

**JOURNAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF PHILADELPHIA**



**Thursday, October 23, 2025**

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** 16 - Councilmembers Bass, Brooks, Driscoll, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson, Harrity, Jones, Lozada, Phillips, Squilla, Thomas, Ahmad, Landau, O'Rourke, Young and Council President Johnson

**EXCUSED:** 1 - Councilmember O'Neill

**INVOCATION**

Council met, a quorum being present.

FATHER FRANCIS P. FOLEY, RETIRED CAPTAIN UNITED STATES NAVY CHAPLAIN CORPS, PASTOR OF ST. TIMOTHY PARISH AND ADMINISTRATOR OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISH, was introduced and offered an appropriate prayer.

**APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL**

COUNCILMEMBER BASS MOVED TO APPROVE THE JOURNAL  
of Thursday October 16, 2025.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

**LEAVES OF ABSENCE**

Councilmember O'Neill

THE REQUEST WAS GRANTED.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

The Sergeant-at-Arms presented messages from the Mayor as follows:

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October 17, 2025

**TO THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF PHILADELPHIA:**

Pursuant to Sections 4-604 and 2-307 of the Home Rule Charter, I am today transmitting to the Council the recommendation of the City Planning Commission on the following bills:

**Bill Number 250771 - Commission voted to extend its review 45 additional days**

**Bill Number 250834 - Commission voted to extend its review 45 additional days**

Respectfully,

Cherelle L. Parker

Mayor (File No. 250910)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

October 20, 2025

**TO THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF PHILADELPHIA:**

Pursuant to Sections 4-604 and 2-307 of the Home Rule Charter, I am today transmitting to the Council the recommendation of the City Planning Commission on the following bills:

**Bill No. 250706**

**Bill No. 250719**

**Bill No. 250723**

**Bill No. 250767**

**Bill No. 250772**

**Bill No. 250800**

**Bill No. 250801**

**Bill No. 250802**

**Bill No. 250803**

**Bill No. 250804 - Commission voted to extend its review 45 additional days**

**Bill No. 250806**

**Bill No. 250807**

**Bill No. 250808**

**Bill No. 250809**

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**Bill No. 250810**

**Bill No. 250811 - Approval with amendments**

**Bill No. 250830**

**Bill No. 250835**

**Bill No. 250836**

**Bill No. 250839**

**Bill No. 250842**

**Bill No. 250845 - Commission voted to extend its review 45 additional days**

**Bill No. 250847**

Respectfully,

Cherelle L. Parker

Mayor (File No. 250911)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS**

Councilmember Gilmore Richardson Introduced and Referred the following Bill for Council President Johnson, Sponsored by Councilmembers Gilmore Richardson, Ahmad, Bass, Brooks, Driscoll, Gauthier, Harrity, Jones, Landau, Lozada, O'Rourke, Phillips, Squilla, Thomas and Young:

**Bill No. 250913:** An Ordinance Renaming the Paschalville Library to the “Hardy Williams Library of Paschalville” in honor of Pennsylvania State Senator Hardy Williams, a distinguished politician and trailblazer for the African American community.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY AND PUBLIC WORKS.

**Attachments:**     [Bill No. 25091300](#)

Councilmember Gauthier Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmember Gauthier:

**Bill No. 250914:** An Ordinance Authorizing encroachments in the nature of a sidewalk café in the vicinity of 5021-23 Baltimore Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19143, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON STREETS AND SERVICES.

**Attachments:**     [Bill No. 25091400](#)

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Councilmember Thomas Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmember Thomas:

**Bill No. 250915:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 19-2600 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Business Income and Receipts Taxes,” to establish a partial exemption for certain child care service businesses, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

**Attachments:** [Bill No. 25091500](#)

Councilmember Jones Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmember Jones:

**Bill No. 250916:** An Ordinance Granting permission to Haverford Business Association to install and maintain encroachments in the nature of decorative lighting fixtures, attached to existing facilities owned by the City or other entities, subject to such owner’s consent; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

**Attachments:** [Bill No. 25091600](#)

Councilmember Young Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmember Young:

**Bill No. 250917:** An Ordinance Amending Section 14-529 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “/VDO, Fifth District Overlay District,” to provide for building requirements to prevent vacant lots, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

Councilmember Young Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmember Young:

**Bill No. 250918:** An Ordinance Authorizing encroachments in the nature of a sidewalk café in the vicinity of 161 W Girard Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19122, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON STREETS AND SERVICES.

