



City of Philadelphia

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BILL NO. 130385

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Councilmember O'Brien

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

AN ORDINANCE

Amending Chapter 11-600 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Construction, Encroachments and Projections Over, On and Under Streets," to prohibit wheelchair elevators and related decks from being constructed any closer than three (3) feet to the curb line; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 11-600 of The Philadelphia Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 11-600. CONSTRUCTION, ENCROACHMENTS AND PROJECTIONS OVER, ON AND UNDER STREETS

§ 11-604. Encroachments Upon and Obstructions of the Streets.

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(4) *Cellar Doors and Steps. Other than wheelchair elevators as defined in Section 11-601(9), no [No] cellar door or steps shall extend closer than one foot to the curb line nor more than 4 feet 6 inches onto the sidewalk of a street 50 feet or more wide, or a proportionately smaller distance onto the sidewalk of a street less than 50 feet wide; provided that if this portion of the sidewalk is, in the opinion of the Department of Streets, necessary for pedestrian or vehicular traffic, such cellar door or steps shall be removed at the expense of the owner of the premises.*

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(9) *Wheelchair Elevators.*

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(a) *Permits.*

(.1) No person may install any device as defined in Section 11-601(10)[(9)] in or upon any sidewalk within the City of Philadelphia unless a permit has been obtained from the Department of Licenses and Inspections with the approval of the Department of Streets for such a period of time as they may deem necessary and reasonable.

(a.) No wheelchair elevators and related decks shall be constructed which project closer than three (3) feet to the curb line.

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SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon becoming law.

Explanation:

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted.

Italics indicate new matter added.