

City of Philadelphia



(Bill No. 090842)

AN ORDINANCE

Amending Subcode “A” of Title 4 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “The Philadelphia Administrative Code,” to revise various fee provisions and provide an exception to certain permitting requirements for public utilities, common carriers or commercial radio or television stations, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Subcode “A” of Title 4 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “The Philadelphia Administrative Code,” is hereby amended as follows:

TITLE 4. THE PHILADELPHIA BUILDING CONSTRUCTION AND OCCUPANCY CODE

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CHAPTER 4-200.0. TEXT OF SUBCODES

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SUBCODE “A” (THE PHILADELPHIA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE)

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CHAPTER 3 PERMITS

SECTION A-301 APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

A-301.2 Permits not required:

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A-301.2.3 Electrical permits: An electrical permit shall not be required for the following activities:

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9. *The installation of conductors or equipment for or by public utilities, common carriers or commercial radio or television stations that are under the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or a federal regulatory body. This exemption applies only to conductors and equipment used directly in the conduct of the entity's business as a utility, common carrier or commercial radio or television station and that are located either outdoors or in a building or portion thereof used exclusively for the business function of such entity.*

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CHAPTER 9 FEES

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SECTION A-902 BUILDING, FUEL GAS AND MECHANICAL CODE FEES

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A-902.2 Construction: Permit fees for new construction, additions, alterations, demolition, occupancy and repairs shall be as set forth in Sections A-902.2.1, except as otherwise specified in Sections A-902.2.2 through A-902.2.10.

A-902.2.1 Constructed area: The permit fee for new construction, additions, alterations and repairs shall be based on the constructed area as follows:

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For alterations and repairs:

500 square feet or less..... \$150.00
Greater than 500 square feet\$150.00
plus \$40.00 for each additional 100 square feet or fraction thereof above 500 square feet

Exceptions:

1. For Group R-3 and U Occupancies:

500 square feet or less..... \$50.00
Greater than 500 square feet [\$100.00] \$50.00
plus \$40.00 for each additional 100 square feet or fraction thereof above 500 square feet

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SECTION A-904 FIRE CODE FEES

A-904.1 General: Fees for permits, licenses, appeals and services related to activity regulated by the Fire Code shall be as set forth in this Section.

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A-904.3 Assisted operation permit: The fee for an Assisted Operation Permit shall be \$300.00 per item as follows:

1. [Transportation of Explosives, 1,000 pounds (454 kg) or more – per movement

2.] Fireworks Display – Per event, provided that where a single show has a series of performance dates in a theater, sports arena or similar venue, such series of dates shall be considered one event for the purposes of the Assisted Operation Permit, provided there is no change from the approved fireworks or pyrotechnic displays.

A-904.4 Trade license: The annual fee for a Trade or Practice License shall be \$75.00 for a Category I license and \$200.00 for a Category II license as follows:

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4. [Transporter of Explosives..... I

5.] Use of ExplosivesI

[6. Tank Installation and Repair..... I

7. Oil Burner Installation and Repair..... I

8. Flammable and Combustible Liquid Tank and Equipment Tester] I

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A-904.6 Miscellaneous fees: The fees for services established by, or related to enforcement of the Fire Code shall be as follows:

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4. Regulated Facility (*Tier II*) Hazardous Chemical Fee [\$100.00]
\$75.00 per chemical per year

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- 5. *Regulated Facility (Tier II) Emergency Planning Fee*..... \$100.00 per year

A-904.7 Hazardous Material Handling License. The annual fee for a Hazardous Material Handling License shall be as follows:

Per building or yard..... \$175.00

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SECTION A-906 PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE FEES

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A-906.3 Vacant property license: The annual license fee to own a vacant lot, vacant building or vacant wharf, pier or dock shall be [~~\$50.00~~] *\$300.00* per vacant lot and [~~\$50.00~~] *\$300.00* per vacant structure.

Explanation:

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted.
Italics indicate new matter added.

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Bill, Passed by the City Council on December 17, 2009. The Bill was Signed by the Mayor on January 13, 2010.



Michael A. Decker
Chief Clerk of the City Council