**Attachments:** [Bill No. 25091800](#)

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Councilmember Young Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmember Young:

**Bill No. 250919:** An Ordinance Amending Title 14 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Zoning and Planning” by making technical changes to text that has expired, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

**Attachments:**     [Bill No. 25091900](#)

Councilmember Squilla Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmember Squilla:

**Bill No. 250920:** An Ordinance Authorizing encroachments in the nature of a sidewalk café in the vicinity of 2535-37 S 13th St, Philadelphia, PA 19148, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON STREETS AND SERVICES.

Councilmember Phillips Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Phillips:

**Resolution No. 250921:** Resolution Honoring the life and legacy of Kada Scott, a beacon of light and love in Philadelphia, remembered for her faith, kindness, and the countless lives she touched.

Councilmember Gilmore Richardson Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution for Council President Johnson, Sponsored by Councilmembers Gilmore Richardson, Ahmad, Bass, Brooks, Driscoll, Harrity, Johnson, Landau, Lozada, O'Rourke, Phillips, Thomas and Young:

**Resolution No. 250922:** Resolution Honoring the life and legacy of Michael I. Days for his extensive career as a reporter and editor for the Philadelphia Daily News and later as the Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion at the Philadelphia Inquirer.

Councilmember Gilmore Richardson Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Gilmore Richardson:

**Resolution No. 250923:** Resolution Recognizing and honoring Power 99's *Rise and Grind Morning Show* for its lasting contributions to radio and the cultural fabric of the City of Philadelphia.

Councilmember Gauthier Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar

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the following Resolution for Council President Johnson, Sponsored by Councilmembers Gauthier, Phillips, Gilmore Richardson, Thomas, Landau, Lozada, Brooks, Harrity, O'Rourke and Ahmad:

**Resolution No. 250924:** Resolution Recognizing Chris Gale, Executive Director of the Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia, for his work exemplary work and advocacy in ensuring the safety and inclusivity of cyclists throughout Philadelphia.

Councilmember Thomas Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Thomas:

**Resolution No. 250925:** Resolution Celebrating the Mural Arts Program and recognizing the month of October as Mural Arts Month in the City of Philadelphia.

Councilmember Thomas Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution for Council President Johnson, Sponsored by Councilmembers Thomas, Phillips, Gilmore Richardson, Gauthier, Landau, Lozada, Brooks, Harrity, O'Rourke and Ahmad:

**Resolution No. 250926:** Resolution Honoring and Recognizing the Atlantic Center for Capital Representation and its staff for 15 years of dedicated service addressing systemic issues with the death penalty in Pennsylvania and across the nation.

Councilmember Jones Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution for Council President Johnson, Sponsored by Councilmembers Jones, Phillips, Thomas, Landau, Lozada, Brooks, Harrity, O'Rourke, Driscoll and Ahmad:

**Resolution No. 250927:** Resolution Authorizing the Committee on Public Safety to hold a hearing to examine the City of Philadelphia's strategies, laws, and policies for protecting victims of abuse and domestic violence within the justice system, including the Courts, the Sheriff's Office, the District Attorney's Office, and the Philadelphia Police Department.

Councilmember Landau Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Landau:

**Resolution No. 250928:** Resolution Commemorating and honoring the 2025 Philadelphia Walk to End Alzheimer's for mobilizing thousands of Philadelphians in the ongoing fight against Alzheimer's through advocacy, research, and community care.

Councilmember Young Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Young:

**Resolution No. 250929:** Resolution Authorizing the Council Committee on Commerce and Economic Development to hold hearings to investigate the City's payment and refund systems for municipal taxes.

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Councilmember Young Introduced and Ordered Placed On Next Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Young:

**Resolution No. 250930:** Resolution Also naming Oxford Street between Broad Street and 15th Street as “Jake and Sarah Adams Avenue.”

Councilmember O'Rourke Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember O'Rourke:

**Resolution No. 250931:** Resolution Honoring the life and legacy Rabbi Arthur Ocean Waskow, a prophetic activist and author grounded in Jewish tradition and faith, who created the foundation on which generations of moral activists stand.

Councilmember Driscoll Introduced and Ordered Placed On Next Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Driscoll:

**Resolution No. 250932:** Resolution Requesting the Mayor to return to Council Bill No. 250771, entitled “An Ordinance Authorizing 3419 KENSINGTON PARTNERS or a subsequent owner to install, own, and maintain an encroachment at 3423 Kensington Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19134, under certain terms and conditions,” for the purpose of reconsideration by the Council of the vote by which said bill passed Council.

