



City of Philadelphia

City Council
Chief Clerk's Office
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BILL NO. 080542

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Councilmember Blackwell

**Referred to the
Committee on Law and Government**

AN ORDINANCE

Providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the City of Philadelphia of an amendment to Section 7-400 of the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter set forth in a Council Resolution prohibiting the Civil Service Commission from imposing any fee to apply for employment with the City; fixing the date of a special election for such purpose; prescribing the form of ballot question to be voted on; and authorizing the appropriate officers to publish notice and to make arrangements for the special election.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. There shall be submitted for the approval or disapproval of the qualified electors of the City of Philadelphia at the election to be held on November 4, 2008, an amendment to Section 7-400 of the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter requiring that any fees to be imposed by the Civil Service Commission for the purposes of processing applications for positions within the city be first approved by City Council.

SECTION 2. There shall be placed on the ballot the following question to be answered "Yes" or "No" by the qualified electors participating in the election:

Shall Section 7-400 of the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter be amended to provide that the Civil Service Commission cannot impose a fee to apply for employment with the City?

The proposed amendment is contained in Resolution No. 080550 approved by Council on _____, 2008, and filed in the Office of the Clerk of Council.

SECTION 3. The Clerk of Council is hereby directed to have printed in pamphlet form, in sufficient number for general distribution, the proposed amendment to the Philadelphia

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Home Rule Charter as set forth in Resolution No. 080550, together with the ballot question set forth in Section 2 of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. The Clerk of Council is hereby directed to cause to be published in three (3) newspapers of general circulation in the City and in the Legal Intelligencer the proposed amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter, together with the ballot question set forth in Section 2 of this Ordinance, once a week during the three (3) weeks preceding the election on November 4, 2008; and further, at such other time and in such other manner as she may consider desirable.

SECTION 5. The Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to issue a proclamation giving at least thirty (30) days notice of such election. The Clerk of Council shall cause a copy of the proclamation to be published, together with the notice provided for in Section 4 of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. The appropriate officers are authorized and directed to take such action as may be required for the holding of an election on the ballot questions set forth in Section 2 of this Ordinance as provided for by the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.