

City of Philadelphia



Council of the City of Philadelphia
Office of the Chief Clerk
Room 402, City Hall
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(Resolution No. 240716)

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the Council Committee on Streets and Services to hold hearings to investigate the policies, procedures, and practices regarding the changing of the direction of streets as authorized by the Philadelphia Department of Streets.

WHEREAS, Chapter 12-600 of The Philadelphia Code prescribes the City's regulations and penalties regarding the direction of streets, vesting authority in the Department of Streets; and

WHEREAS, Street direction changes can be promulgated by ordinance or by Department regulation; and

WHEREAS, The 2100 block of Cherry street has become a flashpoint over the last several years, as the 2020 reversal of the direction of traffic on that stretch of Cherry street at the request of residents of the block has proven unpopular with many Logan Square residents; and

WHEREAS, The Streets Department proposed in 2024 a reversing of the direction of traffic of the 1500 block of Wood street along Broad street to be run on a trial basis to reduce traffic conflicts due to complaints from municipal workers; and

WHEREAS, Better documentation and understanding of these complaints would be helpful to feasibly soliciting community and stakeholder input into the changing of the direction of streets, making engagement on this issue with the Department of Streets critical; and

WHEREAS, As the City of Philadelphia continues to pursue street safety and traffic calming measures to slow down cars and keep our public right of way safe for pedestrians and cyclists, and as our streetscape continues to get remade for pedestrians through the installation of plazas, pedestrian zones, and street transportation modules, it is more important than ever that the Council understand how street direction changes are determined; and

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WHEREAS, Street direction changes are one of the most dramatic alterations to City life that a government entity can make, necessitating a better understanding of the policies, procedures and practices that inform such changes; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That the Committee on Streets and Services is hereby authorized to hold hearings regarding the process and procedures regarding the changing of the direction of streets as authorized by the Philadelphia Department of Streets.

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution, Adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the fifth day of September, 2024.

Kenyatta Johnson
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

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Introduced by: Councilmember Young

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