Councilmember Squilla Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution for Council President Johnson, Sponsored by Councilmembers Squilla, Phillips, Gilmore Richardson, Gauthier, Jones, Landau, Lozada, Brooks, Harrity, O'Rourke and Ahmad:

**Resolution No. 250933:** Resolution Honoring and recognizing Reverend Carolyn Clarene Cavaness for the one-year Anniversary of her pastoral appointment at the historic Mother Bethel AME Church.

Councilmember Squilla Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution for Council President Johnson, Sponsored by Councilmembers Squilla, Phillips, Gilmore Richardson, Gauthier, Thomas, Landau, Lozada, Harrity, O'Rourke and Ahmad:

**Resolution No. 250934:** Resolution Recognizing and congratulating the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 98 on the momentous occasion of its 125th anniversary, celebrating over a century of exemplary leadership, advocacy, and unwavering dedication to the rights and welfare of electrical workers.

Councilmember Bass Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar the

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following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Bass:

**Resolution No. 250935:** Resolution Recognizing the extraordinary contributions and lifetime achievements of Dr. Molefi Kete Asante, founder of Afrocentricity, and the founder of the Molefi Kete Asante (MKA) Institute for Afrocentric Studies in the Germantown Neighborhood.

Councilmember Ahmad Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution for Council President Johnson, Sponsored by Councilmembers Ahmad, Phillips, Thomas, Landau, Lozada, Brooks, Harrity, O'Rourke and Driscoll:

**Resolution No. 250936:** Resolution Authorizing the Committee on Public Health and Human Services to hold hearings to examine the impacts of the current crisis threatening the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-Ed) on food and nutrition security in Philadelphia, including barriers to accessing benefits, disruptions to nutrition education and outreach, consequences for residents, and opportunities for coordinated City and community response.

Councilmember Ahmad Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Ahmad:

**Resolution No. 250937:** Resolution Recognizing and affirming the City of Philadelphia's commitment to public health grounded in scientific evidence; and opposing state proposals that would weaken proven protections, including childhood immunizations, community water fluoridation, and practical steps that limit the spread of disease in schools.

## REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

### COMMITTEE ON RULES

**Bill No. 250534:** An Ordinance Continuing the Mayfair Business Improvement District ("District") beyond its termination date in an area that generally includes both sides of Frankford Avenue from the north side of Harbison Avenue to the south side of Sheffield Street and certain blocks of streets that intersect that portion of Frankford Avenue; approving a change of the boundaries of the District to include 6700 Rowland Avenue to the service area; approving a change of boundaries of the District to remove from the service area 4014 through 4034 Robbins Street as well as 3501 through 3539 Ryan Avenue; continuing the Mayfair Business Improvement District, Inc., a Pennsylvania non-profit corporation, as the neighborhood improvement district management association for the District; approving a plan for and report concerning the

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District; authorizing the Director of Commerce, on behalf of the City, to execute an agreement with the Mayfair Business Improvement District, Inc. relating to the District; and reauthorizing the Mayfair Business Improvement District, Inc. to assess property owners within the District a special property assessment fee to be used in accordance with the approved plan; all in accordance with the provisions of the Community and Economic Improvement Act, and under certain terms and conditions.

COUNCILMEMBER BASS MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 250534.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

**Attachments:**     [Bill No. 25053400](#)

THE BILL WAS ORDERED PLACED ON THIS DAY'S FIRST READING CALENDAR.

**Bill No. 250572:** An Ordinance Amending Section 2-112 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "City Commissioners," by removing the powers and duties of the Department of Licenses and Inspections over matters relating to weights and measures; amending Title 9, entitled "Regulation of Businesses, Trades and Professions," by removing provisions relating to amusement devices, and weights and measures and making related technical changes; and amending Title 19, entitled "Finance, Taxes and Collections," by eliminating provisions related to amusement licenses and weights and measures registration; all under certain conditions.

COUNCILMEMBER BASS MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 250572.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

THE BILL WAS ORDERED PLACED ON THIS DAY'S FIRST READING CALENDAR.

**Bill No. 250577:** An Ordinance Repealing in its entirety the following Ordinance, approved December 23, 2024: Bill No. 240964-A02 (authorizing the City of Philadelphia to organize an authority to be known as The Arena Services District Authority, pursuant to the terms of the Pennsylvania Municipality Authorities Act, all under certain terms and conditions).

COUNCILMEMBER BASS MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 250577.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

THE BILL WAS ORDERED PLACED ON THIS DAY'S FIRST READING CALENDAR.

**Bill No. 250648:** An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by

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North Street, Broad Street, Wallace Street, and 15th Street.

COUNCILMEMBER BASS MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 250648.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

**Attachments:**     [Bill No. 25064800](#)

THE BILL WAS ORDERED PLACED ON THIS DAY'S FIRST READING CALENDAR.

