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Thursday, April 9, 2026

ROLL CALL

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

EXCUSED: 1 - Councilmember Bass

INVOCATION

Council met, a quorum being present.

COUNCILMEMBER NICHOLAS O'ROURKE, MINORITY WHIP, was introduced and offered an appropriate prayer.

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

COUNCILMEMBER GILMORE RICHARDSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE JOURNAL of March 26, 2026.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Councilmember Bass

THE REQUEST WAS GRANTED.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

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

I am submitting herewith for the consideration of your Honorable Body the following proposed Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE

Authorizing the Chief Information Officer, on behalf of the City, to enter into a multi-year agreement to purchase licenses for email, cloud services, enterprise software, data services, security software, and other related computing products and services, under certain terms and conditions.

I hereby recommend your favorable consideration of this proposed Ordinance.

Respectfully,
Cherelle L. Parker
Mayor (File No. 260283)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

April 07, 2026

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

I am submitting herewith for the consideration of your Honorable Body the following proposed Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE

Authorizing the Chief Information Officer, on behalf of the City, to enter into a multi-year agreement to purchase support for mainframe and database software protocols and applications, under certain terms and conditions.

I hereby recommend your favorable consideration of this proposed Ordinance.

Respectfully,
Cherelle L. Parker

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Mayor (File No. 260284)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

April 07, 2026

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

I am submitting herewith for the consideration of your Honorable Body the following proposed Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE

Amending Section 10-710 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Dumping of Debris and Short Dumping,” to change the standard for determining violations, all under certain terms and conditions.

I hereby recommend your favorable consideration of this proposed Ordinance.

Respectfully,
Cherelle L. Parker
Mayor (File No. 260285)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

April 07, 2026

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

I am submitting herewith for the consideration of your Honorable Body the following proposed Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE

To amend Title 14 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled “Zoning and Planning,” by revising certain provisions relating to the Transit Improvement Bonus, to clarify its parameters and revise the bonus structure, and by making related changes, all under certain terms and conditions.

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I hereby recommend your favorable consideration of this proposed Ordinance.

Respectfully,
Cherelle L. Parker
Mayor (File No. 260286)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

April 08, 2026

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

I am submitting herewith for the consideration of your Honorable Body the following proposed Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE

Authorizing and approving the execution and delivery of a Service Agreement between the City and the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development relating to the provision by the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development of development assistance to support certain costs related to promoting economic and commercial development of the City; approving the guaranty by the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development of certain obligations related to the issuance of a letter of credit to secure the funding of such costs; authorizing and approving the obligation of the City to pay in full when due the Service Fee and other amounts payable under the Service Agreement and covenanting to make necessary appropriations for such purposes; and authorizing City officials to take necessary or appropriate actions to accomplish the intent and purpose of the ordinance, all under certain terms and conditions.

I hereby recommend your favorable consideration of this proposed Ordinance.

Respectfully,
Cherelle L. Parker
Mayor (File No. 260287)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

April 01, 2026

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

I am transmitting for the consideration of your Honorable Body a draft of a Resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority deeds conveying fee simple title to 45 and 75 E. Ashmead Street in the 8th Councilmanic District of the City of Philadelphia and further authorizing the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority to transfer to the Philadelphia Land Bank fee simple title to such properties pursuant to Section 16-405 of the Philadelphia Code.

This Resolution has my approval and therefore I respectfully request that this Honorable Body give it your favorable consideration.

Respectfully,
Cherelle L. Parker
Mayor (File No. 260288)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

April 01, 2026

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

I am transmitting for the consideration of your Honorable Body a draft of a Resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION

Approving the appointment of William Snyder, Jr., as a member of the Board of Commissioners of the Philadelphia Housing Authority.

This Resolution has my approval and therefore I respectfully request that this Honorable Body give it your favorable consideration.

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Respectfully,
Cherelle L. Parker
Mayor (File No. 260289)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

April 07, 2026

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

I am transmitting for the consideration of your Honorable Body a draft of a Resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION

Confirming the appointment of the Hon. Idee C. Fox as a member of the Board of Ethics, to serve in the term ending November 16, 2030.

