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for
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**Referred to the
Committee of the Whole**

AN ORDINANCE

Amending Title 3 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Air Management Code," to modify the amounts of license and permit fees, under certain terms and conditions.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Title 3 of The Philadelphia Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

TITLE 3. AIR MANAGEMENT CODE

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CHAPTER 3-300. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

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§ 3-307. Fees.

(1) Installation Permits. The fee shall be as follows:

(a) Boilers, Warm Air Furnaces, and Hot Water Heaters:

(.1) Where the rated capacity is 20,000,000 BTU per hour or less. . . . [~~\$375~~] *\$469*

(.2) Where the rated capacity is over 20,000,000 BTU per hour. . . . [~~\$600~~] *\$750*

(.3) Capacity is calculated on the basis of the net load rating;

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One square foot of steam radiation has a capacity of 240 British Thermal Units per hour;

One square foot of hot water radiation has a capacity of 150 British Thermal Units per hour; and

One boiler horsepower is equivalent to 33,472 British Thermal Units per hour.

(b) Incinerators and crematories. . . . [\$600] *\$750*

(c) Smoke ovens, tar and asphalt kettles, road material treating plants, and varnish and paint heating kettles. . . . [\$600] *\$750*

(d) Paint spraying equipment and dryers, per unit. . . . [\$600] *\$750*

(e) Chemical processing equipment; crushing, grinding or milling equipment; rendering kettles; and air cleaning devices, per unit. . . . [\$600] *\$750*

(f) Others. . . . [\$600] *\$750*

(2) Operating Licenses. An operating license shall be obtained for each boiler, furnace, or other combustion unit, process unit, or air-cleaning device and their related appurtenances. In general, the classification established for the installation permit shall apply to operating licenses. A fee of [two hundred twenty-five dollars (\$225)] *two hundred eighty-one dollars (\$281)* shall be charged for the issuance of an indefinite operating license. An annual fee for renewable operating licenses shall be charged according to the following schedule:

(a) Boilers and furnaces of a capacity of 20,000,000 BTU per hour, or less. . . . [\$225] *\$281*

(b) Boilers and furnaces of a capacity of more than 20,000,000 BTU per hour. . . . [\$600] *\$750*

(c) Incinerators and crematories. . . . [\$600] *\$750*

(d) Smoke ovens, tar and asphalt kettles, road material treating plants, and varnish and paint heating kettles. . . . [\$375] *\$469*

(e) Paint spraying equipment and dryers. . . . [\$375] *\$469*

(f) Chemical processing equipment; crushing, grinding or milling equipment; rendering kettles; and air cleaning devices. . . . [\$600] *\$750*

(g) Gas stations. . . . [\$375] *\$469*

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(h) Others. . . . [\$600] \$750

(3) Filing Fees. In addition to any applicable fee set forth in (1) and (2) above, each application for a permit or license required by this Title shall also be assessed a non-refundable filing fee of forty-five dollars (\$45), payable at the time the application is submitted.

(4) Fee Revisions: The Air Pollution Control Board, by regulations effective on or after July 1, 2026, is authorized to revise the fees established in this Section 3-307, based upon the costs to administer the applicable permit or license; provided that no fee shall be increased to an amount higher than the fee as it existed on July 1, 2026, multiplied by the CPI Multiplier, as defined in Section 9-102 of The Code; and further provided that for fees established in this Code after July 1, 2026, the fee shall not be increased to an amount higher than the fee on the date that it was established, multiplied by the CPI Multiplier, using as the base figure for purposes of determining the CPI Multiplier the most recently published CPI-U as of July 1 of the year the fee was established.

A schedule of all current fees shall be maintained on the Air Pollution Control Board's website.

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SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall be effective July 1, 2026.

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