**Bill No. 250767, as amended:** An Ordinance Repealing in its entirety Bill No. 240415 (approved July 19, 2024), entitled "An Ordinance to amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Island Avenue, the Delaware Expressway, and Bartram Avenue."

COUNCILMEMBER BASS MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 250767, AS AMENDED.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

**Attachments:**     [Bill No. 25076700](#)

THE BILL WAS ORDERED PLACED ON THIS DAY'S FIRST READING CALENDAR.

**Bill No. 250800:** An Ordinance Amending Title 14-602, entitled "Use Tables," by prohibiting drug paraphernalia sales in certain industrial districts, all under certain terms and conditions.

COUNCILMEMBER BASS MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 250800.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

**Attachments:**     [Bill No. 25080000](#)

THE BILL WAS ORDERED PLACED ON THIS DAY'S FIRST READING CALENDAR.

**Bill No. 250802:** An Ordinance Amending Title 14 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Zoning and Planning" by revising and clarifying certain provisions and making technical changes to text that has expired, all under certain terms and conditions.

COUNCILMEMBER BASS MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 250802.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

**Attachments:**     [Bill No. 25080200](#)

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THE BILL WAS ORDERED PLACED ON THIS DAY'S FIRST READING CALENDAR.

**Bill No. 250803:** An Ordinance Amending Section 14-524 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “/FDO Fourth District Overlay District” by clarifying allowed uses, all under certain terms and conditions.

COUNCILMEMBER BASS MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 250803.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

**Attachments:** [Bill No. 25080300](#)

THE BILL WAS ORDERED PLACED ON THIS DAY'S FIRST READING CALENDAR.

**Bill No. 250804:** An Ordinance Amending Title 14 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Zoning and Planning,” by amending certain provisions of Chapter 14-500, entitled “Overlay Zoning Districts,” by creating the “/UCO, University-Community Overlay District”; and by making related changes, all under certain terms and conditions

COUNCILMEMBER BASS MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 250804.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

**Attachments:** [Bill No. 25080400](#)

THE BILL WAS ORDERED PLACED ON THIS DAY'S FIRST READING CALENDAR.

**Bill No. 250808, as amended:** An Ordinance Amending Title 14 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Zoning and Planning” by revising and clarifying certain provisions and making technical changes to text that has expired, all under certain terms and conditions.

COUNCILMEMBER BASS MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 250808, AS AMENDED.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

**Attachments:** [Bill No. 25080800](#)

THE BILL WAS ORDERED PLACED ON THIS DAY'S FIRST READING CALENDAR.

**Bill No. 250810:** An Ordinance Amending Title 14 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Zoning and Planning” by clarifying certain provisions related to mixed income housing, revising the quality standards for affordable units within mixed income developments and making related technical changes, all under certain terms and conditions.

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COUNCILMEMBER BASS MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 250810.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

**Attachments:** [Bill No. 25081000](#)

THE BILL WAS ORDERED PLACED ON THIS DAY'S FIRST READING CALENDAR.

**Bill No. 250811:** An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Ardleigh Street, East Sedgwick Street, the SEPTA Chestnut Hill East Line and East Gorgas Lane.

COUNCILMEMBER BASS MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 250811.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

**Attachments:** [Bill No. 25081100](#)

THE BILL WAS ORDERED PLACED ON THIS DAY'S FIRST READING CALENDAR.

## COMMITTEE ON LICENSES AND INSPECTIONS

**Bill No. 250708, as amended:** An Ordinance Amending Subcode "A" (The Philadelphia Administrative Code) of Title 4 of The Philadelphia Code (The Building, Construction and Occupancy Code) to revise penalties associated with stop work and cease operations orders, under certain terms and conditions.

COUNCILMEMBER DRISCOLL MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 250708, AS AMENDED.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

**Attachments:** [Bill No. 25070800](#)

THE BILL WAS ORDERED PLACED ON THIS DAY'S FIRST READING CALENDAR.

**Bill No. 250709, as amended:** An Ordinance Amending Section 9-4403 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Enforcement," to provide for the continuation of nuisance business enforcement following a change in business, under certain terms and conditions.

COUNCILMEMBER DRISCOLL MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 250709, AS AMENDED.

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THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

**Attachments:**     [Bill No. 25070900](#)

THE BILL WAS ORDERED PLACED ON THIS DAY'S FIRST READING CALENDAR.