This Resolution has my approval and therefore I respectfully request that this Honorable Body give it your favorable consideration.

Respectfully,
Cherelle L. Parker
Mayor (File No. 260290)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

March 30, 2026

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 260133 - Not for approval
Bill Number 260165
Bill Number 260207
Bill Number 260211
Bill Number 260212

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Bill Number 260213

Bill Number 260214

Bill Number 260216

Bill Number 260217

Respectfully,
Cherelle L. Parker
Mayor (File No. 260291)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

March 30, 2026

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

I am pleased to advise you that on March 30, 2026, I signed the following bills, which were passed by Council at its session on March 26, 2026:

Bill No. 260131
Bill No. 260161
Respectfully,
Cherelle L. Parker
Mayor (File No. 260292)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

March 30, 2026

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

I am pleased to advise you that on March 30, 2026, I signed the following bills, which were passed by Council at its session on March 19, 2026:

Bill No. 250843-AA
Bill No. 260021
Bill No. 260022
Bill No. 260055
Bill No. 260073
Bill No. 260074

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Respectfully,
Cherelle L. Parker
Mayor (File No. 260293)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

April 07, 2026

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

I am pleased to advise you that on April 07, 2026, I signed the following bills, which were passed by Council at its session on March 26, 2026:

Bill No. 250844
Bill No. 250980-A
Bill No. 251068
Bill No. 251069
Bill No. 251099
Bill No. 251102
Bill No. 260025
Bill No. 260095
Bill No. 260115
Bill No. 260132

Respectfully,
Cherelle L. Parker
Mayor (File No. 260294)

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 Councilmember Gilmore Richardson:

Bill No. 260295: An Ordinance Authorizing and approving the execution and delivery of a Service Agreement between the City and the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development relating to the provision by the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development of development assistance to support certain costs related to promoting economic and commercial development of the City; approving the guaranty by the

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Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development of certain obligations related to the issuance of a letter of credit to secure the funding of such costs; authorizing and approving the obligation of the City to pay in full when due the Service Fee and other amounts payable under the Service Agreement and covenanting to make necessary appropriations for such purposes; and authorizing City officials to take necessary or appropriate actions to accomplish the intent and purpose of the ordinance, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

Attachments: [Bill No. 26029500](#)

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

Bill No. 260296: An Ordinance To approve amendments to the University of Pennsylvania Master Plan in the area bounded by Walnut Street, 36th Street, Spruce Street, and 39th Street, related to the Class of 1920 Commons building at 3800 Locust Walk, and the Stuart Weitzman Theatre addition to the Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts (ACPA) at 3680 Walnut Street.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

Attachments: [Bill No. 26029600](#)

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

Bill No. 260297: An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Spruce Street, 34th Street, Civic Center Boulevard, and University Avenue.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

Attachments: [Bill No. 26029700](#)

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

Bill No. 260298: An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Ridge Avenue, Spring Lane, Hagy's Mill Road, Port Royal Avenue, River Road, and the Montgomery County Line.

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THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

Attachments: [Bill No. 26029800](#)

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

Bill No. 260299: An Ordinance Amending Section 9-803 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled “Fair Housing Commission,” and Section 20-304 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Compensation for Members of Boards, Commissions, Committees and Councils,” to amend the compensation paid to members of the Fair Housing Commission and delete superfluous provisions, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Attachments: [Bill No. 26029900](#)

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

Bill No. 260300: An Ordinance Amending Section 9-208 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Sidewalk Cafés,” to authorize additional locations for sidewalk cafés, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

Attachments: [Bill No. 26030000](#)

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

Bill No. 260301: An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Milnor Street, Cottman Avenue, Cottman Avenue (Extended), the Delaware River, Unruh Avenue (Extended), Unruh Avenue, Wissinoming Street, and New State Road.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

Attachments: [Bill No. 26030100](#)

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

Bill No. 260302: An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing

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the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Lippincott Street, 20th Street, Toronto Street, and 22nd Street.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

Attachments: [Bill No. 26030200](#)

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

Bill No. 260303: An Ordinance Amending Title 21 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled “Miscellaneous” to add a Chapter entitled “U-Visa and T-Visa Certifications,” providing for a process for Certifying Agencies, including timely responses to requests, confidentiality of requests, guidelines for the grant or denial of a request, and other procedures, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

Attachments: [Bill No. 26030300](#)

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

Resolution No. 260304: Resolution Recognizing and congratulating the members of Ye Olde Philadelphia Club of Philadelphia on the occasion of their 100th anniversary.

