



# City of Philadelphia

City Council  
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**BILL NO. 250843-AA**  
**(As Amended on the Floor, 3/12/26)**

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**Introduced October 9, 2025**

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**Councilmember Squilla for Council President Johnson**

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**Referred to the  
Committee on Streets and Services**

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**AN ORDINANCE**

Amending Chapter 10-700 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled "Refuse and Littering," to require locking dumpsters; all under certain terms and conditions.

*THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:*

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

TITLE 10. REGULATION OF INDIVIDUAL CONDUCT

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CHAPTER 10-700. REFUSE AND LITTERING

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§ 10-722. Use of Dumpsters.

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(4) Duties of Licensees.

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(c) Dumpster Maintenance.

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(.2) Licensees shall keep dumpster lids tightly secured except when in use, or when the dumpster must be open to accommodate a trash chute, and shall keep the area around the dumpster clean and free of any refuse, non-grindable garbage, spillage or overflow.

*(.a) In the case of metal dumpsters with a capacity of two or four cubic yards that are automated for pick-up by specialized garbage trucks, the dumpsters shall be secured by means of a lock. The Department of Streets is authorized to issue regulations with respect to this Subsection, including but not limited to regulations providing for a pilot program or phased roll-out, as appropriate.*

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SECTION 2. This Ordinance will take effect immediately.

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**Explanation:**

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

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