**Bill No. 250722, as amended:** An Ordinance Adding a new Chapter 21-3500 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Public Utility Meters," to prohibit provision of a second utility meter by a public utility at a residential property without evidence of a valid housing rental license for the property, under certain terms and conditions.

COUNCILMEMBER DRISCOLL MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 250722, AS AMENDED.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

**Attachments:**     [Bill No. 25072200](#)

THE BILL WAS ORDERED PLACED ON THIS DAY'S FIRST READING CALENDAR.

**Bill No. 250773, as amended:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9-4900 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Prohibition on Use of Certain Bags by Retail Establishments," to modify certain definitions, require retail establishments to charge a fee for the provision of a bag to customers, and require signage, all under certain terms and conditions.

COUNCILMEMBER DRISCOLL MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 250773, AS AMENDED.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

**Attachments:**     [Bill No. 25077300](#)

THE BILL WAS ORDERED PLACED ON THIS DAY'S FIRST READING CALENDAR.

**SPECIAL BUSINESS**

Councilmember Driscoll

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

**Resolution No. 250932:** Resolution Requesting the Mayor to return to Council Bill No. 250771, entitled "An Ordinance Authorizing 3419 KENSINGTON PARTNERS or a subsequent owner to install, own, and maintain an encroachment at 3423 Kensington Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19134, under certain terms and conditions," for the purpose of reconsideration by the Council of the vote by which said bill passed Council.

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COUNCILMEMBER DRISCOLL MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF RESOLUTION NO. 250932.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

October 23, 2025

**To The President And Members Of The Council Of The City Of Philadelphia:**

I am returning herewith, as requested by your Resolution adopted today, Bill No. 250771, entitled “An Ordinance Authorizing 3419 KENSINGTON PARTNERS or a subsequent owner to install, own, and maintain an encroachment at 3423 Kensington Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19134, under certain terms and conditions,” for the purpose of reconsideration by Council of the vote by which said bill passed Council.

Respectfully,

Cherelle L. Parker,  
Mayor (File No. 250912)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

**Bill No. 250771, as amended:** An Ordinance Authorizing 3419 KENSINGTON PARTNERS or a subsequent owner to install, own, and maintain an encroachment at 3423 Kensington Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19134, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS RECONSIDERED.

**Attachments:** [Bill No. 25077100](#)

THE BILL WAS ORDERED PLACED ON NEXT WEEK’S SECOND READING CALENDAR.

## CONSIDERATION OF THE CALENDAR

### BILLS ON FIRST READING

**Bill No. 250534:** An Ordinance Continuing the Mayfair Business Improvement District (“District”) beyond its termination date in an area that generally includes both sides of Frankford Avenue from the north side of Harbison Avenue to the south side of Sheffield Street and certain blocks of streets that intersect that portion of Frankford Avenue; approving a change of the boundaries of the District to include 6700 Rowland Avenue to the service area; approving a change of boundaries of the District to remove from the service area 4014 through 4034 Robbins Street as well as 3501 through 3539 Ryan Avenue; continuing the Mayfair Business Improvement District, Inc., a Pennsylvania non-profit corporation, as the neighborhood improvement district

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management association for the District; approving a plan for and report concerning the District; authorizing the Director of Commerce, on behalf of the City, to execute an agreement with the Mayfair Business Improvement District, Inc. relating to the District; and reauthorizing the Mayfair Business Improvement District, Inc. to assess property owners within the District a special property assessment fee to be used in accordance with the approved plan; all in accordance with the provisions of the Community and Economic Improvement Act, and under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND ORDERED PLACED ON NEXT WEEK'S SECOND READING CALENDAR.

**Attachments:**     [Bill No. 25053400](#)

**Bill No. 250572:** An Ordinance Amending Section 2-112 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "City Commissioners," by removing the powers and duties of the Department of Licenses and Inspections over matters relating to weights and measures; amending Title 9, entitled "Regulation of Businesses, Trades and Professions," by removing provisions relating to amusement devices, and weights and measures and making related technical changes; and amending Title 19, entitled "Finance, Taxes and Collections," by eliminating provisions related to amusement licenses and weights and measures registration; all under certain conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND ORDERED PLACED ON NEXT WEEK'S SECOND READING CALENDAR.

**Bill No. 250577:** An Ordinance Repealing in its entirety the following Ordinance, approved December 23, 2024: Bill No. 240964-A02 (authorizing the City of Philadelphia to organize an authority to be known as The Arena Services District Authority, pursuant to the terms of the Pennsylvania Municipality Authorities Act, all under certain terms and conditions).

THE BILL WAS READ AND ORDERED PLACED ON NEXT WEEK'S SECOND READING CALENDAR.