Attachments: [Signature26030400](#)

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

Resolution No. 260305: Resolution Celebrating the selection of *Our Missing Hearts* by Celeste Ng for the 2026 One Book, One Philadelphia program.

Attachments: [Signature26030500](#)

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

Resolution No. 260306: Resolution Also naming the 200 Block of South Alden Street as “Dr. Wesley Proctor Way” to honor the life, leadership, and lasting contributions of Dr. Wesley T. Proctor to the Philadelphia community.

Attachments: [Resolution No. 26030600](#)

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

Resolution No. 260307: Resolution Also naming the 700 Block of 48th Street as “Sean Perretta Way” to honor the life and memory of Sean Perretta, Esquire, and his enduring contributions to the Mill Creek and West Philadelphia communities.

Attachments: [Resolution No. 26030700](#)

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

Resolution No. 260308: Resolution Also naming the 4700 Block of Brown Street as “Tiffany Fletcher Way - Gone But Never Forgotten” to honor the life and legacy of Tiffany Fletcher and her impact on the Mill Creek community.

Attachments: [Resolution No. 26030800](#)

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

Resolution No. 260309: Resolution The Council of the City of Philadelphia recognizes and honors Malala Yousafzai for being the recipient of the 2026 WHYY Lifelong Learning Award for her contributions to the fundamental right to education for all individuals.

Attachments: [Signature26030900](#)

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

Resolution No. 260310: Resolution Recognizing and honoring CASA for Children of Philadelphia County on its 20th anniversary for its outstanding service, advocacy, and commitment to ensuring the safety, stability, and well-being of children in Philadelphia’s foster care system.

Attachments: [Signature26031000](#)

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

Resolution No. 260311: Resolution Honoring and congratulating Philadelphia’s iconic chefs and restaurants named as nominees for the 2026 James Beard Awards.

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Attachments: [Signature26031100](#)

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

Resolution No. 260312: Resolution Declaring April 2026 as Jazz Appreciation Month in the City of Philadelphia and celebrating the City's extraordinary jazz legacy.

Attachments: [SignatureCopy26031200](#)

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

Resolution No. 260313: Resolution Renaming the 300 Block of East Rockland Street between N. 2nd Street N. 3rd Street "Sharon Vaughn Street," in honor of her service, advocacy and dedication to public service.

Attachments: [Resolution No. 26031300](#)

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

Resolution No. 260314: Resolution Renaming the 400 Block of West Lehigh Avenue to "Wilfredo Gonzalez Way" in recognition of Wilfredo Gonzalez's lifelong contributions to the Latin-American community, devoted service to his country, and commitment to cultural empowerment in Philadelphia.

Attachments: [Resolution No. 26031400](#)

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

Resolution No. 260315: Resolution Honoring and Recognizing Sankofa Freedom Academy Charter School On Winning the 2026 PIAA Class 1A Boys' Basketball State Championship

Attachments: [Signature26031500](#)

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

Resolution No. 260316: Resolution Honoring Councilmember Isaiah Thomas' dedication towards elevating the lives of young people throughout Philadelphia.

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Attachments: [Signature26031600](#)

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

Resolution No. 260317: Resolution Recognizing April 2026 as School Library Month in the City of Philadelphia.

