



City of Philadelphia

City Council
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BILL NO. 140339

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**Councilmember Greenlee
for
Council President Clarke**

**Referred to the
Committee on Rules**

AN ORDINANCE

Amending Title 14 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Zoning And Planning," by regulating the placement and location of utility meters in historic districts and on historic buildings and making technical changes, all under certain terms and conditions.

WHEREAS, Among the salutary purposes of the Historic Preservation Ordinance is the preservation and protection of historic districts and historic buildings to promote the architectural, cultural, historical, educational and economic values of the City; and

WHEREAS, When appurtenances, such as utility meters, are placed in a publicly visible location on the exterior of historic buildings and buildings in historic districts, they detract from the architectural, cultural, historical, educational and economic integrity of those buildings and districts; and

WHEREAS, Council desires to continue to ensure the preservation and protection of the City's valuable historic resources by regulating the placement of new utility meters in historic districts and on historic buildings; now, therefore

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 14-700. DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

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§ 14-703. Form and Design.

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(4) Attached Building Design Standards.

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(5) *Design Standards for Historic Districts and Historic Buildings.*

(a) *For historic districts and historic buildings, new utility meters shall be placed and located within the interior of buildings; however, when public safety requires, new utility meters may be placed on the exterior of buildings, provided the meters are not visible from any street frontage.*

(b) *Each utility company shall file an annual report with the Philadelphia Historical Commission and with the Chief Clerk of Council, with a copy to the Council President, detailing: (i) the total number of utility meters that were installed, within the previous calendar year, in historic districts and on historic buildings; (ii) the number of such meters that were located on the exterior of buildings, the reason for the exterior location and whether the meters are visible from a street frontage.*

[(5)] (6) * * *

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Explanation:

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