



City of Philadelphia

City Council
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BILL NO. 250887
(As Amended in Committee, 10/28/25)

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Councilmember Gilmore Richardson for Council President Johnson

Referred to the
Committee on Streets and Services

AN ORDINANCE

Authorizing the City of Philadelphia to construct, own, and maintain right-of-way encroachments in various parts of the City, under certain terms and conditions.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. The City is hereby authorized to install and maintain right-of-way encroachments (collectively, the “Encroachment”) in the locations more fully described in Exhibit A, pursuant to standards and procedures established by the Department of Streets by regulation.

SECTION 2. The Encroachments authorized by this ordinance include, but are not limited to, benches, planters, banners, lighting, and decorative fixtures all for the purpose of the 2026 Semiquincentennial celebrations.

SECTION 3. Permission to install and maintain any such Encroachments is subject to existing laws of the City concerning encroachments generally and the Department of Streets shall incorporate such terms in implementing regulations as the Department of Licenses and Inspections, Law Department, and Art Commission shall deem necessary to protect the interests of the City.

SECTION 4. Permission to install and maintain any such Encroachments in the right-of-way on private property shall require authorization of the property owner as may be required by law.

SECTION 5. The City’s responsibility for ownership, construction, use, and maintenance of the Encroachments shall only be extinguished by the permanent removal of the Encroachments or by termination of any agreement between the City and the owner of the property where the Encroachment is located.

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SECTION 6. The City shall not install any new encroachments pursuant to this bill after December 31, 2026. After that date, the City may only maintain, replace, or remove encroachments that were installed for the 2026 Semiquincentennial celebrations pursuant to this bill on or before December 31, 2026.

SECTION 7. This Ordinance is effective immediately.

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Exhibit A: Encroachment Locations

<u>District</u>	<u>Corridor</u>
1st	S. 9 th Street, 900 block through 1100 block.
1st	Arch Street, 900 block and 1000 block. 10 th Street, Filbert Street to Race Street
2nd	Point Breeze Avenue, 1200 block, 1300 block, 1400 block, 1500 block.
2nd	Woodland Avenue, 6000 block through 6700 block.
3rd	52 nd Street, Arch Street to Locust Street
3rd	Lancaster Avenue, 3900 block through 4300 block.
4th	Ridge Avenue, 5700 block to 6300 block.
4th	Haverford Avenue, from City Line Avenue to Brookhaven Avenue The intersection of Haverford Avenue and Rhoads Street
4th	Main Street, from Ridge Avenue to Leverington Avenue
5th	Broad Street, from Spring Garden Street to Fairmount Avenue
5th	Ridge Avenue, 2100 block through 2500 block.
6th	Frankford Avenue, 7100 block through 7300 block.
6th	Torresdale Avenue, 6700 block through 7000 block.
7th	North 5 th Street, 2600 block through 3800 block. The intersection of 5th Street and Lehigh Avenue
7th	Kensington Avenue, 3100 block through 3400 block
8th	The intersection of Germantown Avenue and Cheltenham Avenue 50 - 200 W. Cheltenham Avenue
8th	Germantown Avenue, 7100 block and 7200

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	block.
9th	The intersection of Cheltenham Avenue and Ogontz Avenue 7100 to 7600 block of Ogontz Avenue
9th	The intersection of Wadsworth Avenue and Michener Avenue Wadsworth Avenue, 1500 block and 1600 block.
10th	Oxford Avenue, from Borbeck Avenue to Burnhole Avenue Oxford Avenue, from Rhawn Street to Rockwell Avenue
10th	The intersection of Bustleton Avenue and Byberry Avenue Bustleton Avenue, 11700 block through 12000 block.

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