Attachments: [Resolution No. 26031700](#)

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

Resolution No. 260318: Resolution Recognizing the 100th Anniversary of Glaziers Local No. 252 of the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades, chartered on April 12, 1926, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Attachments: [Signature26031800](#)

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

Resolution No. 260319: Resolution Recognizing Commonwealth v. Derek Lee (2026), the Pennsylvania Supreme Court's landmark decision striking down Pennsylvania's outdated felony murder law; and calling on the Pennsylvania General Assembly to pass SB387 reforming Pennsylvania's unconstitutional felony murder law.

Attachments: [Resolution No. 26031900](#)

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

Resolution No. 260320: Resolution Calling on the United States Congress to pass, and the President to sign, the Living Wage for Musicians Act.

Attachments: [Resolution No. 26032000](#)

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

Resolution No. 260321: Resolution Designating April 18, 2026, as Lineworker Appreciation Day in the City of Philadelphia, and recognizing and honoring the dedication and resilience of lineworkers who build, maintain, and repair the

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infrastructure that powers our City.

Attachments: [Signature26032100](#)

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

Resolution No. 260322: Resolution Honoring and recognizing Lodge No. 2 of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Free and Accepted Ancient York Masons, for its historical significance in the founding of the nation, its 268 Years of dedication to leadership and mentorship, and its continued contributions to charitable organizations in the City of Philadelphia.

Attachments: [Signature26032200](#)

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

Resolution No. 260323: Resolution Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority deeds conveying fee simple title to 45 and 75 E. Ashmead Street in the 8th Councilmanic District of the City of Philadelphia and further authorizing the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority to transfer to the Philadelphia Land Bank fee simple title to such properties pursuant to Section 16-405 of The Philadelphia Code.

Attachments: [Resolution No. 26032300](#)

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

Resolution No. 260324: Resolution Also naming South Street between 8th and 9th Streets as “Octavius Catto Way” to honor the life and legacy of the civil rights warrior.

Attachments: [Resolution No. 26032400](#)

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

Resolution No. 260325: Resolution Recognizing the week of April 6 through April 12, 2026, as "National Public Health Week".

Attachments: [Signature26032500](#)

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

Resolution No. 260326: Resolution Recognizing April 2026 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month and celebrating the extraordinary efforts of WOAR - Philadelphia Center Against Sexual Violence.

Attachments: [Signature26032600](#)

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

Resolution No. 260327: Resolution Recognizing April 2026 as National Earth Month and celebrating Lankenau Environmental Science Magnet School's commitment to fostering the next generation of environmental stewards.

Attachments: [Signature26032700](#)

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON LAW AND GOVERNMENT

Bill No. 260263: An Ordinance To repeal in its entirety Bill No. 241056 (approved March 10, 2026), entitled "An Ordinance Providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the City of Philadelphia of the proposal set forth in a Resolution approved by Council proposing an amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to eliminate the requirement that City officers and employees resign from their City office or employment before becoming candidates for public office; and authorizing the appropriate officers to publish notice and to make arrangements for the special election;" and to rescind the direction provided to various City officers set forth therein.

COUNCILMEMBER GILMORE RICHARDSON MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 260263.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

Attachments: [Bill No. 26026300](#)

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

COMMITTEE ON HOUSING, NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT AND THE HOMELESS

Bill No. 250329-A, as amended: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9-3900 of The

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Philadelphia Code, entitled “Property Licenses and Owner Accountability,” to clarify licensing requirements, authorize the Department to create a Proactive Inspection program, require public reporting related to Code compliance, and establish remedies, damages, and protections for tenants, all under certain terms and conditions.

COUNCILMEMBER GAUTHIER MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 250329-A, AS AMENDED.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

Attachments: [Bill No. 250329-A, As Amended on the Floor, 3-12-26](#)

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

Bill No. 250330-A, as amended: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9-800 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Landlord and Tenant,” to modify the requirements related to good cause for ending a tenancy, add protections against retaliation and harassment for tenants and tenant organizations, specify tenants’ rights related to the implied warranty of habitability and provide a legal presumption related to breaches of the implied warranty of habitability, create a tenant right to organize, specify deadlines for asserting claims, and establish and enhance enforcement mechanisms, remedies, damages, and protections, all under certain terms and conditions.

