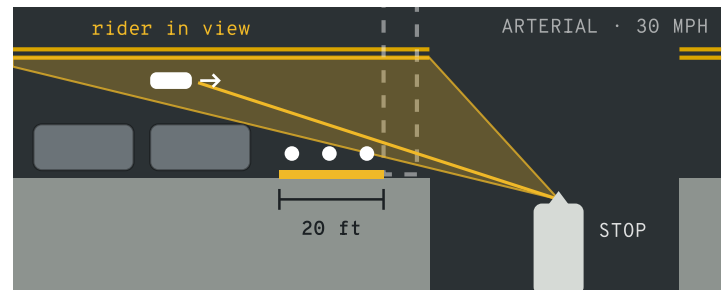
State law already bans parking within 20 feet of a crosswalk.² Portland opts out: each corner takes a request, a review that can run 12+ months, and an answer that can be no. A jury has found that approach cost a man his life. We're asking the City to make clear corners the default and let neighbors help.

\$5.1M THE VERDICT
OCT 9, 2026

A jury found the City **70% responsible** for Elijah Coe's 2019 death at E Burnside & SE 17th, where parked cars hid him from a turning driver.¹



TODAY A car parked up to the crosswalk leaves the stopped driver 63–108 ft of view. At 30 mph, about 200 ft is needed.⁴



DAYLIT The last 20 ft before the crosswalk stay clear behind curb paint and flexible posts. The driver and the rider can see each other.

OREGON LAW

20 ft

No parking within 20 feet of a crosswalk. Every intersection has one, marked or not.²

PORTLAND

0 ft

Cars may park right up to the corner unless the City marks it otherwise.³

A NEIGHBORHOOD REQUEST

12+ mo

PBOT's reply to a Sullivan's Gulch request: investigations "can take 12 months or more."

CORNERS FOR ONE PAYOUT

1,800

The City's capped \$1.45M share of this verdict,¹ at PBOT's reported \$700–800 per corner.⁴

WHAT WE'RE ASKING COUNCIL TO DO

Five changes, no new bureaucracy.

- 1 Make 20 feet the default.** No per-corner study; review only proposals to shorten or remove a setback. California went statewide in 2025.⁶
- 2 Daylight with every street project.** Add paint and posts to the restoration spec for PBOT paving, BES sewer work, utility cuts, and development.
- 3 Harden corners, starting where it matters most.** Posts, not just signs.⁵ Greenways, school routes, and the High Crash Network first.
- 4 Create a Community Daylighting Permit.** Like PBOT's street-painting permit: trained groups install City-spec paint and posts; the City inspects.
- 5 Fast-track requests and publish progress.** Resolve greenway, school, and High Crash Network requests within 90 days. Publish a running count.

Neighbors already do this.



NE 21st & Clackamas, October 2025: a neighbor repaints the corners Sullivan's Gulch first painted in 2019 with a PBOT Portland in the Streets grant.⁷ Ask 4 would make this routine.

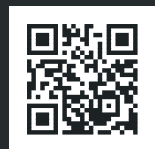
Photo: Daylight Portland Now.

TAKE ACTION

Tell Council to **clear the corners**.

Individuals: scan the code, copy the ready-made email, and send it to your district councilors.

Organizations: sign the coalition letter. Email organizers@daylightpdx.org.



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