



City of Philadelphia

City Council
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BILL NO. 250535

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Councilmember O'Neill

**Referred to the
Committee on Streets and Services**

AN ORDINANCE

Amending Title 12 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Traffic Code," to add provisions related to vehicle parking in front of a fire hydrant, to provide for the removal or immobilization of such vehicles and for other penalties, and to make related technical changes, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Title 12 of The Philadelphia Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

TITLE 12. TRAFFIC CODE

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CHAPTER 12-900. PARKING REGULATIONS AND PENALTIES

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§ 12-913. Prohibitions in Specified Places.

(1) Except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or to protect the safety of any person or vehicle or in compliance with law or the directions of a police officer or official traffic-control device, no person shall:

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(b) Stand or park a vehicle:

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(.8) *With any portion of the vehicle in front of a fire hydrant*

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CHAPTER 12-2400. TOWING AND IMMOBILIZATION OF PARKED OR ABANDONED VEHICLES

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§ 12-2405. Removal or Immobilization of Parked Vehicles.

(1) Any vehicle may be removed, by means of towing to the nearest Official Towing Station or immobilized for up to seventy-two (72) hours by means of applying a boot and then towed to the nearest Official Towing Station if not reclaimed, by or under the direction of a member of the Department, or its designated agent whenever any vehicle is:

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(p) *parked in violation of 12-913(1)(b)(.8), relating to parking in front of a fire hydrant;*

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CHAPTER 12-2800. ADMINISTRATIVE ADJUDICATION OF PARKING VIOLATIONS

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§ 12-2809. Civil Penalties and Costs.

(2) Basic Penalties.

(a) Any person violating the following provisions of Title 12, shall, upon a final finding of liability pursuant to this Chapter 12-2800, and except as set forth in subsection 12-2809(2)(b), be liable for payment of the civil penalty indicated, in addition to the costs and fees set forth in subsection 12-2809(1):

Code Provision	Violation Description	Penalty
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12-913(1)(b)	Standing, Parking – Prohib Place	
	(.2) <i>Near Fire Hydrant</i>	\$75

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\$100

(.9) In Front of Fire Hydrant

(b) Any person violating the following provisions of Title 12 in the Center City area, bounded by Spring Garden street, Bainbridge street, the Schuylkill River and the Delaware River, or in the University City area, bounded by the Schuylkill River on the east, University avenue/Woodland avenue on the south, Fortieth street on the west, and by a line along Filbert street, between Fortieth street and Thirty-fourth street, along Thirty-fourth street to Arch street, along Arch street, between Thirty-fourth street and the Schuylkill River, on the north, shall, upon a final finding of liability pursuant to this Chapter 12-2800, be liable for the payment of the civil penalty indicated, in addition to the costs and fees set forth in subsection 12-2809(1):

Code Provision	Violation Description	Penalty
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12-913(1)(b)	Standing, Parking – Prohib Place	
		\$75
	<i>(.2) Near Fire Hydrant</i>	
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	<i>(.9) In Front of Fire Hydrant</i>	<i>\$100</i>
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SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall be effective in 30 days.

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Explanation:

Italics indicate new matter added.