

**First Reading:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Second Reading:** \_\_\_\_\_

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE,  
PART II, CHAPTER 21, SECTION 21-30, RELATIVE TO  
HOUSING.

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SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE, That Chattanooga City Code, Part II, Chapter 21, Article I, Section 21-30 be and hereby is amended by deleting said Section in its entirety and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

**Sec. 21-30. Barricading vacant buildings.**

- (a) Every person owning or having charge or control of any unsecured building shall remove all combustible waste and refuse from the structure, then lock, barricade or otherwise secure all windows, doors and openings in the building to prohibit entry by unauthorized persons.
- (b) An unsecured vacant building that is barricaded pursuant to this section shall be barricaded by using plywood that is no less than one-half (1/2) inch thick and boarding framing material that is a minimum nominal two (2) inch by four (4) inch solid sawn lumber. Interior boarding fasteners are required to be a minimum of three-eighths (3/8) inch diameter carriage bolts of such a length as required to penetrate the assembly and as required to adequately attach the washers and nuts (diagram 2). Fasteners attached from the exterior and used to close the access door should be a minimum of three-eighths (3/8) inches in diameter and have a security star pattern drive head requiring a Torx security star drive screwdriver (diagram 1) and be a minimum of three (3") inches long. Any board placed on an unsecured, vacant building shall be painted a color that is consistent with the color of the structure and shall be cut to fit into any windows, doors or other openings on such unsecured, vacant building.

(Diagram 1 – Security screw & screwdriver)



**Security Screw—to be used to close the final opening**

(Diagram 2—Carriage bolt with washer and nut)