**Bill No. 250648:** An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by North Street, Broad Street, Wallace Street, and 15th Street.

THE BILL WAS READ AND ORDERED PLACED ON NEXT WEEK'S SECOND READING CALENDAR.

**Attachments:**     [Bill No. 25064800](#)

**Bill No. 250767, as amended:** An Ordinance Repealing in its entirety Bill No. 240415 (approved July 19, 2024), entitled "An Ordinance to amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located

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within an area bounded by Island Avenue, the Delaware Expressway, and Bartram Avenue.”

THE BILL WAS READ AND ORDERED PLACED ON NEXT WEEK'S SECOND READING CALENDAR.

**Attachments:** [Bill No. 25076700](#)

**Bill No. 250800:** An Ordinance Amending Title 14-602, entitled “Use Tables,” by prohibiting drug paraphernalia sales in certain industrial districts, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND ORDERED PLACED ON NEXT WEEK'S SECOND READING CALENDAR.

**Attachments:** [Bill No. 25080000](#)

**Bill No. 250802:** An Ordinance Amending Title 14 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Zoning and Planning” by revising and clarifying certain provisions and making technical changes to text that has expired, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND ORDERED PLACED ON NEXT WEEK'S SECOND READING CALENDAR.

**Attachments:** [Bill No. 25080200](#)

**Bill No. 250803:** An Ordinance Amending Section 14-524 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “/FDO Fourth District Overlay District” by clarifying allowed uses, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND ORDERED PLACED ON NEXT WEEK'S SECOND READING CALENDAR.

**Attachments:** [Bill No. 25080300](#)

**Bill No. 250804:** An Ordinance Amending Title 14 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Zoning and Planning,” by amending certain provisions of Chapter 14-500, entitled “Overlay Zoning Districts,” by creating the “/UCO, University-Community Overlay District”; and by making related changes, all under certain terms and conditions

THE BILL WAS READ AND ORDERED PLACED ON NEXT WEEK'S SECOND READING CALENDAR.

**Attachments:** [Bill No. 25080400](#)

**Bill No. 250808, as amended:** An Ordinance Amending Title 14 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Zoning and Planning” by revising and clarifying certain provisions and making technical changes to text that has expired, all under certain terms and

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conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND ORDERED PLACED ON NEXT WEEK'S SECOND READING CALENDAR.

**Attachments:** [Bill No. 25080800](#)

**Bill No. 250810:** An Ordinance Amending Title 14 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Zoning and Planning” by clarifying certain provisions related to mixed income housing, revising the quality standards for affordable units within mixed income developments and making related technical changes, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND ORDERED PLACED ON NEXT WEEK'S SECOND READING CALENDAR.

**Attachments:** [Bill No. 25081000](#)

**Bill No. 250811:** An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Ardleigh Street, East Sedgwick Street, the SEPTA Chestnut Hill East Line and East Gorgas Lane.

THE BILL WAS READ AND ORDERED PLACED ON NEXT WEEK'S SECOND READING CALENDAR.

**Attachments:** [Bill No. 25081100](#)

**Bill No. 250708, as amended:** An Ordinance Amending Subcode “A” (The Philadelphia Administrative Code) of Title 4 of The Philadelphia Code (The Building, Construction and Occupancy Code) to revise penalties associated with stop work and cease operations orders, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND ORDERED PLACED ON NEXT WEEK'S SECOND READING CALENDAR.

**Attachments:** [Bill No. 25070800](#)

**Bill No. 250709, as amended:** An Ordinance Amending Section 9-4403 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Enforcement,” to provide for the continuation of nuisance business enforcement following a change in business, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND ORDERED PLACED ON NEXT WEEK'S SECOND READING CALENDAR.

**Attachments:** [Bill No. 25070900](#)

**Bill No. 250722, as amended:** An Ordinance Adding a new Chapter 21-3500 of

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The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Public Utility Meters,” to prohibit provision of a second utility meter by a public utility at a residential property without evidence of a valid housing rental license for the property, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND ORDERED PLACED ON NEXT WEEK'S SECOND READING CALENDAR.

**Attachments:** [Bill No. 25072200](#)

**Bill No. 250773, as amended:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9-4900 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Prohibition on Use of Certain Bags by Retail Establishments,” to modify certain definitions, require retail establishments to charge a fee for the provision of a bag to customers, and require signage, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND ORDERED PLACED ON NEXT WEEK'S SECOND READING CALENDAR.

