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Referred to the Committee on Licenses and Inspections

AN ORDINANCE

Amending Chapter 10-1200 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Posting of Temporary Signs," by deleting provisions of that Chapter that authorize the posting of temporary signs (including political campaign posters) on public property, under certain terms and conditions.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 10-1200 of The Philadelphia Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 10-1200. POSTING OF TEMPORARY SIGNS

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§10-1202. Prohibited Conduct.

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- (5) Reserved. [The provisions of Section 10-501 of The Philadelphia Code notwithstanding, temporary signs may be erected on public property, excluding buildings and parks, provided:
- (a) such temporary signs are erected in a secure fashion and in a manner which does not impair the safety of pedestrian or vehicular traffic; and

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- (b) such temporary signs are erected in compliance with Chapter 14-1900 of the Code, except as to Section 14-1902(2)(c), in which case temporary signs may be permitted on trees which are not situated in parkland provided nails, tacks, staples or other piercing methods are not used; and
- (c) such temporary signs are erected not more than 45 days prior to the event to which they relate; and
- (d) a permit is obtained from the Department of Licenses and Inspections pursuant to Section 10-1203; and
- (e) a substantial number of the temporary signs are removed within 30 days after the event to which they relate.
- (.1) In the case of an event which is of more than one day's duration, the period for removal shall begin on the last day of the event, with the exception of instructional courses, for which the time period for removal shall begin to toll on the first day of the course.]

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§10-1203. Reserved. [Permits and Stamped Authorization.

- (1) Before any temporary stickers, signs or posters may be erected pursuant to this Chapter a permit shall be obtained from the Department.
- (2) Application shall be made for the permit on forms supplied by the Department and shall contain:
 - (a) the name of the person applying for the permit;
- (b) his or her relationship with respect to the candidate, organization or event they represent;
- (c) the legal or permanent address within the City of Philadelphia, of the person seeking the permit, where legal notice shall be sent in case of non-compliance with the terms of this Chapter.
- (3) A fee for the permit shall be paid in the amount of \$25.00 for the first 100 temporary stickers, posters or signs, or fraction thereof, and \$15.00 for each additional 100 or fraction thereof.

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- (4) The permittee shall affix to the front of each temporary sticker, sign or poster an official stamp furnished by the Department showing that a permit was applied for and issued.
- (a) The person who applies for the permit shall deposit 75 cents or sign an acceptable personal bond in lieu of such cash deposit, for each stamped temporary sticker, sign or poster as a guarantee that each one shall be removed within thirty (30) days after the date of the event to which the temporary signs or posters relate.
- (b) Unless a substantial number of the remaining stickers, signs or posters are removed within thirty (30) days from the date of the event to which the signs or posters relate, the City shall use the funds on deposit to pay for the removal of same. Any monies not used for this purpose shall be returned.
- (c) The person who applied for the permit may petition the department for a refund of deposit monies. If the Department determines that a substantial number of stickers, signs and posters have been removed refund of deposit monies shall be made.]

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Explanation:

[Brackets] indicates matter deleted. *Italics* indicate new matter added.

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