

City of Philadelphia



(Bill No. 200577)

AN ORDINANCE

Amending Title 14 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Zoning and Planning,” to revise certain provisions of Chapter 14-200, entitled “Definitions” and Chapter 14-500, entitled “Overlay Zoning Districts,” by amending the provisions of the /WWO Wissahickon Watershed Overlay; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Title 14 of The Philadelphia Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

TITLE 14. ZONING AND PLANNING

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CHAPTER 14-200. DEFINITIONS

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§ 14-203. Definitions.

For purposes of this Zoning Code, the following definitions shall apply; words, phrases, and terms not defined herein, but defined in Title 4 (The Philadelphia Building Construction and Occupancy Code), shall be construed as defined in Title 4.

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(154) Impervious Ground Cover.

Any building, pavement, or other material that substantially bars the natural infiltration of surface water into the soil. Manufactured materials *that meet the Water Department’s design standards* [demonstrated to be pervious] shall not be considered impervious ground cover. [The Commission may promulgate regulations regarding the types of cover that may be considered impervious, consistent with the intent of this definition.]

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CHAPTER 14-500. OVERLAY ZONING DISTRICTS

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§ 14-510. /WWO, Wissahickon Watershed Overlay District.

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(5) Setbacks from Watercourses.

(a) There shall be no new impervious ground cover constructed or erected within 200 ft. of the bank of a stream or within 50 ft. of the center line of a swale within the /WWO overlay district. Streams and Swales that have been buried in sewer *or in embedded culverts*, [pipe, or in an artificial, concrete and stone channel,] shall be excluded.

(b) *For the purposes of this section, § 14-510. /WWO, Wissahickon Watershed Overlay District, the following terms are defined:*

(.1) *Culvert*

A tunnel, typically embedded so as to be surrounded by soil, carrying a stream or open drain under a road or railroad.

(.2) *Sewer*

An underground conduit for carrying drainage water and waste material.

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SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately.

Explanation:

Italics indicate new matter added.

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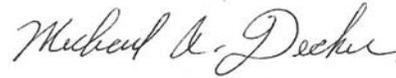
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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Bill, Passed by the City Council on December 10, 2020. The Bill was Signed by the Mayor on January 20, 2021.



Michael A. Decker
Chief Clerk of the City Council