**Attachments:** [Bill No. 25077300](#)

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Jeremy Blatstein 250712-A  
Muthaknows KGR Introducing  
Mikey Dredd KGR Introducing  
David Alexander Jenkins 250303  
Jazmyne Easley Landau Introducing  
Melanie Burney Johnson Introducing  
Jennice Armstrong Johnson Introducing  
Joseph BlakeJohnson Introducing  
Karen Warrington Johnson Introducing  
Nkwa Asonye Johnson Introducing  
Chris Gale Johnson Introducing  
Shirley Dash Landau Introducing  
Yvette Ousley Johnson Introducing  
Michael Galvan Landau Introducing  
Mari Gonzalez Johnson Introducing  
Rev. Greg Holston O'Rourke Introducing  
Rabbi Mordechai Leibling O'Rourke Introducing  
Ogbonna Hagins 250303  
Deb Houg 250718-A  
Audrey Coles250493-A  
Kate Perez 250892  
SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY FOR FULL COMMENT FROM STATED MEETING OF THURSDAY,  
OCTOBER 23, 2025.

**Please note that this is an in-person meeting, and it is open to the public. This meeting may also be viewed on Xfinity Channel 64, Fios Channel 40 or <http://phlcouncil.com/watch-city-council/>**

**Public comment will be received in-person regarding those matters printed on the agenda on the following pages. Speakers interested in participating in public comment at this meeting may call 215-686-3406 by no later than 3 p.m. the day before the meeting and they must submit the following information:**

- **Full name (including proper pronunciation and spelling)**
- **Identify the bill number or resolution number that will be addressed**
- **State whether you support or oppose that particular bill or resolution**
  - **Telephone number where you can be reached**

**Speakers may also sign-up to participate in public comment on the day of the meeting in Room 400, City Hall. Speakers who submitted the above information within the required time frame will be added to the list. Speakers will have up to three minutes to speak; the Council President, however, reserves the right based on circumstances to establish a different time limit. The Council President may also limit testimony where repetitious comments are offered on an agenda item.**

**ORDER OF BUSINESS IN A COUNCIL SESSION**

**Note: Some items do not occur at every session:**

**Invocation.**

**Approval of the journal of the preceding meeting.**

**Requests by Councilmembers for permission to be absent from the session.**

**Reading of communications from the Mayor.**

**Introduction of bills and resolutions (to be referred to appropriate Committees of Council).**

**Reports from Committees of Council.**

**Special business.**

**Bills on first reading.**

**Public comment on bills and resolutions on the Second Reading and Final Passage Calendars - titles are printed below.**

**Bills that Council passed but that need to be returned by the Mayor for reconsideration.**

**Consideration of bills and resolutions on the Second Reading and Final Passage Calendars.**

**Bills and resolutions on the Suspension Calendar.**

**Speeches by Councilmembers.**

**BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS ON FINAL PASSAGE**

Councilmember Gilmore Richardson called up:

**Resolution No. 250892:** Resolution Approving the Rebuild Project Statement for Fiscal Year 2026 pursuant to Bill No. 170206.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Jones called up:

**Resolution No. 250897:** Resolution Renaming the 1300 Block of N 52nd Street as “Dr. Damone B. Jones Way” in recognition of Dr. Damone B. Jones, Sr. for his exceptional service to the West Philadelphia community.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS ON SECOND READING AND FINAL  
PASSAGE**

**Bill No. 250493-A, as amended:** An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Roosevelt Boulevard, 9th Street, Erie Avenue, and Broad Street.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

*The Ayes and Nays were as follows:*

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*Ayes: 16 Councilmembers Bass, Brooks, Driscoll, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson, Harrity, Jones, Lozada, Phillips, Squilla, Thomas, Ahmad, Landau, O'Rourke, Young and Council President Johnson*

*Nays: 0*

**Bill No. 250654:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 17-1600 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Economic Opportunity Plans,” to add two additional business community members to the Economic Opportunity Review Committee, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

**Attachments:** [Bill No. 25065400](#)

*The Ayes and Nays were as follows:*

*Ayes: 14 Councilmembers Bass, Driscoll, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson, Harrity, Jones, Lozada, Phillips, Squilla, Thomas, Ahmad, Landau, Young and Council President Johnson*

*Nays: 2 Councilmembers Brooks and O'Rourke*

**Bill No. 250718-A, as amended:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 12-900 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled “Parking Regulations and Penalties,” to confirm regulations adopted by the Department of Streets that establish and revise time-limited and other rules restricting parking, stopping and standing, including the establishment of time-restricted loading zones, in the Center City area, bounded by Spring Garden street, the Schuylkill River, Bainbridge street and the Delaware River; and to reauthorize changes and additions to such parking rules in the Center City area by the Department of Streets on an ongoing basis; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

**Attachments:** [Bill No. 25071800](#)

*The Ayes and Nays were as follows:*

*Ayes: 16 Councilmembers Bass, Brooks, Driscoll, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson, Harrity, Jones, Lozada, Phillips, Squilla, Thomas, Ahmad, Landau, O'Rourke, Young and Council President Johnson*

*Nays: 0*

## RESOLUTIONS

**Resolution No. 250921:** Resolution Honoring the life and legacy of Kada Scott, a beacon of light and love in Philadelphia, remembered for her faith, kindness, and the countless lives she touched.

