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Vehicle ramming attacks, where a perpetrator deliberately rams a vehicle into pedestrians or building, have been increasing around the world in recent years. These attacks often result in significant injuries and deaths. With the City hosting major international events in the next few years, and with current global unrest and threats related to terrorism and other criminal behavior unlikely to subside in the near term, the City should look at ways to safeguard residents and visitors from these types of attacks.

A number of neighborhood councils have proposed a new “fast track” permit that would allow stakeholders to apply for a permit to install bollards in sensitive areas to protect against vehicle ramming attacks. This proposed permit could quickly allow for the issuance of a permit for the installation specific types of bollards that have been vetted by the federal government for their ability to stop a vehicle and would simplify the process of installing critical protections.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Bureau of Engineering, with the assistance of the Bureau of Street Services and any other City bureau or department as needed, be directed to report on implementing a “fast track permit application” for the installation of pre-approved bollards in the public right-of-way in areas of the City where there is a risk of vehicle ramming attacks against buildings or pedestrians.

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