COUNCILMEMBER GAUTHIER MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 250330-A, AS AMENDED.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

Attachments: [Bill No. 250330-A, As Amended on the Floor, 3-12-26](#)

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

CONSIDERATION OF THE CALENDAR

BILLS ON FIRST READING

Bill No. 260263: An Ordinance To repeal in its entirety Bill No. 241056 (approved March 10, 2026), entitled “An Ordinance Providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the City of Philadelphia of the proposal set forth in a Resolution approved by Council proposing an amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to eliminate the requirement that City officers and employees resign from their City office or employment before becoming candidates for public office; and authorizing the appropriate officers to publish notice and to make arrangements for the special election;” and to rescind the direction provided to various City officers set forth therein.

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

Attachments: [Bill No. 26026300](#)

Bill No. 250329-A, as amended: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9-3900 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Property Licenses and Owner Accountability," to clarify licensing requirements, authorize the Department to create a Proactive Inspection program, require public reporting related to Code compliance, and establish remedies, damages, and protections for tenants, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

Attachments: [Bill No. 250330-A, As Amended on the Floor, 3-12-26](#)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lew Blum 250768
Renee Platz Landau Introducing
Sherrell Slaffey Landau Introducing
Happi Grillon Landau Introducing
Monique Moore Pryor, Esq. KGR Introducing
Ella Ganz 250768
David Kronheim 250768
Patricia Zirin-Kronheim 250768
Lauren Minsky 250768
Erica Burman 250768
Shari Hersh 250768
Lois Williams 250768
Towanda Tymes 250768
Lynn Landis 250768

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Joshua Kisvers Landau Introducing
Jeremy Blattstein 260269
William Small 250807
Purdie Force Lozada Introducing
John McCauley 250330
Larry Anastasi Driscoll Introducing
Dallas J Herbert Sr 250768
Doron Tal 250768
David Alexander Jenkins 250768
Zulene Mayfield 250768
Michael Lewis 250768
Laquisha Anthony Ahmad Introducing
Victor Cabral 250768
Khloe Danner 250768
Skylar Goldstein 250768
D'Naira Highsmith-Rodgers 250768
Kennedy Hayes 250768
Cayla Davis-Clark 250768
Adriel Johnson 250768
Precious Chappell 250768
Ta'cier Luke 250768
Taj Smith 250768
Micheal Brown KGR Introducing
Raddiyah Addus Sabus 250768
Jonathan Hoffmeir Ahmad Introducing
Jessica N. McAtamney Ahmad Introducing
Julian Vander Talk Landau Introducing
Evan Snyder Landau Introducing
Tara Murtha Ahmad Introducing
Ameen Akbar Lozada Introducing
Terreance Fortson Lozada Introducing
Ella Peterson Ahmad Introducing
Lisa Bonitatibus Ahmad Introducing
Mary Murray Ahmad Introducing
Hannah Utain-Evans Ahmad Introducing
Bigga Dre 250768
Ruth Richardson 250768
Leo Godson Landau Introducing
William Felder Landau Introducing
Cedric Mood 250768
Dr. Nolan Fontaine 250768
Serafia Cecil 250768
Terona Adger 250768
Ogbonna Hagins 250768
Craig Coleman 250768
Adriel Johnson 250768
Charles Freedman Ahmad Introducing
Kristine Gonnella 250768

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Tracy Burrell 260244

SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY FOR FULL COMMENT FROM STATED MEETING OF THURSDAY,
APRIL 9, 2026.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS ON FINAL PASSAGE

Councilmember Gauthier called up:

Resolution No. 260244: Resolution Also naming the intersection of 40th and Chestnut Street as “Darcenia Burrell Way” to honor the life and legacy of Darcenia V. Burrell and her lasting contributions to the community.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Attachments: [Signature 26024400](#)

Councilmember Gilmore Richardson called up:

Resolution No. 260269: Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 1212 South 17th Street; 1511 South 20th Street; 1904 South 23rd Street; 1216 South 31st Street; 1911 Gerritt Street; 1932 and 2044 Titan Street located in the 2nd Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Attachments: [Resolution No. 26026900](#)

RESOLUTIONS

Councilmember Gilmore Richardson called up:

Resolution No. 260304: Resolution Recognizing and congratulating the members of Ye Olde Philadelphia Club of Philadelphia on the occasion of their 100th anniversary.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Attachments: [Signature26030400](#)

Councilmember Gilmore Richardson called up:

Resolution No. 260305: Resolution Celebrating the selection of *Our Missing Hearts* by Celeste Ng for the 2026 One Book, One Philadelphia program.