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THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY STANDING VOTE.

**Resolution No. 250922:** Resolution Honoring the life and legacy of Michael I. Days for his extensive career as a reporter and editor for the Philadelphia Daily News and later as the Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion at the Philadelphia Inquirer.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY STANDING VOTE.

Councilmember Thomas called up:

**Resolution No. 250923:** Resolution Recognizing and honoring Power 99's *Rise and Grind Morning Show* for its lasting contributions to radio and the cultural fabric of the City of Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Gauthier called up:

**Resolution No. 250924:** Resolution Recognizing Chris Gale, Executive Director of the Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia, for his work exemplary work and advocacy in ensuring the safety and inclusivity of cyclists throughout Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Thomas called up:

**Resolution No. 250925:** Resolution Celebrating the Mural Arts Program and recognizing the month of October as Mural Arts Month in the City of Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Thomas called up:

**Resolution No. 250926:** Resolution Honoring and Recognizing the Atlantic Center for Capital Representation and its staff for 15 years of dedicated service addressing systemic issues with the death penalty in Pennsylvania and across the nation.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 250927:** Resolution Authorizing the Committee on Public Safety to hold a hearing to examine the City of Philadelphia's strategies, laws, and policies for protecting victims of abuse and domestic violence within the justice system, including the Courts, the Sheriff's Office, the District Attorney's Office, and the Philadelphia Police Department.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED & REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY.

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Councilmember Landau called up:

**Resolution No. 250928:** Resolution Commemorating and honoring the 2025 Philadelphia Walk to End Alzheimer's for mobilizing thousands of Philadelphians in the ongoing fight against Alzheimer's through advocacy, research, and community care.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 250929:** Resolution Authorizing the Council Committee on Commerce and Economic Development to hold hearings to investigate the City's payment and refund systems for municipal taxes.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED & REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

Councilmember O'Rourke called up:

**Resolution No. 250931:** Resolution Honoring the life and legacy Rabbi Arthur Ocean Waskow, a prophetic activist and author grounded in Jewish tradition and faith, who created the foundation on which generations of moral activists stand.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Squilla called up:

**Resolution No. 250933:** Resolution Honoring and recognizing Reverend Carolyn Clarene Cavaness for the one-year Anniversary of her pastoral appointment at the historic Mother Bethel AME Church.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Squilla called up:

**Resolution No. 250934:** Resolution Recognizing and congratulating the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 98 on the momentous occasion of its 125th anniversary, celebrating over a century of exemplary leadership, advocacy, and unwavering dedication to the rights and welfare of electrical workers.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Bass called up:

**Resolution No. 250935:** Resolution Recognizing the extraordinary contributions and lifetime achievements of Dr. Molefi Kete Asante, founder of Afrocentricity, and the founder of the Molefi Kete Asante (MKA) Institute for Afrocentric Studies in the

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Germantown Neighborhood.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 250936:** Resolution Authorizing the Committee on Public Health and Human Services to hold hearings to examine the impacts of the current crisis threatening the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-Ed) on food and nutrition security in Philadelphia, including barriers to accessing benefits, disruptions to nutrition education and outreach, consequences for residents, and opportunities for coordinated City and community response.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED & REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

Councilmember Ahmad called up:

**Resolution No. 250937:** Resolution Recognizing and affirming the City of Philadelphia's commitment to public health grounded in scientific evidence; and opposing state proposals that would weaken proven protections, including childhood immunizations, community water fluoridation, and practical steps that limit the spread of disease in schools.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

## SPEECHES

Councilmember Brooks, Councilmember O'Rourke, Councilmember Jones, Councilmember Phillips, Councilmember Bass, Councilmember Ahmad, Councilmember Thomas, Councilmember Landau, and Councilmember Young.

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## ADJOURNMENT

COUNCILMEMBER YOUNG MOVED TO ADJOURN

until Thursday October 30, 2025.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.