

City of Philadelphia



September 15, 2022

CERTIFICATION: This is to certify that Bill No. 220110 was presented to the Mayor on the twenty third day of June, 2022, and was not returned to the Council with his signature at a meeting held September 15, 2022 (being more than ten days after it had been presented to him).

THEREFORE, Pursuant to the provisions of Section 2-202 of the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter, the ordinance becomes effective as if the Mayor had approved it.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael A. Decker".

Michael A. Decker
Chief Clerk of the City Council

(Bill No. 220110)

AN ORDINANCE

Amending Section A-303 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Demolition and Relocation of Structures,” to add additional requirements for the issuance of demolition permits for structures currently or previously used as religious facilities; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Title 4 of the Philadelphia Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

TITLE 4. THE PHILADELPHIA BUILDING CONSTRUCTION AND OCCUPANCY CODE

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SUBCODE “A” (THE PHILADELPHIA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE)

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SECTION A-303 DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION OF STRUCTURES

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BILL NO. 220110 *continued*

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A-303.5 Current or Former Religious Facilities: The Department shall verify whether the structure that is the subject of a demolition permit is currently or was formerly used as a church, synagogue, mosque, or other religious facility.

If the structure that is the subject of a demolition permit is currently or was formerly used as a church, synagogue, mosque, or other religious facility and is at least 50 years old, then the Department shall not issue a permit for demolition, until:

- 1. The Department notifies the District Councilmember and Registered Community Organization (RCO) of the application of a demolition permit for the structure;*
- 2. The Department receives confirmation that the RCO held a meeting to discuss the demolition of the structure within 30 days of receiving notice of the demolition; and*
- 3. The Department fully considers the position of the RCO in making the decision of whether to issue a permit for the structure.*

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SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall be effective immediately.