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THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Attachments: [Signature26030500](#)

Councilmember Thomas called up:

Resolution No. 260309: Resolution The Council of the City of Philadelphia recognizes and honors Malala Yousafzai for being the recipient of the 2026 WHYY Lifelong Learning Award for her contributions to the fundamental right to education for all individuals.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Attachments: [Signature26030900](#)

Councilmember Landau called up:

Resolution No. 260310: Resolution Recognizing and honoring CASA for Children of Philadelphia County on its 20th anniversary for its outstanding service, advocacy, and commitment to ensuring the safety, stability, and well-being of children in Philadelphia's foster care system.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Attachments: [Signature26031000](#)

Councilmember Landau called up:

Resolution No. 260311: Resolution Honoring and congratulating Philadelphia's iconic chefs and restaurants named as nominees for the 2026 James Beard Awards.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Attachments: [Signature26031100](#)

Councilmember Landau called up:

Resolution No. 260312: Resolution Declaring April 2026 as Jazz Appreciation Month in the City of Philadelphia and celebrating the City's extraordinary jazz legacy.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Attachments: [SignatureCopy26031200](#)

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Councilmember Lozada called up:

Resolution No. 260315: Resolution Honoring and Recognizing Sankofa Freedom Academy Charter School On Winning the 2026 PIAA Class 1A Boys' Basketball State Championship

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Attachments: [Signature26031500](#)

Councilmember Lozada called up:

Resolution No. 260316: Resolution Honoring Councilmember Isaiah Thomas' dedication towards elevating the lives of young people throughout Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Attachments: [Signature26031600](#)

Councilmember Harrity called up:

Resolution No. 260318: Resolution Recognizing the 100th Anniversary of Glaziers Local No. 252 of the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades, chartered on April 12, 1926, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Attachments: [Signature26031800](#)

Councilmember Driscoll called up:

Resolution No. 260321: Resolution Designating April 18, 2026, as Lineworker Appreciation Day in the City of Philadelphia, and recognizing and honoring the dedication and resilience of lineworkers who build, maintain, and repair the infrastructure that powers our City.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Attachments: [Signature26032100](#)

Councilmember Squilla called up:

Resolution No. 260322: Resolution Honoring and recognizing Lodge No. 2 of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Free and Accepted Ancient York Masons, for its historical significance in the founding of the nation, its 268 Years of dedication to

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leadership and mentorship, and its continued contributions to charitable organizations in the City of Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Attachments: [Signature26032200](#)

Councilmember Ahmad called up:

Resolution No. 260325: Resolution Recognizing the week of April 6 through April 12, 2026, as "National Public Health Week".

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Attachments: [Signature26032500](#)

Councilmember Ahmad called up:

Resolution No. 260326: Resolution Recognizing April 2026 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month and celebrating the extraordinary efforts of WOAR - Philadelphia Center Against Sexual Violence.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Attachments: [Signature26032600](#)

Councilmember Ahmad called up:

Resolution No. 260327: Resolution Recognizing April 2026 as National Earth Month and celebrating Lankenau Environmental Science Magnet School's commitment to fostering the next generation of environmental stewards.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Attachments: [Signature26032700](#)

SPECIAL BUSINESS

There was no special business today.

SPEECHES

Councilmember Lozada, Councilmember Ahmad, Councilmember Landau, Councilmember Young, and Councilmember Thomas,

ADJOURNMENT

COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS MOVED TO ADJOURN

until Thursday April 16, 2026 at 10:00 AM.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.