**3/8" Carriage Bolt—to be used to close all other openings**

Diagram 3

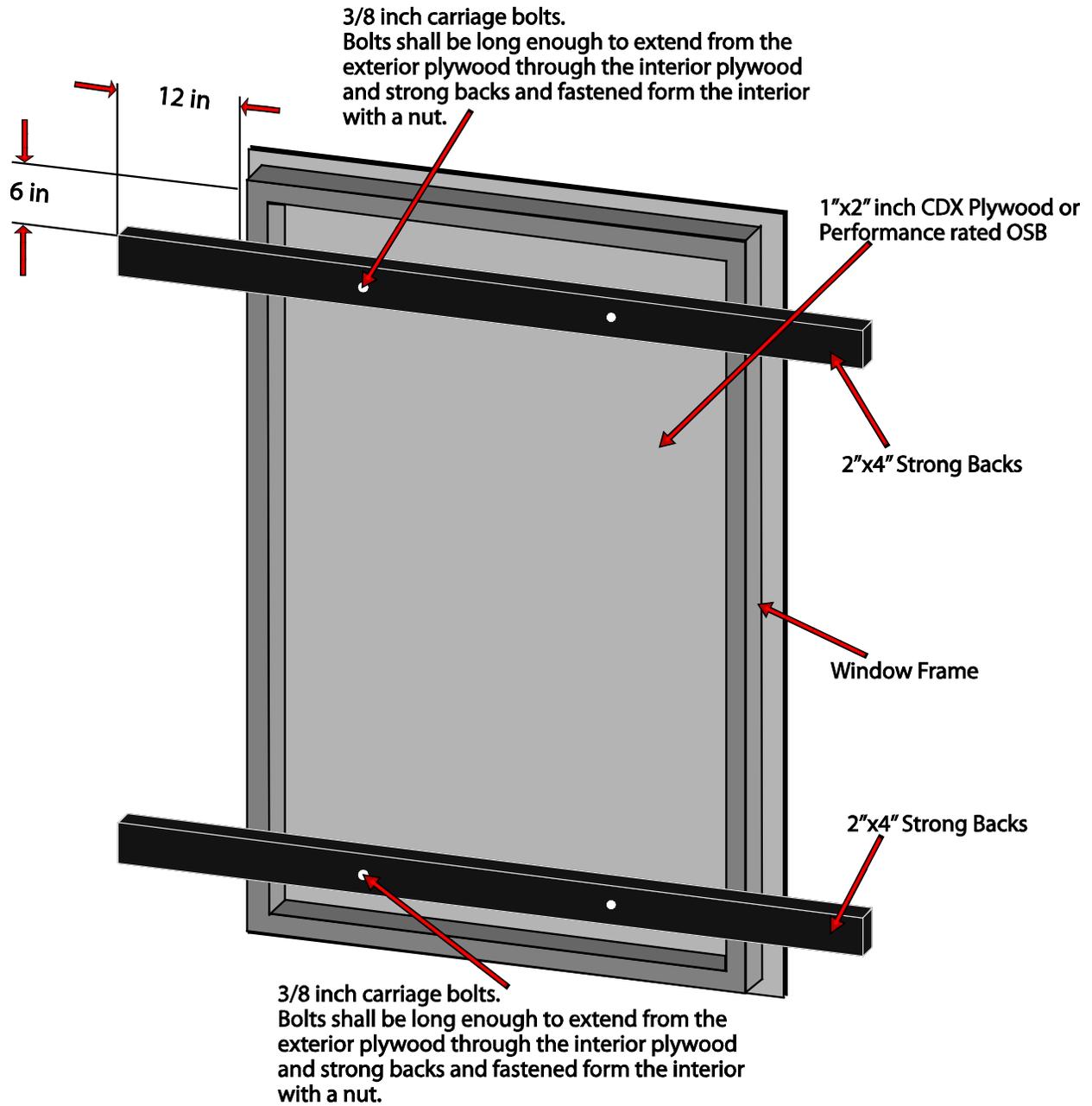
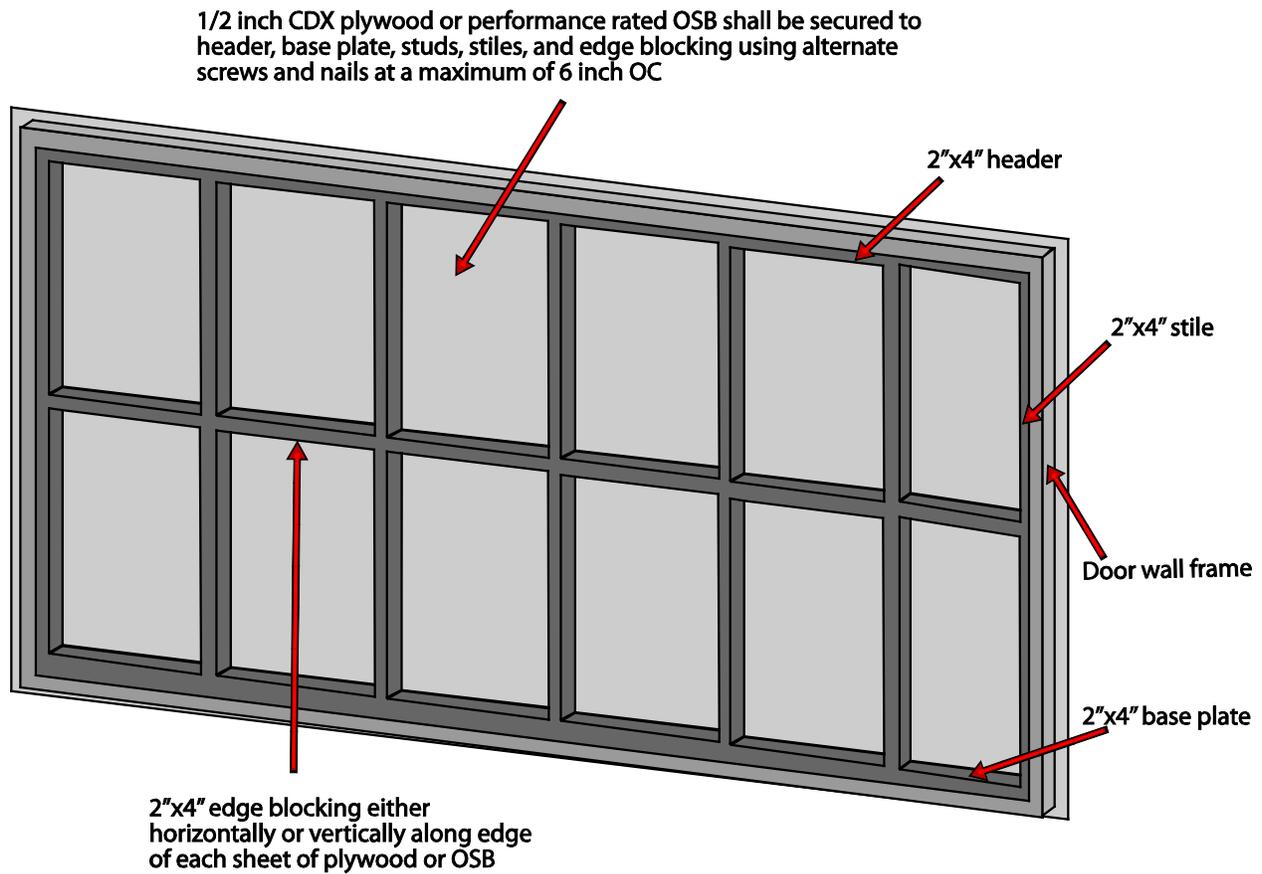


Diagram 4



- (a) Boarding and cleaning of a structure shall not relieve the owner of the responsibility to repair and maintain the property in conformity with provisions of Chattanooga City ordinances and building codes.
- (b) No structure shall remain boarded for a period of more than two (2) years. If a structure remains boarded in excess of two (2) years without work starting and proceeding in a timely manner to bring the property into compliance and return it to habitable condition, the owner shall be required to demolish the structure. If the owner does not demolish the structure, the City may demolish the structure and place a lien against the property for the cost of demolition as provided by this Chapter.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That this Ordinance shall take effect two  
(2) weeks from and after its passage as provided by law.

Passed on second and final reading:\_\_\_\_\_

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CHAIRPERSON

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